PURPOSE: To ensure inmates who have received solid organ and stem cell transplants are receiving anti-rejection medications and are managed in a manner that optimizes the health of the inmate.

POLICY:

I. Inmates who have received solid organ and stem cell transplants shall be referred to the unit medical provider on the day of intake. The unit medical provider will ensure continuity of care by accomplishing the following:

   A. Ensure all medications are ordered and available (CMC Pharmacy Policy #10-40);
   B. Enroll in chronic care clinic;
   C. Request freeworld medical records; and,
   D. Refer to appropriate specialty clinics.

II. Inmates with acute medical needs shall be transferred to the appropriate facility through the intake unit’s established utilization review process.

III. Unit medical staff will notify the Office of Health Services Liaison (HSL) via mainframe (e-mail address HSLIAISON, followed by a phone call to 936-437-3589) on the day of the inmate’s arrival at the intake facility. The e-mail will include the inmate’s:

   A. Name and TDCJ number;
   B. Current unit of assignment; and,
   C. Transplant organ(s)/stem cells received.

IV. Solid organ and stem cell transplant recipients who are taking antirejection medications, who are suitable for general population, are assigned to the Estelle Unit (males) or Carole Young Unit (females). Inmates whose custody status precludes assignment at the designated units will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

   Upon notification of the inmate’s arrival at the intake facility, HSL will request TDCJ Classification and Records Office to expedite the inmate’s reassignment to the appropriate unit.

   Inmates with acute medical needs will have their records and travel card marked by CRO to reflect the need for reassignment to Estelle or Carole Young upon inpatient discharge.

   HSL will send e-mail notification with the inmate’s name, TDCJ number and destination unit to:

   A. UTMB Medical Director and Nursing Director of Inpatient Services;
B. Medical Director and Facility Nurse Manager at receiving unit;
C. UTMB Director of Utilization Review; and,
D. UTMB Organ Transplant Care Manager.

V. Inmates who are found to be solid organ or stem cell recipients after intake into TDCJ shall be reported to HSL as outlined in Section III.

Reference: ACA Performance Standards & Expected Practice 5-6A-4347 (Revised August 2018) Continuity of Care
ACA Performance Standards & Expected Practice 5-6A-4348 (Revised August 2018) Referrals
ACA Performance Standards & Expected Practice 5-6C Special Needs