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The CMS/HRSA Kidney Donation and Transplant Initiative



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



Welcome to our 5th edition of Everything ETCLC. This month we are excited to reveal the recently approved ETCLC logo! Branding our national collaborative, is a valuable milestone to help the kidney community differentiate the vital work taking place in each our QI Teams and participating organizations. As we begin 2023, our community will continue our focused efforts on Aim 2, decreasing discards, as the QI Team members deep dive into offer filters, waitlist management and patient education.

On behalf of the TAQIL Team, we wish you a Happy & Healthy New Year and look forward to keeping you “*Informed, Involved & Inspired*” in 2023!

Be part of the January 25th, mid-year LAN achievements and recognition quotes, please send your greatest 2022 moment of the collaborative to TAQILInfo@hsag.com. Team photos welcome and encouraged!

ETCLC NATIONAL AIMS | 2022 - 2023

The ETCLC identifies highly effective practices currently in use to spread throughout the organ donation and recovery, kidney care, and kidney transplant community to achieve the following three Aims (effective August 2022):

| ETCLC National Aims | Aim | Target | Projection | Status |
|---|---|--------|------------|---|
|  Through 09/30/2022 | Aim #1 – Increase Deceased Kidney Transplants | 21,232 | 21,012 |  |
| | Aim #2a – Decrease Discard Rate KDPI <60 | 8.2% | 12.3% |  |
| | Aim #2b – Decreased Discard Rate KDPI >=60 | 40.0% | 46.3% |  |
| | Aim #3 – Increase % of 60-85 KDPI recovered for Transplant | 12,074 | 10,512 |  |

Notes: Projected values are annualized amounts based on data received to date. (two months)
The collaborative works from August to July vs calendar year.

Note: The National dashboard was updated to reflect Year 2 Aim changes with receipt of September SRTTR data

What do you want to hear more about in this communication?
Email your feedback to us at TAQILInfo@hsag.com with your suggestions.

ETCLC Patient & Donor Family Representative (PFR) Spotlight

Kenneth Teasley's life changed in 1993 when he was diagnosed with HIV, hypertension, and then chronic kidney disease (CKD). In 2010 he went into kidney failure that required he start dialysis. In April 2022, Kenneth lost his transplanted kidney but has hope of getting a new kidney.

Kenneth was a dialysis patient for five years before being selected to be a part of an experimental kidney transplant program, the federal HIV Organ Policy Equity (HOPE) Act, which allows HIV-positive kidney patients to receive a working kidney from HIV-positive donors. Kenneth is active with the ESRD National Coordinating Center and volunteers for ESRD Network 2. He hopes to inspire other kidney patients to do all they can to improve their health.



QI Teams who need support including the PFR lived experience into their Pacing Events can email TAQILInfo@hsag.com or contact Jerome Bailey at jbailey@hsag.com.

An Update from Our 25 Quality Improvement Teams



QI Teams are spreading best practices across the country! November and December QI Team meetings brought a renewed focus to the collaborative's second aim, reducing the rate of kidney discard. The most common initiatives were distilled into the Top 11 suggestions in four key areas: Reporting, Policy and Organizational Processes, Education, and Transportation. QI Teams were asked to describe how their organization has implemented any of the top 11 initiatives and the qualitative and/or quantitative outcomes they have seen from the implementation.

Several key sentiments emerged from team conversations; 1) Using bypass filters can reduce CIT and maintain transplant center volume; 2) Using RUM and ROO reports can help establish filter parameters; 3) Waitlist management is essential to patient readiness to accept a kidney, especially a *better than dialysis* kidney. 4) Timing is everything in donation and recovery to ensure the most effective and efficient placement of the kidney.

The Pediatric Team continues to have dynamic dialogue around the uniqueness of pediatric processes. The team shared that they must often consider that a pediatric kidney transplant will most likely not be the child's only kidney transplant (given their age), so there are many factors to consider in hopes that the kidney will last for as long as possible. We appreciate the commitment and insights shared by all QI Teams! **We appreciate the commitment and insights shared by all QI Teams!**

Thank you to our QI Teams and Coaches that presented during our December Case Study and Pacing Event sessions. **Teams T08C, D23W and D22C, thank you** for your [commitment](#) to this work, your [peers](#), and our [community](#)! Feedback consistently shared by attendees shows that organizations are learning new practices and taking them back to their organization to consider implementation. Recordings are available on the KSP; ask your contact to share the links.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH | *The Voices of ETCLC*

*"If we all use filters, we save staff time, and receive offers for kidneys that align with our patient's and center priorities."
~ Setting Offer Filters in UNOS*

*"I think people wait on the perfect kidney but there are no guarantees either way."
~ Patient who chose a high KDPI kidney*

"Consider a group think approach... collaborate with all Transplant Centers in your DSA to determine why kidneys were denied by one center but used by the other. What can we learn as a group?" ~ QI Team Monthly Call

CALENDAR OF ETCLC EVENTS

Events and presenters are subject to change without notice. [Click Here](#) to log into the KSP for real time updates.

| Day/Date | Time (ET) | Event Type | Audience/Estate |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| Wed, January 4 th | 1:00 – 2:00 pm | Pacing Event Team T09C | All Members Welcome |
| Wed, January 11 th | 12:00 – 1:00 pm | Case Study Team D24W | All Members Welcome |
| Tues, January 10 th | Monthly PR | Progress Reporting Due via Progress Tracker plus 2 nd Month of Aim 2 Focused Effort Reporting | Progress Reporters |
| Wed, January 18 th | 1:00 – 2:00 pm | Pacing Event Team T15E | All Members Welcome |
| Wed, January 25 th | 4:00 – 5:00 pm | ETCLC Mid-Year Learning & Action Meeting | All Members Welcome |
| Wed, February 1 st | 1:00 – 2:00 pm | Pacing Event Team T01E | All Members Welcome |
| Wed, February 8 th | 12:00 – 1:00 pm | Case Study Team T05E | All Members Welcome |
| Thur, February 9 th | 2:00 – 3:00 pm | Leadership Coordinating Council (LCC) Quarterly Call | LCC Members |
| Fri, February 10 th | Monthly PR | Progress Reporting Due via Progress Tracker plus 2 nd Month of Aim 2 Focused Effort Reporting | Progress Reporters |
| Wed, February 15 th | 1:00 – 2:00 pm | Pacing Event Team D17E | All Members Welcome |
| Wed, February 22 nd | 4:00 – 5:00 pm | Case Study Team T11C | All Members Welcome |



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Quick Reference



New to ETCLC? Here are some FAQs – For more information, visit etclc.org

Who is involved in the ETCLC? During the Fall of 2021, the ESRD Treatment Choices Learning Collaborative enrolled more than 80% of US transplant centers, 90% of Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs), plus the donor hospitals in each OPO's donor service area. Together, these groups represent more than 400 organizations, working in 25 separate Quality Improvement (QI) Donation and Transplant Teams, including one Pediatric Team. Professional organizations and patient advocacy groups are organized into the Leadership Coordinating Council (LCC), while the National Faculty provides oversight on the work to enhance the ETCLC Kidney Donation and Kidney Utilization Change Packages.

What is the difference between an ETCLC Case Study and a Pacing Event? Pacing Events offer a Best Practice, Process, or Procedure and are available bi-weekly. A Case Study refers to a specific Clinical Case or Barrier Discussion and is offered twice monthly. (Learning Sessions are available most Wednesdays throughout the Year and led by QI Teams.)

Slack. It's a snap!



Did You Know: Your [Slack](#) account will deactivate if you do not log in regularly.

Please log into [Slack](#) at least **once per month** to stay current with ETCLC discussion taking place in the collaborative.

"In order to comply with CMS policy, any accounts that have not logged into QualityNet Slack and Confluence in the last 180 or more consecutive days will have their QualityNet Slack and Confluence Entitlement removed. Please remember to log in on a regular basis if you would like to retain access to your account."

If your account has been deactivated, please visit <https://harp.cms.gov/login> to re-request the roles QualityNet Slack Entitlement. Instructions for re-requesting: Click the [Slack Confluence space Getting Started](#) tab."

You will only need to reinstate your roles; you will not need to go through the HARP registration process again.

RESOURCES & LINKS

ETCLC PARTICIPANT SITES | Accessibility is limited to participating ETCLC organizations

[Knowledge Sharing Platform \(KSP\)](#) | Available to one representative per participating organization to access QI Team resources, calendar events, and recordings & materials from all Pacing Events & Case Studies (requires a [HARP](#) account).

[ETCLC Dashboard](#) | Provides monthly progress updates on the Three Aims (requires a [HARP](#) account).

[Slack](#) | This peer-to-peer, searchable platform, offers a collaborative space to discuss special topics when members want to communicate; available 24/7/365 (requires [HARP](#) access, open to all participants). Submit your request to [join Slack here](#). QI Teams are engaging in exciting dialogue around topics such as increasing utilization and decreasing discard rates. There is also a great opportunity to ask questions of patient and donor family representatives. Request a Slack account – open to all ETCLC participants – to join the conversation, collaborate with peers, and ask questions of the community on [Slack](#)!

Do you have questions about a HARP ID, the KSP, or Slack? Email us for assistance today at TAQILInfo@hsag.com.

**Thank you to our volunteer members, coaches, faculty, LCC,
and ESRD Networks for your leadership & support.**



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