

**OPTN Operations & Safety Committee  
Mandatory Usage of Offer Filters Workgroup  
Meeting Summary  
February 28, 2022  
Conference Call**

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## **Introduction**

The Mandatory Usage of Offer Filters Workgroup (the Workgroup) met via Citrix GoTo Meeting teleconference on 02/28/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Data Review – Voluntary Offer Filters
2. Raising Awareness
3. Communication/Education

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

### **1. Data Review – Voluntary Offer Filters**

The Workgroup reviewed follow up data on recommended filters, as well as preliminary data from the first few weeks of voluntary usage of offer filters.

#### Data summary:

##### *Follow-up on recommended filters data*

Programs that have a high percentage of donors filtered out by the recommended offer filters were typically smaller volume programs. This is based on the recommended filters applied to offers between July 1, 2021 and December 2, 2021. To note, the two-year training period included three months of data post-implementation of acuity circles, while the rest occurred during donation service area (DSA) policy era.

Additionally, there is not a clear relationship between the evidence threshold and the percentage of accepted donors. Data shows that three filter and four filter criteria have a lower effect of the percentage of offers that would be filtered.

Regarding the impact of the evidence threshold, data shows that increasing the evidence threshold from 20 to 200 does not have an overall effect on the percentage of accepted donors that would be filtered. While some programs would see an effect, there are likely additional pieces of analysis that may be beneficial to investigate.

##### *Voluntary usage of offer filters data*

The data reviewed analyzed deceased donor kidney offers since the offer filters national rollout, January 27, 2022 – February 18, 2022.

- 115 transplant programs have granted access to Offer Filters Manager
- Offer Filters Explorer has been accessed by 305 personnel across 156 transplant programs
- 47 transplant programs have enabled at least one filter

- About 75% of transplant programs have five or fewer filters enabled. 205 filters total have been enabled
- 217,965 total offers have been bypassed. This is 10.8% of all offers, and 36.7% of offers from transplant programs with at least one filter enabled.
- On average, transplant programs that have enabled at least one Offer Filter have bypassed 37.8% +/- 27.2% of offers.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup suggested reviewing data which analyzes the impact of offer filter usage on allocation time.

A member asked whether the recommended filters can be reassessed on an annual basis. Staff confirmed that there is a plan to annually reassess the recommended filters. Another member suggested the Workgroup needs to further discuss whether the recommended filters remain applicable given the change in kidney allocation policy.

A member suggested that future analysis include stratification of pediatric-only transplant programs.

**2. Raising Awareness**

The Workgroup discussed how to increase awareness of offer filters in the transplant community.

Summary of discussion:

A member stated that communicating the benefits of Offer Filters utilization is important, such as reducing cold ischemia time.

Another member suggested allowing transplant programs to review the donor ID for offers that were bypassed by applied offer filters. The member added that post-transplant outcomes could be added as well for transplant programs to review and determine whether they seek to change their behavior. The member explained it will be beneficial for transplant programs to analyze their organ offer and acceptance behaviors.

Next steps:

The Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee will receive a presentation on offer filters on March 15, 2022.

**3. Communication/Education**

The Workgroup was updated on ongoing communication and education efforts for offer filters.

Summary of discussion:

There were no comments or questions. The meeting was adjourned.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- March 28, 2022 (teleconference)

## Attendance

- **Workgroup Members**
  - Amy Evenson
  - Deb Maurer
  - Greg Abrahamian
  - Caroline Jadlowiec
  - Christopher Jones
  - Jim Kim
  - Kimberly Koontz
  - Laura O'Melia
  - Melissa Walker
  - Reginald Gohh
  - Samantha Endicott
  - Sanjeev Akkina
  - Valerie Chipman
- **HRSA Staff**
  - Raelene Skerda
- **SRTR Staff**
  - Katie Audette
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Brittany Shean
  - Carlos Martinez
  - Joann White
  - Lauren Mauk
  - Leah Slife
  - Meghan McDermott
  - Melissa Lane
  - Rebecca Fitz
  - Robert Hunter
  - Sharon Shepherd