

# Consent to Random Drug Testing Agreement to Abstain from Alcohol & Substance Abuse

## **KIDNEY, PANCREAS OR KIDNEY/PANCREAS TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT**

Alcohol and substance use, or abuse can significantly reduce a patient's chance of a successful transplant. Abstinence from substances such as drugs, alcohol, and tobacco greatly increase the likelihood of a successful transplant. The Transplant Program requires that all its patients abstain from the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and nicotine products.

To be eligible for a transplant you must agree to the following:

- I have been informed by the Transplant Team that tobacco and nicotine use, alcohol abuse, and illegal use or abuse of substances is prohibited for patients in the Transplant Program.
- I understand that as a patient in the Transplant Program, I am prohibited from abusing alcohol, using or abusing marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, and any other controlled substance.
  - Marijuana use, while legal in some areas, may be associated with serious risks in immunosuppressed transplant patients. Thus, our program requires that patients who are current users of marijuana discontinue using it prior to being placed on the transplant list. The specific medical concerns regarding marijuana use that have led to this policy include the potential interaction of marijuana and cannabinoid by-products of metabolism with the medications used after transplantation, which can lead to unpredictable side effects or under-exposure to immunosuppressive medications and possible rejection.
  - Tobacco and nicotine products of any kind, including E-cigarettes, vaping devices, cigarettes, pipes, cigars, and chewing tobacco is also prohibited.

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- I understand that I will be tested for marijuana metabolites, cotinine, and nicotine as a part of my transplant evaluation.
- I understand that if I use or abuse the substances covered by this agreement, I will not be a candidate for kidney transplant. If I am already listed for a transplant and it is discovered that I have used or abused the substances covered by this agreement, I will be placed on hold (inactive) on the waiting list. If I have a living donor, the transplant will be placed on hold until I have complied with this agreement.
- I understand that if I have used or abused the substances covered by this agreement, I will be required to do the following before I am considered for a transplant:
  - I will be required to undergo evaluation from a State of Washington Certified Chemical Dependency Treatment Services Provider and to follow any treatment recommendations of the Provider. I will have one month to complete the initial evaluation once notified of this requirement by the Transplant Team
  - If chemical dependency treatment is recommended, I will have up to three months to enter a state-certified chemical dependency treatment program. I will be required to provide written verification of the successful completion of a treatment program. I will also be required to demonstrate total abstinence from all substances of abuse throughout the pre-transplant period. I understand that verification of treatment compliance and completion might require disclosure of chemical dependency treatment information to the Transplant Team. I agree to sign all authorizations necessary to provide the Transplant Team with verification of my successful completion of the treatment program and ongoing compliance with this agreement.
  - I understand that I will be subject to random testing to assure compliance with this agreement. I authorize the Transplant Team to perform the tests and review the results of those tests. I agree to authorize my primary health care provider to perform any compliance tests requested by the Transplant Team and to authorize my primary health care provider to share the results of any test with the Transplant Team.

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- I understand that refusal to comply with random testing will be considered a positive test, and as a result, I will not be listed on the waiting list and any transplant procedure will be placed on hold. I also understand that a positive toxicology screen or conviction for alcohol and drug related offenses would be considered a violation of this policy.
  - I understand that I will be informed of the results of all toxicology tests. In addition, I have been informed that my medical records, including all records related to substance use and abuse, drug/alcohol treatment or toxicology reports, will be kept confidential in accordance with State and Federal law. My records will not be released to a third party without my written consent or an official court order.
- If I do not comply with the above requirements, I will be removed from the waiting list for a kidney transplant.
  - I understand that all decisions regarding listing for transplant will be provided to me in writing.

I acknowledge that I have read the above terms and that I have had the opportunity to ask questions to help me understand this agreement. In signing this agreement, I hereby agree to abstain from the use and abuse of the substances prohibited by this agreement, and to notify the Transplant Team if at any time I am unable to comply with the terms of this agreement.

<b>Patient (or legal guardian) signature:</b>		Date:
Patient name (printed):	Legal guardian printed name (if applicable):	
<b>Transplant Coordinator signature:</b>	Printed name:	Date:

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