

ECRTS Anaesthetic Review Protocol

Anaesthetic reviews are required for all high risk transplant recipients prior to listing and then at least second yearly while waiting for a transplant. High risk recipients include but are not limited to those patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, sleep apnoea, cardiac abnormalities and musculoskeletal problems.

Anaesthetic reviews are to be conducted at Prince of Wales Hospital and can be organised by the transplant coordinators, renal registrars or the consultant renal physician.

To book an anaesthetic review at POW hospital:

1. Contact the peri-operative CNC Jo Lewis to arrange an appointment.
2. The peri-operative CNC will contact the patient to confirm the date and time of the appointment. Renal department staff will be informed by email.
3. A referral letter from the consultant renal physician should be emailed to Jo Lewis along with copies of all relevant test results and correspondence including cardiac, respiratory, recent admissions and GP contact details. The referral letter should clearly state why the anaesthetic review is necessary and eMR access should be identified to enable the anaesthetist to look up medical imaging.
4. Paper copies of the referral letter and all relevant test results and correspondence should be delivered to the peri-operative department at POW hospital for filing in the patients notes so they are available at the time of the review.
5. The report of the review appointment will be returned to the referring consultant and copied to the transplant coordinator.
6. Anaesthetic review reports will be saved in the POW P drive in the relevant patient's folder and a paper copy will be filed on 9West, POWH for access at the time of transplant.
7. Anaesthetic reviews will remain as a standing item at the East Coast Renal Transplant Service meeting so that reports can be reviewed and any deficiencies in the process identified.

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