

Indications & Urgency Criteria for Surgical Hemodialysis Procedures

Priority	Wait Time Target	Description	Details
1 - unsched	<24 hours	Immediate need for surgical intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient bleeding or at imminent risk of bleeding • Patient has severe ischemia from steal syndrome • Patient has signs of infection (AVG) • AV fistula/graft thrombosis, potentially salvageable (if possible, try radiological intervention first)
		Immediate need for dialysis (AVF/AVG not salvageable; hemodynamically unstable or hyperkalemic)	If radiology not available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent dialysis line placement • Dialysis line replacement
1 - sched	2 weeks	CRF – poor dialysis access	Surgical treatment for stenosis, aneurysm, steal syndrome, venous hypertension, etc
2 – sched	4 weeks	CRF – dialysis already started by catheter	Creation of AV fistula or insertion of AV graft
		CRF - dialysis anticipated within 3 months	Creation of AV fistula or insertion of AV graft
3 – sched	6 weeks	CRF - dialysis anticipated within 3 to 6 months	Creation of AV fistula or insertion of AV graft
5 - sched	26 weeks	CRF – dialysis anticipated within more than 6 months	Creation of AV fistula or insertion of AV graft

Notes:

- Wait time targets are the same as listed on the Vascular Surgery *Provincial* List of Patient Condition, Diagnosis Descriptions & Priority Levels (2010)
- CRF = Chronic Renal Failure

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