

ECRTS Anaesthetic Review Protocol

Anaesthetic reviews are required for all high-risk transplant recipients prior to listing and then as clinically indicated 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 also required for all transplant recipients and living kidney donors prior to living donor kidney transplant.

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. Email the patient's name and MRN to the POWH Peri-operative Unit at: SESLHD-APECclinic@health.nsw.gov.au with the email heading "**NEW REFERRAL APEC NURSE**". A referral letter from the consultant renal physician should be sent, 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.
If there is a scheduled date for living donor kidney transplant also include a copy of the RFA with the paperwork.
2. Someone from the peri-operative unit will contact the patient to confirm the date and time of the appointment.
3. The report of the review appointment will be available in EMR. Anaesthetic review reports will be saved in the POW P drive in the relevant patient's folder.

Contact details

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