Lung and Heart/Lung Lay Terms for Transplant

What criteria must be met for a lung transplant/who gets a lung transplant

- Untreatable end-stage lung disease due to any cause
- Absence of other significant medical diseases
- Substantial limitation of daily activities
- Limited life expectancy
- Consistent and reliable social support system
- Be able to meet the financial obligation of transplant

Relative and Absolute contraindications to lung transplantation include:

- Serious disease of other organ systems
- Active infection outside the lungs
- Smoking or substance abuse
- Poor nutritional status, severe obesity or malnourished state
- Severely limited functional status with poor rehabilitation potential
- Colonization of pan resistant organisms
- High dose steroids Greater than 10mg steroids per day with inability to wean
- Absence of strong social support system or significant social issues
- Active malignancy within the past 5 yrs
  (with the exception of basal and squamous cell carcinoma of the skin).
- Non adherence to medical therapies and appointments
- Severe osteoporosis
- Ventilator dependency
- Severe esophageal dysmotility

Heart/Lung Transplant

This selection criteria apply for combined heart-lung transplant referrals. In addition, patients must have significant cardiac dysfunction.