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Latest News

ETCLC Physician Community of Practice Town Hall: The May 9th event opened with a special briefing on the Increasing Organ Transplant Access (IOTA) model by Lina Gebremariam, MS, from the Department of Health and Human Services. Links to the [Notice of Proposed Rule Making](#), [IOTA Fact Sheet](#) and [IOTA Model Webpage](#) were made available. The Town Hall then provided a panel discussion on Decreasing Kidney Nonuse through Growth and Capacity, led by Matthew Cooper, MD, from Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital. Panelists included:

- John Friedewald, MD, Northwestern Memorial Hospital,
- Michael Goldstein, MD, FACS, Hackensack University Medical Center,
- Amanda Bailey, DO, Henrico Doctors' Hospital, and
- Nikki Gage, RN, BSN, Henrico Doctors' Hospital.

Discussions focused on the impact organizational culture has on transplant growth and innovation. Key takeaways included:

- To grow a transplant program, ensure a culture of “yes.”
- Program growth starts with the vision of wanting to be part of increasing kidney transplants and must include the hospital C-suite leadership.
- Patients must be part of the vision and the solution.

A recording of the Town Hall is available [HERE](#) (Passcode: GROWTH^0509)

In Case You Missed It (ICYMI): The May 22nd Pacing Event, *Equity in Kidney Transplantation (EqKT)*, focused on addressing disparities and improving transplant outcomes. Dr. Nahel Elias with the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Transplant Center described MGH's three Pillars to address transplant disparities – care in the community, care and resource navigation, and quality improvement. A recording of the event is available [HERE](#) (Passcode: PACING*0522)

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Upcoming Events & Registration Links

Thurs. 7/11	3-4 p.m. ET	Transplant Administrator and Program Manager Town Hall: Reviewing Kidney Declines to Increase Offer Acceptance Rates	Register Today
Wed. 7/17	1-2 p.m. ET	Pacing Event: Using ESRD Quality Reporting Systems (EQRS) to Improve Dialysis Facility and Transplant Program Communication	Register Today
Wed. 7/31	1-2 p.m. ET	ETCLC End of Year 3 Learning and Action Network	Register Today

Bright Ideas

ETCLC organizations continue to implement new strategies to improve outcomes, including:

- An OPO launched a pilot project with one of its donor hospitals to improve its kidney non-use rate by designating a “block” of specific operating room times each day for organ recovery. The OPO reviewed timing of previous kidney cases to determine the most suitable block of time. The OPO uses this focused organ recovery time to gather and share more detailed information with transplant centers at the time of organ offer while minimizing cold ischemic time.
- More OPOs are exploring the use of Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) to reduce cold ischemic time. One OPO utilized its internal Learning Management System to create a series of learning modules to educate staff on its benefits to transplantation. For more information about NRP, check out this [article](#) from The Alliance.

For additional emerging practices, review the QI Team [Consultancy & Monthly Summaries](#) available in the Progress Tracker.

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