

OPTN Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation Committees

Summer 2021

Implemented Policies:

- Eliminate Use of DSA in Kidney and Pancreas Allocation, Medically Urgent Candidates in New Kidney Allocation Policy, Modifications to Released Kidney and Pancreas, and Distribution of Kidneys and Pancreata from Alaska policies were implemented on March 15, 2021
- The 3-month post-implementation reports for kidney and pancreas can be found on the OPTN website:
<https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/resources/by-organ/kidney-pancreas/>

Kidney and Pancreas Committee Projects

- **Continuous Distribution – Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation Committees**
 - Developing a continuous distribution allocation system designed to dissolve hard boundaries that exist in the current, classification based system
 - The Kidney and Pancreas Committees have released a concept paper currently out for public comment, updating the community on their progress and requesting feedback
- **Reassess the Use of Race in Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR) Calculation – Kidney and Minority Affairs Committees**
 - Evaluate and reassess the use of the race coefficient in eGFR calculation, and specifically how it impacts Black patients' access to the waiting list and to transplant
 - MAC and the Kidney Committee have released a request for feedback from the community to gather sentiment and inform future policy

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- **Biopsy Best Practices – Kidney Transplantation Committee**
 - Directive from Policy Oversight Committee to establish a standardized pathology report and a minimum set of donor criteria appropriate for donor kidney biopsy
 - Working to standardize biopsy practices and reporting to improve consistency, quality, and transparency
 - Proposals projected for Winter 2022 Public Comment Cycle
- **Ad-Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee**
 - Includes representation from Kidney, Pancreas, and other organ-specific OPTN Committees
 - Created to establish Multi-Organ Allocation policy as each organ transitions into Continuous Distribution
 - Currently working to develop eligibility criteria and safety net policies for heart-kidney and lung-kidney multi-organ combinations
 - Proposal projected for Winter 2022 Public Comment Cycle

Feedback or Questions