



This document will explain the criteria by which our transplant center evaluates and accepts liver transplant candidates. Patients who are referred for transplant will be accepted for evaluation at our transplant program regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, gender, or sexual orientation.

Selection criteria for liver transplantation includes acute fulminant liver failure or progressive chronic liver disease that is not responsive to other medical or surgical therapy. These criteria assume that the patient has End Stage Liver Disease (ESLD) with a reduced life expectancy.

Contraindications to Liver Transplantation

Severe or irreversible advanced cardiac, pulmonary, or nervous system disease

Severe or irreversible pulmonary hypertension

Active untreated infection (spontaneous bacterial peritonitis excluded)

Active malignancy of extrahepatic origin (neuroendocrine tumors excluded)

Active substance abuse

Need for combined heart, lung, pancreas, bone marrow/stem cell, or intestinal transplant with liver transplant

Presence of psychiatric disease with active symptoms or behavior patterns which will interfere with adherence to post-transplant therapy

HIV positive serology or AIDS

Absence of social support

Complete portal and mesenteric venous thrombosis

Moribund patients with limited life expectancy

The above inclusion and exclusion criteria for liver transplantation is meant to be a guide, not an absolute and comprehensive set of rules. Each patient and their condition will be reviewed individually by the multidisciplinary team to determine candidacy for transplantation.