Chronic Kidney Disease	Referral Guide: Page 1 of 1	**Nephrology**

Diagnosis/Definition:

The Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Clinic at Eastside Clinic will follow patients with chronic progressive kidney disease that meet the following criteria:

1. Have a serum creatinine >1.5 mg/dL
2. Are > 6 months from needing renal placement therapy
3. Have a known diagnosis for the etiology of their renal failure.
4. Have a PCP at Eastside Clinic.

Initial Diagnosis and Management:

None required, only need to meet above criteria.

Ongoing Management and Objectives:

1. Blood pressure control.
2. Treatment of anemia.
3. Timely placement of vascular access.
4. Treatment of metabolic acidosis.
5. Management of electrolyte abnormalities including Ca and Phos.
6. Treatment of proteinuria.
7. Education about renal replacement therapy.

Indications for Specialty Care Referral:

Serum creatinine >1.5 mg/dL

Test(s) to Prepare for Consult:	**Test(s) Consultant May Need To Do:**
Chem 7, CBC	Ca, Phos, PTH, Fe studies, quantitation of proteinuria

Criteria for Return to Primary Care:

This Clinic will co-manage the patients with their primary care provider up to the point of starting hemodialysis.

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Disclaimer: Adherence to these guidelines will not ensure successful treatment in every situation. Further, these guidelines should not be considered inclusive of all accepted methods of care or exclusive of other methods of care reasonably directed to obtaining the same results. The ultimate judgment regarding the appropriateness of any specific procedure, therapy, or referral must be made by the physician/provider in light of all circumstances presented by an individual patient.