

**ADMITTING PATIENTS UNDER NEPHROLOGY CONSULTANTS
– ST GEORGE HOSPITAL:**

1. Direct admissions are admitted under the relevant consultant, according to the 'Request for admission (RFA)' form. Admissions through emergency Department should generally be under the on-call consultant
2. **Dialysis and transplant patients** and **patients already planned for dialysis** should be admitted under the care of their "parent" nephrologist; if these patients are admitted after hours they should be admitted under the on-call nephrologist and their care formally transferred to their "parent" nephrologist the following morning (Monday morning if the admission occurred over a weekend)
3. Patients admitted under the care of a nephrologist who are not dialysis or transplant patients, who have been an in-patient under the care of that nephrologist **within the past three months** should be readmitted under the same nephrologist whenever possible. Admission of these patients should be treated as for dialysis and transplant patients in point 2 above.
4. Nephrologists are not obliged to accept the admission of patients whom they have treated more than three months ago but may do so and will sort this out amongst themselves after admission under the 'on-call' nephrologist.
5. **When a nephrologist is on leave**, patients who would ordinarily have been admitted under that nephrologist are admitted under the care of the on-call nephrologist. The patient's care will be transferred the following morning to the nephrologist from the same team as the nephrologist on leave. E.g. A patient of Prof Brown admitted while he is away would be transferred the following morning to the care of Prof Mangos. Registrars must ensure the correct consultant is listed on eMR for that patient.
6. **When both nephrologists are on leave from a particular team** then the patient will be admitted under the care of the on-call nephrologist and remain under their care for the duration of their admission.
7. Private patients may request admission under any nephrologist at any stage; it is up to the particular nephrologist to accept or reject that request

**FOR PATIENTS ADMITTED AFTER HOURS TO SUTHERLAND
HOSPITAL:**

1. Refer to the Sutherland Roster (available on RiscDoc). Patients are admitted overnight under that nephrologist and care transferred the following morning to Dr Sundaram.
2. When Dr Sundaram is on leave care will be transferred the following day to the nephrologist covering TSH that week – this is also available on RiscDoc.

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