OPTN Leadership Update Summer 2021

Donation and transplant numbers



*Graphic updated 1/21/2021. Based on OPTN data as of 1/11/21. Data subject to change based on future data submission or correction.



2021 Donation and Transplant data



COVID-19 updates

COVID-related policy status

Policy	Status
Updating Candidate Data During COVID-19 Emergency	Repealed April 26, 2021, effective July 27, 2021.
Relax Data Submission Requirements for Follow- up Forms ("amnesty policy")	Repealed March 1, 2021; forms due March 13, 2020 through March 31, 2021 due July 1, 2021
Modify Wait Time Initiation for Non-Dialysis Kidney Candidates	Repealed June 14, 2021, effective September 1, 2021.
Incorporate COVID-19 Infectious Disease Testing into DonorNet [®]	Permanent and required – implementation date January, 27, 2021
Lower Respiratory SARS-CoV-2 Testing for Lung Donors	Emergency and required – implementation date May 27, 2021

Data amnesty update

- Vast majority of forms have been submitted
- Less than 0.5% of each form type still expected
- Median Number of Forms by Center is 0

Form Type	N (%)
LDF	80 (0.4%)
PTM	40 (0.4%)
TRF	1,798 (0.4%)

COVID testing in lung donors

Number of transplanted lung donors by month and LRT



Other COVID updates

- Donations and transplants are up
- Registrations are stable
- Summer 2021 regional meetings converted to virtual format
- Site surveys phasing back in, with process improvements
- UNOS staff on hybrid schedules
- Committees and Board planning for in-person meetings later in 2021

One Year Results: Equity in Liver Allocation

While one year of data is not sufficient to draw long term conclusions, we can observe that...

- ...there is a **reduction in the geographic variability** in how long patients wait for a transplant.
- ...transplant rates for more urgent candidates and for pediatric candidates between the ages of 12 and 17 increased.
- ...transplant rates increased the most for Black medically urgent candidates.
- ...the number of waiting list removals decreased for reasons of patient death or being too sick to transplant.
- ...the median distance between donor hospital and transplant hospital has increased (72 to 141 nautical miles for adult transplants), particularly for medically-urgent adults. The median cold ischemic time, however, increased only slightly (12 minutes for adult transplants).
- There was no significant difference in 6-month patient survival.

3-Month Data Report Results: Removal of DSA and Region from Kidney Allocation

- Transplant volumes increased
 - Pediatrics
 - Black and Hispanic candidates
 - Higher dialysis time candidates
 - CPRA 80-97%
- Overall discard rate did not increase
- More kidneys are distributed outside the donor hospital DSA, but most stay within 250 NM
- Results align with KPSAM modeling used to inform policy development

Systems Thinking



Systems Performance Committee

- OPTN Ad Hoc Systems
 Performance Committee
 recommendations serve as basis
 for system-level improvements,
 both within and outside of OPTN
 authority
- Report results baked into 2021-2024 OPTN Strategic Plan



https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/members/committees/ad-hoc-systems-performance-committee/

Select Systems-Level improvement projects

- Image Sharing
- Recovery and Usage Maps (RUM)
- Report of Organs Offered (ROO)
- DonorNet Mobile
- APIs
- Predictive analytics on the way!



*Detail on slides 11-17 **Detail on slides 18-

Improving the offer system

- Phase I: Develop framework/standardization of processes
 - Defining provisional yes offers and outlining the responsibilities of members
 - Offer Filters for Kidney
 - Modify amount of offers sent out
 - Time Limits on Offers
- Phase II: Dynamic match run
 - Capability to filter off candidates from match run who no longer meet acceptance criteria once donor information is updated
 - Continuously evolving match run

Transplant Program Performance Metrics

The goal is to monitor for patient safety concerns and opportunities for transplant program process improvement.



Transplant Program Performance Metrics



- Offer acceptance: Program's rate of accepting organ offers relative to the national average
- Waitlist mortality: Program's waitlist mortality rate relative to the national average
- 90-day graft survival hazard ratio: In the first 90 days post-transplant, a graft is counted as failed if there has been graft failure or death
- One-year graft survival conditional on 90-day graft survival hazard ratio: After the patient has been released to longer-term post-transplant care, a graft is counted as failed if there has been graft failure or death

2022 OPTN fee

OPTN registration fees – 2016-2022



Board and committee service

Current OPTN committee demographics



Current Board of Directors demographics



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