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Latest News

Reimagining Kidney Transplantation and Organ Donation In-Person Learning Session: On April 10, 2024, more than 75 ETCLC members gathered in Baltimore, MD, and participated in roundtable discussions on increasing transplant program growth, cultivating OPO and transplant program relationships, improving donor management goals, keeping patients active and ready, and mitigating family opposition to First Person Authorization (FPA). Dr. Scott Lawrence, Senior Advisor with the CMS Quality Improvement and Innovation Group, gave opening remarks to kick off the event, including a call for growth in kidney transplantation. Special thanks to the individuals with kidney disease, caregivers, and donor families that joined the discussion. A comprehensive report of the session will be available in May.

In Case You Missed It (ICYMI): On April 17th, the Pacing Event *Celebrating Donate Life Month: Opportunities to Improve the Donation Experience* was held with a focus on patient and donor family representatives (PFR). Denisha Henry, an ETCLC PFR, shared her personal experience navigating the donation process for her daughter, highlighting successful approaches the hospital and OPO utilized and where there is room for improvement in organ donation. Several OPOs were also featured during the Pacing Event by sharing their impactful to elevate the voice of the patient and donor family. [Click here](#) to watch this powerful session (Zoom passcode: Donate@417).

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Upcoming Events & Registration Links

Thur. 5/9	3-4 p.m. ET	Physician Community of Practice Town Hall: Decreasing Kidney Non-use through Growth and Capacity	Register Today
Wed. 5/22	1-2 p.m. ET	Pacing Event: Equity in Kidney Transplantation (EqKT)	Register Today
Wed. 6/12	1-2 p.m. ET	Pacing Event: Donor Management Goals	Register Today
Thurs. 7/11	3-4 p.m. ET	Transplant Administrator and Program Manager Town Hall	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 & Action Network	Register Today

Bright Ideas

Multiple organizations within the ETCLC are implementing new strategies to improve outcomes. These include:

- **Clinical Office Hours:** One transplant nephrologist offers open office hours for her transplant program to provide transplant coordinators with the opportunity to ask questions and resolve barriers related to a patient's candidacy for transplantation in advance of the patient case presentation to the transplant selection committee.
- **The Next Review:** One transplant center analyzed its inactive waitlist data and found that 33% of patients were inactive for more than 120 days. The organization created a set of unified guidelines to manage inactive patients and moved them to the top of the patient list. The organization incorporated a function in EPIC (i.e., electronic medical record) to set up the "next review" for each patient and provided a checklist of tasks for transplant coordinators to complete with the capability to add notes.

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