What's changing?

• Both the Model for End Stage Liver Disease (MELD) and Pediatric End Stage Liver Disease (PELD) calculations will be updated July 13, 2023.

• MELD and PELD are used to set liver allocation priority for most transplant patients. They use lab test data and objective medical information about the candidate to provide a score used in liver allocation. Candidates with higher MELD or PELD scores have more immediate priority for available organ offers.

• The updates to MELD and PELD will improve how well they predict how sick a transplant candidate is and the priority that person should have.

Will my new score look like my previous score?

• For some people, their score will not change based on the updates. For others it could either increase or decrease.

Do I need to do anything to prepare?

• Your transplant team will let you know if you need to get an updated lab test or provide other information.

• It may help you to learn about the new scoring system. An FAQ document is available here.

• View here a recording of a patient webinar that took place June 28, 2023.

What questions should I ask my transplant coordinator?

• What will my MELD or PELD score look like when the changes take effect?

• How often will my tests need to be updated?

What are the benefits of the updated MELD and PELD?

• It will provide a score that better reflects a candidate’s condition.
  • It should 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.

How can I learn more?

• Your transplant team will always have the most complete information about your condition and treatment.

• An FAQ about the MELD and PELD updates is available here. A more general FAQ about liver allocation is available here.

• A sample MELD calculator and PELD calculator are available for you to see what factors go into the score.