

# Update Kidney Paired Donation Policy

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# Purpose of Proposal

- Bring administrative OPTN Kidney Paired Donation Pilot Program (KPDPP) policies up to date with current practices
- Increase efficiency within the KPD match offer, exchange, and transplant processes
- Clarify policy language and requirements
- Align OPTN *Policy 13: Kidney Paired Donation* with other OPTN Policies

# Proposal: Administrative Policy

- This proposal will condense match offer and exchange deadlines in the OPTN KPDPP:

Action	Current Deadline	Proposed Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary response to match offer</li> </ul>	2 business days	2 business days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital agreement on crossmatching kit contents, delivery and donor instructions</li> <li>• Donor's hospital report crossmatch date and agreement to the OPTN.</li> <li>• Donor's hospital makes donor records available for candidate hospital review</li> </ul>	4 business days	<b>3 business days</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate's hospital report results of <u>crossmatch</u> and confirm acceptance or report refusal</li> </ul>	15 business days	<b>10 business days</b>

# Proposal: Administrative Policy

- Within 60 calendar days of receiving the match offer:
  - Donor's transplant hospital must recover the kidney from the matched donor
  - Candidate's transplant hospital must transplant into the candidate
- Modify OPTN KPDPP extension request policy:
  - An extension is granted if any of the transplant hospitals in the exchange fail to respond to the request

# Proposal: Informed Consent

- Clarify informed consent requirements are applicable for any KPD program
- Align KPD Donor informed consent requirements with Living Donation policy:
  - Be more inclusive of financial risk and potential resources available to mitigate donation-related costs
- Require paired donor's signature to confirm the donor has been informed that they may withdraw participation in the KPD program at any time, for any reason

# Proposal: Bridge Donors

- Update the definition of “Bridge Donor”
- Modify informed consent requirements for bridge donors:
  - Remove requirement to provide estimate of how long a bridge donor can expect to wait before undergoing surgery
  - Emphasize the bridge donor’s autonomy to determine how long they are willing to wait
  - Require documentation of the donor’s estimate in the medical record

# Proposal: Additional Clarifications

- Cross reference in *OPTN Policy 14.6.B: Placement of Non-Directed Living Donor Organs*
  - Note that these requirements do not apply to non-directed donors participating in a KPD program
- Minor language alignments to *OPTN Policy 13.7.G: OPTN KPD Waiting Time Reinstatement*

# Rationale

- Establish more efficient timeframe for OPTN KPD exchanges
- Increase fairness to patients
  - Reduce risk of an exchange breaking due to candidate illness, donor unavailability, etc.
  - Prevent termination of an exchange due to non-response
- Ensure holistic informed consent for participants in any KPD program
- Emphasize donor autonomy and ensure transplant programs have explicit conversations regarding expectations
- Align policy language with other OPTN Policies to provide clarity

# Member Actions

- Transplant programs participating in any KPD program will need to:
  - Ensure candidates and living donors are appropriately consented
  - Appropriate documentation maintained
- Transplant programs participating in the OPTN KPDPP will need to ensure requirements are completed by the updated deadlines
- Histocompatibility laboratories will need to ensure typing materials are processed and crossmatched in a timely manner

# What do you think?

- Do the deadlines provide sufficient time to perform the required tasks and review the match offer?
  - Is the 60 day deadline from time of match offer to recovery and transplant surgery appropriate?
  - Should the deadline for the provision of a preliminary response be shortened to one business day from receipt of match offer, or is two business days more appropriate?
  - Should clinical donor information, such as renal images, be specified as required donor information made accessible to the matched candidate's transplant hospital within the three business day deadline?
- How can overuse of extension requests be discouraged? How can better performance be incentivized in the program?
- Should policy specify that transplant programs obtain a signature from bridge donors confirming informed consent and the estimated period of willingness to be a bridge donor?

Thank You!