

OPTN Minority Affairs and Kidney Transplantation Committees
Reassess Race in Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR) Calculation Workgroup
Meeting Summary
June 1, 2022, 1:30PM ET
Teleconference Meeting

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Introduction

The Reassess Race in eGFR Calculation Workgroup (the Workgroup) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 06/01/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Required Documentation
2. Timeframe & Candidate Listing
3. Modifications Submission & Review Process

The following is a summary of the Workgroup's discussions.

1. Required Documentation

The Workgroup discussed which documentation should be required to support an eGFR wait-time modification request.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup was advised that the eGFR wait-time modification proposal should align with the *Establish OPTN Requirement for Race-Neutral eGFR Calculations* proposal, therefore it should not require smaller or in-house labs to use the CKPD-EPI 2021 equation. In order to preserve consistency, the Workgroup agreed that any race-neutral equation can be included as part of the required documentation for wait-time modification. The Workgroup recommended that documentation all participating transplant programs will be required to submit should be a lab print-out which shows if Black/if non-Black eGFR values *or* the original race-inclusive eGFR lab along with a converted race-neutral calculation showing a qualifying value. This recommendation aims to maintain consistency in treatment of current and future candidates as well as within OPTN policy.

2. Timeframe & Candidate Listing

The Workgroup discussed which candidates would be able to qualify within the 365-day wait-time modification policy timeframe. They agreed that candidates listed before the implementation of *Establish OPTN Requirement for Race-Neutral eGFR Calculations* policy would be able to apply for wait-time. The Workgroup determined that candidates listed during the 365-day timeframe would also be eligible to submit an eGFR waiting time modification so long as this was completed by the end of the 365th day.

The Workgroup reconfirmed its recommendation that there should be no cap on the amount of waiting time qualifying Black kidney candidates may receive.

3. Modifications Submission & Review Process

The Workgroup discussed the next steps needed, including the communication to transplant hospitals and patient education. The transplant hospitals will be informed of all necessary documentation and signatures required for submission of a wait-time modification. The eGFR Waiting Time modification form will be developed by staff with input from the Data Advisory Committee (DAC) and public comment feedback. The Workgroup agreed that the Organ Center would review requests from transplant hospitals, depending on volume of requests.

The Workgroup discussed a potential scenario in which Black candidates on dialysis could get more time back from before they started dialysis due to a race-neutral eGFR recalculation. They agreed that these candidates are in the scope of eligibility for eGFR waiting time modifications.

The Workgroup also agreed that the policy and justification for all modifications will need to be explicitly stated during public comment due to potential instances where non-black candidates apply for this modification because of delayed referral, not use of a race-inclusive eGFR calculation.

Upcoming Meeting

- June 16, 2022 @ 2PM ET

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Amaka Eneanya
 - Beatrice Concepcion
 - Carol Covington
 - Denise Alveranga
 - Martha Pavlakis
 - Oyedolamu K Olaitan
 - Paulo Martins
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Marilyn Levi
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Bryn Thompson
 - Jonathan Miller
 - Grace Lyden
- **UNOS Staff**
 - David Klassen
 - Jesse Howell
 - Kayla Temple
 - Kelley Poff
 - Lauren Mauk
 - Lindsey Larkin
 - Roger Brown
 - Sara Moriarty
 - Stryker-Ann Vosteen
 - Susan Tlusty
 - Taylor Livelli