

The OPTN also received effective practices recommendations from programs in attendance.

eGFR cutoff

- Recommendation to use an eGFR “cutoff.” Programs establish what race- inclusive eGFR value is too high to meet the span 20 rule when recalculated with a race-neutral eGFR. If a program could only find documentation of a race-inclusive eGFR above the established eGFR cutoff, the program would know the candidate’s recalculated race- neutral eGFR value would not put them in the scope of eligibility for an eGFR waiting time modification.

Registering new kidney candidates

- Recommendation to register candidate to waiting list, then immediately check for eGFR waiting time modification eligibility and submit if eligible. This two-step process can be completed at one point in time.
- Recommendation to fulfill candidate notification one by including it in the new patient notification information provided to every candidate upon registration.

Candidate notifications

- Recommendation to individualize notifications for candidate who may be eligible for an eGFR waiting time modification by adding clinical or other useful information.
- Recommendation to send a more general notification to those candidates who are not eligible for an eGFR waiting time modification.

If supporting documentation is not found in the program’s record

- Recommendation to check for supporting documentation within the program’s records first. If not found, include the candidate’s referring nephrologist contact information in the candidate notification to encourage the candidate to contact their referring nephrologist.

Strategies to reduce workload

- Recommendation to request additional staff members for this task.
- Recommendation to develop a workflow where certain staff are responsible for each step of the process (generating and sending candidate notifications, seeking supporting documentation, submitting eGFR Waiting Time Modification Form, etc.).