

Liver Transplant Unit-Criteria for referral

The Scottish liver transplant unit is based at:

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See also website:

<http://www.nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk/Services/A-Z/ScottishLiverTransplantUnit>

Guidelines

It is unusual to have to refer a patient directly to the transplant unit from the Emergency Department. Most referrals will be made by the hospital medical staff. If you see a patient in A&E who may require direct referral then discuss with senior A&E staff.

The following are broad guidelines when to consider referral for liver transplantation

Acute Liver Failure

- Discuss if: P T >20 seconds or INR >2.0
- PH <7.3 or (H+) >50
- Hypoglycaemia
- Conscious level impaired
- Creatinine >200 umol/L

Contraindications

- Extra hepatic malignancy, multifocal hepatocellular carcinoma and malignant portal vein occlusion
- Active alcohol or intravenous drug abuse
- HIV positivity
- Uncontrolled extra hepatic infection