

Blue Distinction Centers for Transplants® Program Selection Criteria for 2008/2009 Designations

PANCREAS TRANSPLANT

To qualify as a Blue Distinction Center for Transplants® (BDCT), each facility must satisfy BDCT's quality based Simultaneous Pancreas Kidney (SPK) and Pancreas (PAK/PTA) Transplant and Solid Organ Transplant Program selection criterion. BDCT's detailed Request for Information (RFI) survey examines the facility's clinical structure, processes, and outcomes for transplant services, as well as certain responses to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) Standardized RFI Transplant Administrative Survey, UNOS Program Information RFI, and Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) Experience Data Part F. A mid-level description of the BDCT selection criteria for BDCT's Pancreas Transplant category appears below; for more detail, contact the BDCT Administrator at bdcadmins@bcbsa.com. Additional quality factors may impact a local BCBS company's decision to invite a facility to participate in the BDCT RFI. Successful facilities then undergo an on-site inspection by BDCT's clinical review team. The BDCT designation process is complete after the facility enters a BDCT Participation Agreement, through which it provides global pricing for transplants (includes hospital, professional, and other provider services) and agrees to follow certain administrative requirements. Once awarded, BDCT designation is contingent on each facility's ongoing compliance with BDCT selection criteria, subject to thorough investigation on a case-by-case basis for any changes. All BDCT facilities resubmit clinical data periodically and undergo an initial on-site inspection.

CATEGORY	RFI	CRITERIA DESCRIPTION	Threshold	2008 CORE POINTS
STRUCTURE				
Living Donor Programs	UNOS	Have developed policies/procedures/ protocols to address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all phases of the living donation process, - the duties and responsibilities of the Independent Donor Advocate, - the medical evaluation of the potential living donor, and - the Informed Consent for the Donor Evaluation Process as defined by CMS and UNOS bylaws.		Informational
Cardiac Assessment	BDCT	Pre-transplant patients are evaluated by a cardiologist	Yes	1
OUTCOMES				
Volume	UNOS SRTR	Actively performing simultaneous pancreas kidney (SPK), pancreas (PAK/PTA) transplants, primarily SPK	TOTAL ≥ 16 <u>SPK, PAK/PTA</u> over 2 years with ≥ 6 SPK in each of the 2 calendar years and ≥ 8 <u>PAK/PTA/SPLK</u> over 2 years	Required
		Actively performing SPK, PAK/PTA transplants, primarily PAK/PTA	TOTAL ≥ 16 SPK, PAK/PTA over 2 years with ≥ 5 <u>SPK</u> over 2 years and ≥ 6 <u>PAK/PTA</u> in each of the 2 calendar years	Required

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OUTCOMES (cont.)				
Survival	SRTR	One-month and one-year patient and graft survival must not be statistically lower than the expected outcome as reported by SRTR for the most recent timeframe available.	Yes	Required
Re-transplants	UNOS SRTR	Overall 1-month and 1-year SPK program re-transplant rate	1mo ≤ 0.37% 1yr ≤ 1.4%	2 2
		Overall 1-month and 1-year PAK/PTA program re-transplant rate	1mo ≤ 0.9% 1yr ≤ 2.7%	2 2
Rate of Graft Thrombosis	BDCT	Program tracks and collects data.	Yes	Required
		Rate of Pancreas Graft Non-Function Thrombosis within 7 days of Transplant for SPK program	≤5%	4
		Rate of Pancreas Graft Non-Function Thrombosis within 7 days of Transplant for PAK/PTA program	≤ 5%	4
Death rate per year on waitlist	SRTR	Death rate per year on waitlist is not statistically higher than the expected as reported by SRTR for the most recent timeframe available	Statistically Lower or Not statistically higher	1
			Statistically Higher	0

KIDNEY ONLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH SPK/PAK CRITERIA

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STRUCTURE				
	BDCT	Programs applying for adult kidney only transplant must meet all BDCT criteria for SPK/PAK transplant	Yes	Required
OUTCOMES				
Volume	BDCT	Actively performing kidney (deceased and living donor) transplants	≥ 40 a year for 2 years	Required
Survival	SRTR	One-month and one-year kidney only patient and graft survival must not be statistically lower than the expected outcome as reported by SRTR for the most recent timeframe available.	Yes	Required

Note: Designation as Blue Distinction Centers means these facilities' overall experience and aggregate data met objective criteria established in collaboration with expert clinicians' and leading professional organizations' recommendations. Individual outcomes may vary. To find out which services are covered under your policy at any facility, please call your local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan.