Kidney transplantation and roles of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN)

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# **Organ Matching**

#### Donor organ



National computer matching system



Transplant



# **UNOS** Organization

- Non-profit and charitable
- Membership organization
- Government contractor (OPTN)
  - Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network



# What **OPTN Does**

- Maintains national transplant list
- Facilitates organ distribution, transplantation
- Establishes equitable policies and membership standards
- Monitors members for policy compliance
- Collects/validates/reports transplant data
- Promotes most/best use of available organs

### Deceased Donors Recovered in the U.S: 2000 - 2017



Deceased Donors

### Beginning of the Waitlist Decline: October 31, 2014



### U.S. Transplants Performed by Organ, 2017



# New kidney allocation system (KAS)

- KAS implemented Dec 4, 2014
- Key goals:
  - Make better use of available kidneys
  - Increase transplant opportunities for difficult-to-match patients (increased equity)
  - Increase fairness by awarding waiting time points based on dialysis start date
  - Have limited impact on most candidate demographic groups



## **New Kidney Allocation System 2014**

- Waiting time changed to dialysis start date or GFR < 20</li>
- Longevity matching using KDPI and EPTS
- Increased priority for highly sensitized recipients
- Increased access for blood group B: A2 and A2B to B transplants
- Eliminates paybacks and regional allocation variances
- No attempt to address geographic disparity

# **OPTN DSA map**



# **OPTN regional map**



## Estimated post-transplant survival - EPTS

Age

- Time on dialysis
- Current diabetes
- Prior transplant



## Kidney donor profile index - KDPI

- Age
- Height
- Weight
- Ethnicity
- History of hypertension

- History of diabetes
- Cause of death
- Serum creatinine
- Hepatitis C status
- DCD status

Sequence A KDPI <=20%	Sequence B KDPI >20% but <35%	Sequence C KDPI >=35% but <=85%	Sequence D KDPI>85%
Highly Sensitized 0-ABDRmm (top 20% EPTS) Prior living donor Local pediatrics Local top 20% EPTS 0-ABDRmm (all) Local (all) Regional pediatrics Regional (top 20%) Regional (all) National pediatrics National (top 20%) National (all)	Highly Sensitized 0-ABDRmm Prior living donor Local pediatrics Local adults Regional pediatrics Regional adults National pediatrics National adults	Highly Sensitized 0-ABDRmm Prior living donor Local Regional National	Highly Sensitized 0-ABDRmm Local + Regional National

### Estimated Time to Deceased Donor Kidney Transplant for Very Highly Sensitized (CPRA 98-100%) Candidates, Pre vs. Post-KAS



### Who's getting transplanted under KAS?

Percentage of Deceased Donor Kidney Transplants by Recipient Race/ethnicity



 More African Americans are receiving kidney transplants, although less so during the 2<sup>nd</sup> six months.

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### Equity in Access Key Study Finding: KAS Increased Equity

Figure 3: Tracking Variability in Access-to-Transplant Score (ATS) Among Waitlisted Kidney Candidates by Quarter (January 2010 - March 2016)



Disparity in access (SD of ATS scores) decreased by 40% after KAS, suggesting that KAS led to improved equity in access.

### Equity in Access

#### Assessment of Factors Contributing Most to Disparities

Figure 4: Variability in Access-to-Transplant Score (ATS) by Candidate Characteristic, 'All Else Equal', Post-KAS: 2016Q1



➢ Results from 1Q2016 suggest remaining disparities in access are UNITED NETWORK FOR OR predominantly attributable to 3 factors: DSA, CPRA, and ABO.

## **One-Year Patient Survival: Overall**



UNITED NETWORK FOR OCAN SHARING patient survival rates were statistically different, decreasing from 96.9% pre-KAS to 96.2% post-KAS.

#### **One-Year Graft Survival: Overall** Pre-KAS Post-KAS KAS Year (N = 10,901)(N = 11,396)100%-95%-Graft Survival (%) p-value: 0.0727 90%-85%-80%-180 210 240 270 300 330 30 60 90 120 150 0 360 Time Post-Transplant (Days) The one-year graft survival rate for transplants post-KAS (93.6%) was similar to pre-KAS rate (94.1%);

rates were borderline different (p = 0.0727).

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## **OPTN Roles in Living Donation**

- Maintaining quality standards and requirements
  - Training/experience for key personnel at living donor programs
  - Minimum requirements for donor evaluation, informed consent
- Collecting Data (living donor followup as well as recipient)
- OPTN KPD Pilot Program

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## **Paired Donation**

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## **Resources available**

#### Transplant Living (*transplantliving.org*)

- Issues to consider before and after transplantation
- Information on living donation
- Links to additional resources

#### UNOS online store (store.unos.org)

- Patient brochures and other materials
- Downloadable for individual use; ability to order prints in quantity

#### OPTN website (*optn.transplant.hrsa.gov*)

- National transplant data and resources
- OPTN policies, bylaws, news
- Policy proposals out for public comment