

Enhanced Recovery After Surgery

in Transplantation

Prehabilitation for kidney transplant

Helping recipients to stay well and improve their strength and fitness before a kidney transplant





Provide education to patients about:

- How they can improve their fitness levels before transplant and why it's important.
- Help with weight management and possible onward referral for help if needed
- Psychological wellbeing and onward referral as needed
- Expectations around health and mobility after surgery





- 150 minutes of moderate intensity activity a week (for example you can still talk, but not sing).
- OR 75 minutes of vigorous intensity activity a week (for example you can say only a few words before pausing for breath).
- Encourage patients to understand that 'anything is better than nothing!'

Sign-post to local resources:

- Smoking cessation
- Online exercise platforms (such as Kidney Beam)
- GP social prescribing
- Renal pre/rehabilitation services (if available)
- Weight Management Services (if BMI >30)
- Counselling for psychological support if available





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Rehabilitation following kidney transplant

Helping patients to understand how to safely build back strength and fitness after surgery





Provide recipients with advice prior to discharge on exercise and lifestyle, including risks of weight gain post-transplant and advice on prevention.



Provide patients with an advice sheet and example exercise plan (there is a downloadable plan you can use on the OTDT ERASTx webpage https://www.odt.nhs.uk)



Signpost to:

- Electronic platforms (such as Kidney Beam)
- Local community options for health and wellbeing (local and national charities, GP social prescribing)
- Local rehabilitation referral if available
- Weight management referral if BMI>30