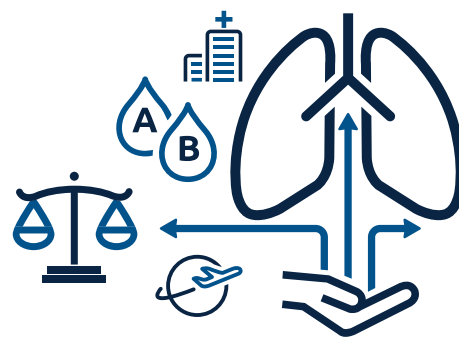


# Patient questions and resources for new lung allocation policy



## What's changing?

- A new lung allocation policy based on a framework called Continuous Distribution, took effect on March 9, 2023
- The Lung Allocation Score (LAS) that was used for the previous policy, was replaced with the new **Lung Composite Allocation Score (CAS)**
  - The lung CAS simultaneously combines multiple factors based on your medical information and facts from potential organ donors that are assigned points to make up your score

## Will my new score look like my previous score?

- No, your lung CAS will probably not look similar to your previous LAS because new factors were added to your score
  - You will be assigned a lung CAS subscore based on various factors but your final score will vary each time new lung(s) are recovered and those points are added
- Scores will be lower overall on the new system but that may not mean your priority is lower
  - An average lung CAS subscore will be between 20-30

## Do I need to do anything to prepare?

- It may help you to learn about the new system—find more details by clicking [here](#)

## What questions should I ask my transplant coordinator?

- What will my CAS score look like in the new system?
- How often should my tests be updated?

## What are the benefits of Continuous Distribution?

- It is a patient-centered policy that considers multiple factors for all candidates at the same time and makes the system more fair and efficient for everyone
- It is expected to reduce the number of candidates dying while waiting for transplant
- It will increase access to transplant for candidates who are the sickest and are harder to transplant

## Further reading and resources

- Lung transplant specific education [here](#)
- Watch videos on how continuous distribution works [here](#)

Brochure with questions and answers for patients and caregivers:

- Patient FAQs: Lung allocation based on the Composite Allocation Score (CAS) [or SCAN](#)

