

Thank you for reaching out to us!

As we mentioned yesterday we are happy to offer any assistance we can. Please see our answers below.

1) Any possibility of doing the pre-op period in SK?

SK residents being worked up do receive their “regular” health care in SK while being worked-up for transplant. They are required to go to the out-of-province program only for testing specific to their transplant.

Many of the assessment tests that out-of-province transplant programs require are already preformed in SK. This can include echo’s, blood work, x-rays, etc.

Potential recipients will always have to travel to these programs (usually Edmonton) as a hands on assessment is required by transplant physicians, educators/nurses, physio therapy, and psychological assessment. Programs like Edmonton’s also have more access to the tests and provide required tests that SK does not have the ability to perform.

Although Saskatchewan Transplant Program has staff that have knowledge in solid organ transplant (heart, lung, liver) we do not have knowledge in assessment and education of these patients. Nor do we have the resources in nursing, pharmacy, social work, therapies, labs and diagnostics to provide care at the level this patient group deserves.

2) Have heard from folks about how onerous the time in Edmonton is, especially for lung transplants. Are there occasions where people find they can’t afford, despite life and death?

Time spent in Edmonton can be a significant burden to some families and patients. The Kinsmen Foundation of Saskatchewan provide a lot of funding for patients to assist with this cost. Patients must apply to the Kinsmen for funding, meeting criteria set out by the Kinsmen. For children funding is also available through David Foster Foundation .

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Good morning Erin,

Thank you again for taking time out of your very busy schedule to present to the Standing Committee on Human Services. The committee would like the Saskatchewan Transplant Program to respond to the following questions:

- Any possibility of doing the pre-op period in SK?
- Have heard from folks about how onerous the time in Edmonton is, especially for lung transplants. Are there occasions where people find they can't afford, despite life and death?

The committee recognizes that today is the deadline for written submissions but is comfortable with accepting the responses to their questions at a later date. Please send the responses to the questions as quickly as possible for committee consideration.

Take care,

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