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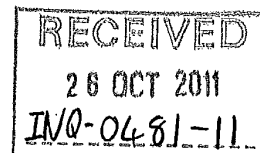
— PRACTITIONERS IN LAW TO THE
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SECTOR —

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Your Ref:
BPC-004-11

Our Ref:
HYP B04/1

Date:
25.10.11



Brian Cullen
Solicitor to the Inquiry
Arthur House
41 Arthur Street
Belfast
BT1 4GB

Dear Sir,

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to the above and your letter of 31st August 2011 (BPC-0004-11).

I am instructed that Belfast City Hospital has never produced a written protocol for the peri-operative medical management of renal transplant recipients but has followed a standardised practice in line with the recommendations of the Renal Association and the British Transplantation Society at the time. The Belfast City Hospital has also always followed the policies of NHS Blood and Transplant and its predecessor bodies. A Nursing Care Pathway was produced in 2010 and is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

Joanna Bolton
Solicitor Consultant

Direct line: -

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Providing Support to Health and Social Care





Care Pathway for Renal Transplant Patients	Patient Name:
	Address:
	Ward: DOB: Hosp H&C No: No: (or affix label)
EDD:	
Patient Information	
<p>This Care Pathway is a document detailing the delivery of care of patients who are attending for Renal Transplant Surgery. It has been agreed and documented as the most common pathway that this care may follow. As an individual your health requirements may vary from those laid out in this pathway, in which case the health professionals will use their judgement to adapt that care accordingly. Any variations from the pathway will be explained to you. If you do not have a clear understanding of what is going to happen, please ask a member of staff to explain.</p>	
Staff Information	
<p>This care pathway should be used as a guideline towards the most efficient and effective delivery of care necessary for a Renal patient who is attending for Renal Transplant Surgery which includes transplant guidelines on page 53-55. It replaces all other documentation. However if a patient remains an inpatient for longer than 14 days this pathway should be discontinued, filed in the patient's notes and an appropriate nursing care plan commenced. Only abbreviations on page 62-63 must be used in the Care Pathway.</p>	
Initialling the Care Pathway	
<p>You should use the initials column to confirm that an intervention has been carried out or an outcome achieved. If an intervention is not applicable, please tick the N/A box as well as initialling.</p>	
Variances: "what is a variance"?	
<p>A variance is any non-completion of a planned intervention, e.g. "Consent form not completed correctly" or an outcome not achieved, e.g. "Fasting regime not adhered to". If more than one variance occurs on the same page, they should be documented in numerical order, e.g. V1, V2, V3 etc. If several variances occur for the same reason, they should be accorded the same number.</p>	

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Infection Prevention and Control Admission Risk Assessment Form <i>(To be completed by the nurse admitting a patient OR accepting a transfer)</i>	
Patient Details	Transferring Hospital Details
Name:	Date of Admission:
Address:	Ward:
.....	Consultant:
.....	Reason for original admission/Transfer:
Hosp. No.:
Date of Birth:
Date of Admission:	Name of staff member in transferring hospital supplying information:
Ward:
Risk Assessment for Infective Diarrhoea	
Is the patient/client currently having diarrhoea and/or vomiting where infection is the suspected cause? Yes/No	
Has the patient/client been in a ward or nursing home where other patients have been having Diarrhoea and/or vomiting? Yes/No	
Have the patient's/client's family had diarrhoea and/or vomiting? Yes/No	
Is viral Gastroenteritis/Norovirus suspected or confirmed? Yes/No Suspected <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/>	
Has the patient/client a history of <i>Clostridium difficile</i> ? Yes/No	
If yes, date of first <i>C. difficile</i> toxin positive specimen:	
Known History of Multi-resistant Organisms or Other Infection Risk	
Has the patient/client a history of having? MRSA Yes/No ESBL Yes/No VRE/GRE Yes/No Other:	
Is the patient in a Target group for MRSA screening? (see MRSA screening and management of colonised patients policy) Yes/No	
Screening swabs taken? Yes/No	
Is the patient/client and their family aware of their infection status? Yes/No/Unknown	Is the patient/client currently being nursed in a single room? Yes/No
	Was the patient/client placed in an isolation room on admission- Yes/No
Other relevant information: (e.g. Current antibiotic treatment/part of outbreak/MRSA decolonization history)	
Infection Prevention and Control Nurse informed? Yes/No	
Name of staff member completing form	
Signature & Print Name:	
Contact Number:	Date:

Admission Information			
Admission Date: Time: Initials:			
Own dialysis unit phoned		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
Patient ID x 2		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Patients Details			
Patient's Preferred Name:		Next of Kin Details	
Date of Birth:		Name:	
Marital Status:		Address:	
Occupation:	
Contact numbers	Home:	Contact numbers	Home:
Work:	Mobile:	Work:	Mobile:
GP Name:		Phone number:	
Reason for Admission			
.....			
Relevant Past Medical History			
.....			
.....			
Cause of Renal Impairment			
Primary:			
Access History:			
Creation:			
Problems:			
Patient's Understanding of Reason for Admission			
.....			
Admission Observations			
Temp: Pulse: BP: SpO ₂ : Resps:			
Weight: Height: EWS Score:			
Initials: Date: Time:			
Date	Reason for Variances	Action taken (if any)	Initials

Patient Assessment		Patient Name:	
		Ward:	
		Hosp No:	H&C No: (or affix label)
Allergies/Medicine Sensitives (This section must be completed)			
Date	Medicine/Allergy	Type of reaction (e.g. rash)	Initials
or			
No known allergies <input type="checkbox"/> Initials: Date: Time:			
Cause of Renal Failure:			
Planned operation: Cadaveric <input type="checkbox"/> Non heart beating <input type="checkbox"/>		Live related <input type="checkbox"/> Live unrelated <input type="checkbox"/>	
Dialysis dependant		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Dialysis modality:		Dialysis Days: Time:	
Dialysis access:		Dialysis centre:	
Valuables			
Has patient's property been sent home:		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
Property kept at patient's own risk:		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
Valuables stored in hospital via property book		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Receipt No:	
Communication and Mental State			
Orientated to:			
Time		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Place		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Person		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Bedside hand set explained to patient, including buzzer		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ward layout explained to patient		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Vision:	Good <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/>		
Spectacles		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
Registered blind		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
Hearing:	Good <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
Hearing aid required			
Speech:	Clear/Coherent <input type="checkbox"/> Slurred <input type="checkbox"/> (Dysphasia) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Fears and concerns:			
		Initials:	Date: Time:
Date	Reason for Variances	Action taken (if any)	Initials

Patient Assessment <i>(continued)</i>		Patient Name: Ward: Hosp No: H&C No: (or affix label)	
Dietary Requirements			
Nausea/Vomiting Swallowing difficulties Recent weight loss Special diet: Fluid restrictions: mls/24hrs Condition of mouth: Nutritional (MUST) Score:		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Dietary restrictions: Alcohol intake Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> units per week: Dentures: Top <input type="checkbox"/> Bottom <input type="checkbox"/> Plate <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Date:	
Eliminating (Present)			
Bowel habit: Catheter in use Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Date of LMP: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Comments:		Urinary habit: Urinalysis: 24hr urine volume:	
Cardiovascular			
Hypertension (HTN) On medication for HTN Hypotension Chest pain Vascular problems If yes, specify:		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Community and Social Information			
Social History Accommodation			
Patient lives alone Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Patient is carer for someone Is Patient known to Social Services Name of social worker: Details:		Patient lives with: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Initials: Date: Time:			
Date	Reason for Variances	Action taken (if any)	Initials

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 Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Adult Pressure Ulcer Risk/Skin Assessment Chart		Patient Name: Ward: Hosp No: H&C No: (or affix label)	
If the individual is fully conscious and does not give a history of pressure damage, neurovascular deficits or immobility, dignity will be respected and the absence of pressure damage determined verbally. Otherwise, pressure points must be inspected.			
Enter code for each pressure point (see below) Note: Non blanching erythema cannot be seen in black skin; clues to pressure damage include heat, pain and /or a bluish discolouration over bony prominences.			
Occiput	Sacrum	Buttock	Heel
_____	_____	Right _____ Left _____	Right _____ Left _____
		Other (state area affected)	

CODE A = Intact VA = Verbal Check (area intact) B = Blanching erythema UC = Unable to check		1 = Grade 1 Pressure damage (non blanching erythema) 2 = Grade 2 Pressure damage (shallow crater / serous blister) 3 = Grade 3 Pressure damage (subcutaneous fat) 4 = Grade 4 Pressure damage (muscle / tendon / bone visible) DTI = Upgradable/ Potential Deep Tissue Injury (discoloured skin/ slough/eschar/blood blister)	

Braden Score (see over) If the patient scores 18 or below OR they already have a pressure ulcer they must be commenced on the Adult Pressure Ulcer Care Pathway. Re-evaluate risk score at least weekly in acute care, monthly in continuing care and 6-8 monthly in community.							
Sensory Perception							
Moisture							
Activity							
Mobility							
Nutrition							
Friction & Shear							
Total Score							
At risk/Pressure Ulcer - Pressure ulcer care pathway commenced?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Grade 2-4 Pressure damage - Wound Assessment chart commenced?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Grade 2-4 Acquired Pressure Ulcer - Clinical Incident form completed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Grade 3-4 Pressure Ulcer - TVN informed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Date							
Time							
Signature							

*****If you have answered NO to any of the questions in the table above you must document the reason why the expected care/procedure has not been followed*****

Braden Pressure Ulcer Risk Assessment Tool

Sensory Perception Ability to respond meaningfully to pressure related discomfort	1. Completely limited Unresponsive (does not moan, flinch or grasp) to painful stimuli, due to diminished level of consciousness or sedation OR Limited ability to feel pain over most of body surface	2. Very limited Responds only to painful stimuli. Cannot communicate except by moaning or restlessness OR Has a sensory impairment that limits the ability to feel pain or discomfort over most of the body.	3. Slightly limited Responds to verbal commands, but cannot always communicate discomfort or need to be turned OR Has some sensory impairment that limits ability to feel pain or discomfort in 1 or 2 extremities.	4. No impairment Responds to verbal commands. Has no sensory deficit, which would limit ability to feel or voice pain or discomfort.
Moisture Degree to which skin is exposed to moisture	1. Constantly moist Skin is kept moist almost constantly by perspiration, urine etc. Dampness is detected every time patient is moved or turned.	2. Very moist Skin is often, but not always moist. Linen must be changed at least once a shift.	3. Occasionally moist Skin is occasionally moist, requiring an extra linen change approximately once a day.	4. Rarely moist Skin is usually dry; linen only requires changing at routine intervals.
Activity Degree of physical activity	1. Bedfast Confined to bed	2. Chair fast Ability to walk severely limited or non-existent. Cannot bear own weight and/or must be assisted into chair or wheelchair.	3. Walks occasionally Walks occasionally during day, but for very short distances, with or without assistance. Spends majority of each shift in bed or chair.	4. Walks frequently Walks outside the room at least twice a day and inside room at least once every 2 hours during waking hours.
Mobility Ability to change and control body position	1. Completely immobile Does not make even slight changes in body or extremity position without assistance	2. Very limited Makes occasional slight changes in body or extremity position but unable to make frequent or significant changes independently.	3. Slightly limited Makes frequent though slight changes in body or extremity position independently.	4. No limitation Makes major and frequent changes in position without assistance.
Nutrition Usual food intake pattern NPO ¹ - Nothing by mouth IV ² - Intravenously TPN ³ - Total parenteral nutrition	1. Very poor Never eats a complete meal. Rarely eats more than 1/3 of any food offered. Eats 2 servings or less of protein (meat or dairy products) per day. Takes fluids poorly, does not take a liquid dietary supplement. OR is NPO ¹ and/or maintained on clear liquids or IV ² for more than 5 days.	2. Probably inadequate Rarely eats a complete meal and generally eats only about 1/3 of any foods offered. Protein intake includes only 3 servings of meat or dairy products per day. Occasionally will take a dietary supplement OR receives less than optimum amount of liquid diet or tube feeding.	3. Adequate Eats over 1/2 of most meals. Eats 4 servings of protein (meats, dairy products) each day. Occasionally will refuse a meal, but will usually take a supplement if offered OR is on tube feeding or TPN ³ regimen that probably meets most of nutritional needs.	4. Excellent Eats most of every meal. Never refuses a meal. Usually eats a total of 4 or more servings of meat and dairy products. Occasionally eats between meals. Does not require supplementation.
Friction and Shear	1. Problem Requires moderate to maximum assistance in moving. Complete lifting without sliding against sheets is impossible. Frequently slides down in bed or chair, requiring frequent repositioning with maximum assistance. Spasticity, contractures or agitation leads to almost constant friction.	2. Potential problem Moves feebly or requires minimum assistance. During a move, skin probably slides to some extent against sheets, chair restraints or other devices. Maintains relatively good position in chair or bed most of the time, but occasionally slides down.	3. No apparent problem Moves in bed and chair independently and has sufficient muscle strength to lift up completely during move. Maintains good position in bed or chair at all times. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px; text-align: center;"> Please document score overleaf. </div>	

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Risk Assessment for the use of Bed Rails

The assessment must be reviewed if:

- Patient becomes confused or agitated
- Patients condition significantly changes
- Patient falls from the bed
- Mattress or type of bed rail is changed

Date of Assessment:

Section A

Is alternative to bed rails more appropriate? 

Patient requires assistance to move in bed Yes ☐ No ☐

Alternative equipment effective Yes ☐ No ☐

Patient likely to attempt to climb out of bed Yes ☐ No ☐

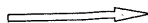
If YES, nurse patient with bed in lowest position

If still going to use bed rails, give reasons and complete assessment:

Action taken with reasons:

If NOT using bed rails complete Section D otherwise go to Section B

Section B

Is there a requirement for Extra height bed rails? 


Bariatric (Large) patient Yes ☐ No ☐

Use of second/especially deep mattress Yes ☐ No ☐

If YES to either, use extra height rails and complete assessment. If extra height rails unavailable, leave bed in lowest position except when administering direct care

Action taken:

Section C

Is there likelihood of Patient becoming Entrapped in bed rails? 

Is head or body small enough to become trapped in:
Bed rail bars Yes ☐ No ☐

Gap between lower rail and compression mattress Yes ☐ No ☐

Gap between rail and side of mattress Yes ☐ No ☐

Is there a gap between end of bed rail and headboard or wall of between 60-250 mm Yes ☐ No ☐

If YES to any, there is a risk of entrapment and rails MUST be taken down or correctly fitted and repeat assessment

Decision to use Bed Rails Yes ☐ No ☐

Actions taken:

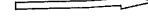
Reason used if risk of entrapment identified:

If Bed Rails used : Type of Bed Hospital profiling ☐ Bariatric ☐ Trolley ☐

Type of Bed Rails Prefixed to bed ☐ Requiring fitting ☐ Full ☐ Part Length ☐

Bed Rails inspected to ensure mechanically working and secure to side of bed Yes ☐ No ☐

Section D

Has patient and family Been advised of decision? 

Has assessment, options and risk been discussed with patient /carer/next of kin Yes ☐ No ☐

Does the patient/family insist on the use of bed rails Yes ☐ No ☐

Is use of bed rails is against advise Yes ☐ No ☐

Does the patient/family refuse the use of bed rails Yes ☐ No ☐

Is omission of bed rails is against advise Yes ☐ No ☐

Assessment completed by Initials: Date:

PRE OPERATIVE CHECKLIST (To be completed by Ward Staff and checked by Theatre Staff)					Ward				Theatre			
	Y	N	N/A	Initials	Y	N	N/A					
PRE OPERATIVE VERIFICATION AND CONSENT												
Patient alert <input type="checkbox"/> Sedated <input type="checkbox"/> Confused <input type="checkbox"/> Unconscious <input type="checkbox"/>												
Legible armbands x2												
Patient's details correct (name, hospital number and DOB) on both armbands/labels and matches call slip/theatre slip												
Consent form completed correctly												
Operation site marked correctly as per consent form												
CJD risk assessment form (annex J) completed												
Result: high risk <input type="checkbox"/> low risk <input type="checkbox"/> unknown <input type="checkbox"/>												
Patient has fasted From: (date)												
Food: Hrs Fluid: Hrs												
Allergy status checked												
Details: None <input type="checkbox"/>												
Pre Medication given if prescribed												
Relevant drugs omitted												
Specify:												
Was beta blocker treatment compliant?												
Infection status checked												
Details: None <input type="checkbox"/>												
Implantable Electronic Device present												
If Yes specify:												
Diathermy compatible												
PATIENT PREPARATION	Y	N	N/A	Initials	Y	N	N/A					
Patient showered and in appropriate clothes for theatre												
Was compliant hair removal carried out?												
Dialysis fistula												
Tunnelled catheter												
Bladder emptied												
Catheterised												
IV cannula												
Drains insitu												
Dental braces, dental crowns, loose or capped teeth (please circle)												
If Yes specify location:												
Correct tourniquet insitu												
HAVE THE FOLLOWING BEEN REMOVED	Y	N	N/A	Initials	Y	N	N/A					
Dentures												
Metal hair accessories including hair beads												
Hearing aid												
Glasses <input type="checkbox"/> Lens <input type="checkbox"/>												
Make-up, nail polish												
Jewellery, body piercing, rings taped/removed from operative side if appropriate. If taped please specify:												
PATIENT COMMUNICATION AND MOBILITY PROBLEMS	Y	N	N/A	Initials	Y	N	N/A					
Speech/ Hearing/Vision (please circle):												
Learning Disability												
Has the patient any injuries eg. back, neck, limiting joint conditions, that may affect positioning or other aspects of planned surgery. If Yes detail:												
First language if not English: Not required <input type="checkbox"/>												
Is Interpreter required/present												
Compression/Antiembolism stockings												
Intermittent Pneumatic Compression (IPC) Device												

Location:

Patient Name:

Hospital Number:

H&C Number: (or affix label)

	Ward				Theatre			
	Y	N	N/A	Initials	Y	N	N/A	
Drug DVT Prophylaxis prescribed and administered at hrs on (date)								
Bed Accessories requirement (including special pressure relieving mattress) Details: None <input type="checkbox"/>								
BLOOD RESULTS	Y	N	N/A	Initials	Y	N	N/A	
Blood results								
Group and hold <input type="checkbox"/> or group and cross match units <input type="checkbox"/>								
Patient Diabetic – if Yes Type:								
Blood Glucose: at hrs								
PREGNANCY STATUS (for menstruating females aged approx 12-55 yrs)	Y	N	N/A	Initials	Y	N	N/A	
Day 1 of LMP: if this date is more than 10 days ago check is PATIENT PREGNANT? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>								
Patient verbally confirms is NOT pregnant.								
Signature of Patient:								
If uncertain pregnancy test required. (Appropriate test to be used) Result: Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/>								
If patient pregnant Medical staff informed								
DOCUMENTS TO THEATRE WITH PATIENT	Y	N	N/A	Initials	Y	N	N/A	
Medical notes <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Notes <input type="checkbox"/>								
Fluid Balance Chart								
Xrays including scans: hard copy <input type="checkbox"/> PACS <input type="checkbox"/>								
ECG								
Drug Kardex								
Observation chart								
Patient ID labels								
Wound surveillance form								
RELEVANT MEDICAL HISTORY	Y	N	N/A	Initials	Y	N	N/A	
Medical History Checked None <input type="checkbox"/>								
List relevant medical history (If non elective surgery include reason for admission)								
Care of patient valuables as per Trust policy								
Patient's parent/guardian present if required								
Braden Score: None <input type="checkbox"/>								
Pressure Damage verified								
If yes specify site:								
Weight: kgs Height: cms								
BASELINE OBSERVATIONS TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 1-2 HRS PRE-OPERATIVELY								
Temp: Tympanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non tympanic <input type="checkbox"/> (ward)					Pulse:	BP:	Resps:	
Temp: Tympanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non tympanic <input type="checkbox"/> (theatre)								
Ward staff Signature (at theatre handover):					Date:	Time:	hrs	
Theatre staff Signature:					Date:	Time:	hrs	

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS (only record where applicable to your area)		Ward				Theatre		
		Y	N	N/A	Initls	Y	N	N/A
OPHTHAMOLOGY AND ENT								
Biometry (Ophthalmology)								
Audiogram (ENT)								
Orthoptics								
ORTHOPAEDICS/FRACTURES/ VASCULAR		Y	N	N/A	Initls	Y	N	N/A
Arrangements documented for amputee patients:								
Incinerated <input type="checkbox"/> Buried <input type="checkbox"/> Sent as specimen <input type="checkbox"/>								
Northern Ireland Joint Register (NIJR) consent MPH only								
FRACTURES/EMERGENCY SURGERY		Y	N	N/A	Initls	Y	N	N/A
Skin Injuries <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>								
Details (eg. Bruises, lacerations, blisters):								
Other injuries (please document in medical history) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>		Y	N	N/A	Initls	Y	N	N/A
EMERGENCY SURGERY ONLY								
Are relatives contact details in nursing notes? <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>								
If not detail below:								
Spiritual care required <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>								
Comment:								
GENERAL SURGERY/COLORECTAL SURGERY		Y	N	N/A	Initls	Y	N	N/A
Bowel prep		Y	N	N/A	Initls	Y	N	N/A
NEUROSURGERY								
GCS:		Y	N	N/A	Initls	Y	N	N/A
CARDIOLOGY								
Baseline Observations:								
INR: SpO ₂ : Warfarin Status:		Y	N	N/A	Initls	Y	N	N/A
MATERNITY SERVICES								
Fetal heart checked								
Palpate abdomen		Y	N	N/A	Initls	Y	N	N/A
OTHER INFORMATION								
If no to any of the items on the pre op checklist, please document reason(s) in the section below								
Reason for No		Action Taken (If any)						Initials

Location:

Patient Name: (or affix label)

Hospital Number:

H&C Number:

SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST (FIRST EDITION)

Before induction of anaesthesia Before skin incision Before patient leaves operating room

SIGN IN	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PATIENT HAS CONFIRMED • IDENTITY • SITE • PROCEDURE • CONSENT
<input type="checkbox"/>	SITE MARKED/NOT APPLICABLE
<input type="checkbox"/>	ANAESTHESIA SAFETY CHECK COMPLETED
<input type="checkbox"/>	PULSE OXIMETER ON PATIENT AND FUNCTIONING
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOES PATIENT HAVE A KNOWN ALLERGY? NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	DIFFICULT AIRWAY (ASPIRATION RISK) YES, AND EQUIPMENT/ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE RISK OF >500ML BLOOD LOSS (7ML/KG IN CHILDREN)? NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES, AND ADEQUATE INTRAVENOUS ACCESS AND FLUIDS PLANNED

TIME OUT	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CONFIRM ALL TEAM MEMBERS HAVE INTRODUCED THEMSELVES BY NAME AND ROLE
<input type="checkbox"/>	SURGEON, ANAESTHESIA PROFESSIONAL AND NURSE VERBALLY CONFIRM • PATIENT • SITE • PROCEDURE
<input type="checkbox"/>	ANTICIPATED CRITICAL EVENTS SURGEON REVIEWS WHAT ARE THE CRITICAL OR UNEXPECTED STEPS OPERATIVE DURATION, ANTICIPATED BLOOD LOSS? ANAESTHESIA TEAM REVIEWS ARE THERE ANY PATIENT SPECIFIC CONCERNS (INCLUDING ALLERGIES)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	NURSING TEAM REVIEWS: HAS STERILITY INCLUDING PRESENCE OF STERILE LABEL AND EXPIRY DATES BEEN CONFIRMED? ARE THERE EQUIPMENT ISSUES OR ANY CONCERNS?
<input type="checkbox"/>	HAS AN ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS BEEN GIVEN WITHIN THE IN LAST 60 MINUTES? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	IS ESSENTIAL IMAGING DISPLAYED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/>

SIGN OUT	
<input type="checkbox"/>	NURSE VERBALLY CONFIRMS WITH THE TEAM: THE NAME OF THE PROCEDURE RECORDED THAT INSTRUMENT, SPONGE AND NEEDLE COUNTS ARE CORRECT YES <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	HOW THE SPECIMEN IS LABELLED (INCLUDING PATIENT NAME) WHETHER THERE ARE ANY EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS TO BE ADDRESSED
<input type="checkbox"/>	SURGEON, ANAESTHESIA PROFESSIONAL AND NURSE REVIEW THE KEY CONCERNS FOR RECOVERY AND MANAGEMENT OF THIS PATIENT
<input type="checkbox"/>	THROAT PACK IS REMOVED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tourniquet REMOVED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/>

THIS CHECKLIST IS NOT INTENDED TO BE COMPREHENSIVE. ADDITIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO RT LOCAL PRACTICE ARE ENCOURAGED.

On Behalf of Team

Initials: Time: hrs

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On Return From Recovery		Patient Name:				
		Ward:				
Hosp No:		H&C No: (or affix label)				
		Yes	No	N/A	Time	Initials
Monitoring established:						
HR <input type="checkbox"/> BP <input type="checkbox"/> SpO ₂ <input type="checkbox"/>						
CVP <input type="checkbox"/> EWS <input type="checkbox"/>						
Hourly urine volumes						
Check lines						
Oxygen prescribed						
Check wound						
Check drains and identify as No 1 and No 2						
IV fluid prescribed						
IV fluids attached and commenced						
IV Dopamine						
Compression stockings in situ						
Stent						
If yes, antibiotic prescribed						
Pain relief prescribed						
Check catheter (with size):						
Check mattress						
Record blood loss						
Record blood sugars						
Check time for next blood						
Ultra sound booked						
Update Braden Score						
Date	Reason for Variances	Action Taken (if any)			Initials	

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Nursing Day 1							Date:		
	Yes	No	N/A	Time	Initials				
Alert and oriented									
EWS (minimum frequency 2 hourly)									
Bloods reserved									
Oxygen therapy continues at:									
CVP monitoring continued									
ECG leads in situ									
IV Fluids continue as prescribed									
Wound drain(s) checked									
Hourly urine volumes									
Reserve CSU									
Wound checked and redressed with film dressing									
Tolerating oral fluids									
Tolerating oral medication									
Commencement of oral immunosuppressant drugs									
Commenced on subcutaneous Enoxaparin									
MRSA screen completed									
Personal hygiene attended to									
Catheter care as per policy									
Mouthwashes/oral hygiene offered every 4 hours									
Weight: kgs									
Updated Braden score:									
	Occiput	Sacrum	Buttocks	Hips	Knees	Heels	Other	Time	Initials
Pressure areas to be checked				R	R	R	R		
BD (see code below)				L	L	L	L		
Ultra sound scan									
Dialysis									
Refer to Chest Physiotherapist									
Provide patient with Coach									
Reserve CSU									
MSSU									
Post Ward Round Instructions									
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Date	Reason for Variances			Action Taken (if any)				Initials	
Code for pressure area check: (refer to CREST guidelines) A Intact B Blanching erythema i.e. skin is red, but blanches under light finger pressure 1 Grade one pressure sore i.e. skin is red but does not blanch under light finger pressure 2 Grade two pressure sore 3 Grade three pressure sore 4 Grade four pressure sore E Eschar (mostly necrotic or sloughy tissue) U Unable to check, reason: Any deterioration in skin condition must be noted in patients notes and care plan adjusted accordingly.									

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Nursing Day 3					Date:				
	Yes	No	N/A	Time	Initials				
Asleep as per usual sleep pattern									
Bloods reserved									
4 hourly EWS									
24 hour fluid balance recorded									
Oxygen discontinued									
Personal hygiene attended to									
Weight (am): kgs									
Updated Braden score:									
Pressure areas to be checked BD (see code below)	Occiput	Sacrum	Buttocks	Hips	Knees	Heels	Other	Time	Initials
				R	R	R	R		
				L	L	L	L		
Managing diet									
Wounds checked									
Check bowels moving									
Ultra sound scan									
Refer to Renal Pharmacy									
Renal education informed									
Advice given on:	Mobility								
	Diet								
	Compression stockings								
	Medication								
Education leaflets given									
Dialysis									
Social Services required									
Social Services contacted									
Reserve CSU									
Post Ward Round Instructions (specify changes from Day 2)									
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Date	Reason for Variances			Action Taken (if any)			Initials		
Code for pressure area check: (refer to CREST guidelines) A Intact B Blanching erthema i.e. skin is red, but blanches under light finger pressure 1 Grade one pressure sore i.e. skin is red but does not blanch under light finger pressure 2 Grade two pressure sore 3 Grade three pressure sore 4 Grade four pressure sore E Eschar (mostly necrotic or sloughy tissue) U Unable to check, reason: Any deterioration in skin condition must be noted in patients notes and care plan adjusted accordingly.									

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Additional Nursing Notes

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Discharge Planning Checklist			
EDD:		Time of Discharge:	
Please ensure all boxes are ticked and each task is initiated/started by each registered nurse completing the task			
		Initials	Date
Doctor letter complete and given to patient	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
Medications	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
Emed update	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
Treatment card	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
Remove Ventlon	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
Remove Femoral Catheter (see medical notes)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
Patient/Relative information	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
Diet and Fluids discussed and reinforced	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
If patient discharged requiring a home mattress	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
• Contact TVN (only if mattress supplied by Trust)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
• Contact District Nurse	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
Community Referrals	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
• District Nurse i.e. requires wound dressing	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
• Home help	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
Transport home: Own <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
Dialysis Unit Informed/Transplant Co-ordinator informed if applicable	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
Regular Dialysis transport rebokked (inform ward clerk in Dialysis Unit ext 33918)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
Arrangements made to attend Transplant Clinic	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
If patient deceased	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
• Notification of death form posted to GP	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
• GP contacted by phone on 1 st working day following patient's death	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
• Patient signed out on (1) ARD	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
(2) PAS	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
Computerised database for discharge updated	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>		
Other relevant information:			
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Discharge Checklist completed by:			

Post Transplant Care Guidelines	
Problem: The patient has the potential to develop post operative complications; i.e. haemorrhage, infection, rejection	
Goal: To prevent the risk of post operative complications	
Interventions	
1. Record and respond to EWS as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-30 minutes – 4 hours • Hourly – 4 hourly • 2 hourly – 4 hourly • 4 hours – 4 hourly • Or as clinically indicated 	
2. Monitor and report CVP (Central Venous Pressure) as above (normal limits 5-10cm/water) If < 5 administer bolus of 0.9% NaCl/Colloid as prescribed by Medical Staff If > 10 adjust fluid regime as prescribed by Medical Staff Observe CVP exit site for signs of infection, bleeding and leakage Remove CVP line as per protocol on day 2-3 as instructed by Medical Staff Remove CVP line as per protocol on day 2-3 as instructed by Medical Staff	
3. Alternate 0.9% NaCl and 5% dextrose as prescribed by Medical Staff Fluid replacement regime as per Medical Staff Continue with IV fluid replacement regime as prescribed until patient able to tolerate oral fluids Discontinue IV fluid replacement regime as per Medical Staff	
Problem: The patient has a urinary catheter in situ	
Goal: To monitor urinary output, to prevent infection	
Interventions	
4. Perform catheter care as appropriate/required Ensure patient's privacy, dignity and respect are maintained at all times Measure and record hourly urometer readings via urometer Ensure catheter tubing not kinked or blocked and allow to drain freely Any reduction in urinary output check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kinks in the catheter tubing • Catheter is below the level of the bladder • The catheter tubing is not blocked by any debris Perform bladder lavage if indicated by reduced urinary output and report to Medical Staff Reserve 24 hour urine collection daily for GFR, volume, urinary sodium and urinary creatinin Daily CSU while catheter in situ Catheter removed as per Medical instructions Alternate MSSU once catheter removed If stent in situ ensure antibiotic therapy prescribed	

Post Transplant Care Guidelines (continued)
Problem: The patient has a surgical wound Goal: To prevent wound infection and promote wound healing Interventions 5. Observe wound for signs of serious ooze "pooling" Any ooze, signs of infection or observable changes in the wound reserve swab for O+S and report to Medical Staff Any ooze noted replace dressing as indicated using aseptic technique Observe for signs of haemorrhage Ensure allergy status is recorded Prior to first Doppler change dressing to IV 3000 If allergic to IV 3000 use alternative transparent dressing Wound drain Observe and record drain for volume Remove drain as instructed by Medical Staff Problem: The patient is receiving IV/Oral medications Goal: To ensure the patient receives the prescribed medications Interventions 6. a) Administer Immunosuppression (IV or Oral) as prescribed by medical staff (refer to local policy/protocol for the administration of immunosuppressants) Reserve Immunosuppressant levels on Tuesday/Friday prior to administration of the drug. Report back to Medical Staff the results b) Administer pain relief (IV or Oral) as prescribed by Medical Staff (refer to local policy/protocol for the administration of pain relief) c) Administer Anti-coagulation therapy as prescribed by Medical Staff (refer to local policy/protocol for the administration of Anti-coagulation therapy) d) Administer CMV prophylaxis as prescribed by Medical Staff (refer to local policy/protocol for the administration of CMV prophylaxis) Administer Oral Anti-fungal mouth care agents as prescribed by Medical Staff (refer to local policy/protocol for the administration of anti-fungal agents) Problem: The patient requires Oxygen Therapy Goal: To ensure the safe delivery of prescribed Oxygen Interventions 7. Administer Oxygen Therapy as prescribed on Theatre/Medical notes by Medical Staff (document on evaluation as Oxygen requirements allow) (refer to the Trust policy/protocol for the administration of Oxygen Therapy) Discontinue Oxygen as instructed by Medical Staff Refer the patient to the Chest Physiotherapist Encourage the patient to perform deep breathing and cough exercises Provide the "Cough" to allow the patient to perform above Assess the signs of fluid overload Monitor for signs of chest infection. Reserve any sputum and send to Bacteriology for O+S Mobilise the patient as patient condition dictates. Increase mobility as patient improves

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Post Transplant Care Guidelines

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Problem: The patient requires close monitoring of their transplanted kidney function
Goal: To monitor and report daily on the function of the transplanted kidney

Interventions

8. Reserve U+E, CBC as required by Medical Staff
Reserve U+E, CBC, CRP and GFR daily
Reserve on Tuesday and Friday the following:

- Electrolyte Profile
- Liver profile
- Bone profile
- Lipid profile
- Glucose
- Magnesium level
- Immunosuppressant level i.e. Tacrolimus level

Report to Medical Staff the results of the above

Increased serum Potassium (K⁺) may indicate the need for further treatment i.e. Haemodialysis

Patient to attend for daily Doppler scans of their graft until indicated by the Medical Staff. A member of staff to attend each Doppler scan. Report abnormal findings to the Medical Staff

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Abbreviations	
AKRF	Acute/Chronic Renal Failure
AKI	Acute Kidney Injury (not AKF)
AKCA	Anti-Neutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibody
APD	Automated Peritoneal Dialysis
AVF	Arterio-Venous Fistula
ATN	Acute Tubular Necrosis
BMI	Body Mass Index
BNF	British National Formulary
BP	Blood Pressure
BVS	Blood Volume Sensor
Bx	Biopsy
C/D	Complaining Of
CARD	Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis
CBC	Complete Blood Count
CKD	Chronic Kidney Disease (not CRF)
CMV	Cytomegalovirus
Coag	Cosulation
COGW	Change Over Guidewire
CRP	C Reactive Protein
CSU	Catheter Specimen Urine
CTPA	Comp. Tomography Pulmonary Angiography
CVP	Central Venous Pressure
EBV	Epstein Barr Virus
ECG	Electrocardiograph
EDD	Estimated Date of Discharge
EPO	Erythropoietin
ERF	Established Renal Failure
ESA	Erythropoietin Stimulating Agents
ESR	Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate
ESRD	End Stage Renal Disease
EWS	Early Warning Score
FBC (not to be confused with full blood count)	Fluid Balance Chart
FBP	Full Blood Picture
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
GFR	Glomerular Filtration Rate
GP	General Practitioner
HD	Haemodialysis
HHO	Home Haemodialysis
HLA	Human Leucocyte Antigen
HR	Heart Rate
HTA	Human Tissue Authority
INR	International Normalised Ratio
IP (not to be confused with Inpatient)	Intra Peritoneal
IV	Intravenous
LDRT	Live Donor Renal Transplant
LFT	Liver Function Test
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
NSAID	Non Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs
MAST	Malnutrition Universal Score Tool
NHSBT	National Health Service Blood Transplant
NKPA	Northern Ireland Kidney Patient Association
NIRF	Northern Ireland Kidney Research Fund
PCKD	Polycystic Kidney Disease
PD	Peritoneal Dialysis
PEP	Patient Education Programme
PTH	Para Thyroid Hormone
PTS	Patient's
Plex	Plasma Exchange
Resps	Respirations

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Abbreviations (continued)	
RRT	Renal Replacement Therapy
RI	Resistance Index
RI	Group & Hold
ROH	Oxygen Saturation
ROH	Staff Nurse
ROH	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
ROH	Glucose Monitoring
ROH	Stat Dose
ROH	Sister
ROH	Temperature
ROH	Tissue Typing
ROH	Tissue Viability Nurse
ROH	Transplant
ROH	Ultrasonication
ROH	Visual Central Venous Catheter Score
ROH	Visualisation/Inspection