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