

Renal Medicine
ED DIRECT ADMISSION CRITERIA
Hours of operation – Any time 24/7

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1. Suitable patient identified in ED (see table below)
2. Patient assessed by senior ED clinician.
3. ED clinician to discuss with Renal StR, (mobile 07879 115509, bleep 8121) 09:00 - 22:00 Monday to Friday and 09:00 - 21:00 at the weekend. Outside these hours contact StR on call for ward cover. They will facilitate prompt review and direct transfer when possible in consultation with the responsible Renal consultant.
4. Renal StR to inform nurse in charge on 407 or Renal assessment unit (RAU) as appropriate to arrange transfer.
5. Patient transferred direct to ward 407 or RAU for on going management.

Suitable Patients for direct admission under Renal are

Condition	Comments
<u>All</u> Haemodialysis and Peritoneal Dialysis patient with medical problems.	(Urgent Surgical problems e.g., bleeding from a fistula should be referred to Surgery but the Renal StR should be informed. Peritonitis in a Peritoneal Dialysis patient should be referred directly to the Renal StR)
<u>All</u> Renal Transplant patients	With medical problems
Acute Kidney Injury stage 3 or acute on chronic kidney injury with severe complications including:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. $K^+ > 6.5 \text{ mmol/L}$ b. Pulmonary oedema or severe peripheral oedema c. Severe acidosis ($\text{pH} < 7.2$) d. Uraemic encephalopathy e. Uraemic pericarditis
Patient with Poisoning who may require haemodialysis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ethylene glycol, Methanol b. Lithium c. Salicylate d. Theophylline e. Carbamazepine f. Valproate g. Paraquat h. Hair dye

	i. Phenytoin
Severe Nephrotic Syndrome	Confirmed with strongly positive urine dipstick and low serum albumin

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