

VOICES OF THE ETCLC | APRIL

"If you're willing to show, we're willing to shadow."

~One Donor Hospitals approach to learn more from each other

"I just heard this on an ETCLC call, their change is happening in real time. We can do it here too."

~Sharing 'What Works' when providing input to their organization's leadership

"In this collaborative, we are all working toward getting patients transplanted."

~Overheard on a QI Team during discussion

"These QI Teams accelerate our improvement and increase transplants."

~OPO Partner sharing feedback on their "Why"

ETCLC NATIONAL AIMS 2022 - 2023

The ETCLC identifies highly effective practices currently in use to spread throughout the organ donation, recovery, kidney care, and kidney transplant community to achieve the bold Aims of the ETCLC.

National Aims	Aim	Current	Projected	Target	Status
 Through 01/31/2023	Aim #1. Increase Deceased Kidney Transplants	21,022	22,677	21,232	
	Aim #2a. Decrease Discard Rate KDPI <60	8.9%	8.5%	8.2%	
	Aim #2b. Decrease Discard Rate KDPI >=60	48.5%	50.1%	40.0%	
	Aim #3. Increase % of >=60 KDPI recovered for Transplant	13,026	15,126	12,074	

All counts and rates are based on a 12-month lookback ending in last month of available data. Projections, based on predictions from LOESS regression models, are compared to targets to determine status by the end of August 2023.

To our ETCLC Patient & Donor Family Representative (PFR)

Thank you for your passion and commitment to sharing your experiences, personal perspectives, helping other understand the power and gift of donation, and for keeping patients and families at the center of our collaborative work.

Thank you to our volunteer Members, Coaches, National Faculty, LCC, and ESRD Networks for your leadership & support.

Insights from our 25 Quality Improvement Teams

In April, our QI Teams began to meet as combined larger groups to increase knowledge and gain new perspectives from peers across the country. The following graphic provides insights into topics from collaborative discussions during the monthly QI Team calls:

Challenge	Solution
National Changes →	Teams reacted to national-level changes, including HRSA's announcement to seek alternatives to UNOS and the OPTN rule that requires transplant centers to review their wait lists and update wait times for African Americans to reflect the new, race-neutral estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) calculation.
First-Person Authorization →	Several organizations have turned their focus to developing a protocol for responding to family opposition to first-person authorization, often concluding that getting the timing right is key.
Offer Filters →	The QI Team Meetings offer participants time to discuss how they can refine their offer filters. One organization reported that, after hearing of positive outcomes within the collaborative, they expanded the acceptable length of cold ischemic time.
Staff Education →	Several OPOs shared their approaches to staff education, noting that staffing turnover requires them to create simple, accessible education resources for new staff.
Better-Than-Dialysis (BTD) Kidneys →	Transplant teams focused on BTD kidneys and discussed processes for identifying appropriate candidates for this type of organ. Many transplant centers are working to standardize their decision-making processes regarding these organs.
Change Package Updates →	Completed Progress Tracker initiatives are evaluated for suitability to be included in the Change Package. The collaborative succeeds when it's able to test promising practices and have quality improvement principles replicated in multiple contexts. Promising practices and high performing organizations with continue to be highlighted in QI Team meetings and ETCLC events.
Aim 3 Focus →	Donor hospitals are increasingly identifying areas of influence in the ETCLC's third aim, to increase the percentage of change for kidneys recovered for transplant in the 60-85 Kidney Donor Profile Index (KDPI) score group. This is accomplished through greater collaboration between OPOs and Donor Hospitals, focus on clinical triggers, increasing timely referrals and honoring first-person authorization.

Thank you to our April **QI Teams** for their presentations during our Case Study and Pacing Event sessions. Sharing your knowledge and expertise supports the spread of the entire collaborative. **D18E** "Changing ED Culture & Increasing Imminent Death Referral (IDR) in an Academic Quaternary Care Hospital and Honoring an Individuals Decisions to Donate, No Matter How They Die"; **T01E** "How'd They Do That? Improving Utilization of "Better Than Dialysis"

Kidneys. A talk with Baystate Medical Center". Join us Wednesday the 26th at 1pm ET, as we recognize the Pediatric Team, P25A, during [National Pediatric Donation Week](#). Recordings of all events are available on the KSP.

CALENDAR OF ETCLC & LCC 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
Mon-Wed, May 1 st -3 rd		2023 CMS Quality Conference Building Resilient Communities: Having an Equitable Foundation for Quality Healthcare – Register: www.cmsqualcom.com	All Members Welcome
Wed, May 10 th	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event D21C (Register Here)	All Members Welcome
Wed, May 10 th	Monthly PR	Progress Reporting Due via Progress Tracker plus 2 nd Month of Aim 2 Focused Effort Reporting	Progress Reporters
Wed, May 17 th	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Case Study T03E (Register Here)	
Wed, May 24 th	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event T06E (Register Here)	All Members Welcome
Wed, June 7 th	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event D23E (Register Here)	All Members Welcome
Fri, June 9 th	Monthly PR	Progress Reporting Due via Progress Tracker plus 2 nd Month of Aim 2 Focused Effort Reporting	Progress Reporters
Wed, June 21 st	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Case Study T11C (Register Here)	All Members Welcome
Wed, June 28 th	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Case Study D14E (Register Here)	All Members Welcome

- [2023 ANNA Symposium](#). May 7-10 – Palm Springs, CA
- The Alliance: [National Pediatric Donation and Transplantation Summit](#). May 24-25 – Houston, TX
- [American Transplant Congress](#). June 3-7 – San Diego, CA
- [Association of Organ Procurement Organizations \(AOPO\)](#). June 12-15 – Orlando, FL
- [NATCO. The Organization for Donation and Transplant Professionals](#). August 7-10 – Orlando, FL
- The Alliance: [National Critical issues Forum focused on Logistics and Reducing Organ Loss](#). September 13th – Kansas City, MO

Collaboration in the ETCLC Community & National Donate Life Month



“Donor Pro Day Program held at Eskenazi Health. The conference was open to all disciplines, and we also invited other hospitals. We are trying to increase awareness of making timely referrals as a focus, but we had various speakers from all areas of organ, cornea, and tissue donation. We held this in-person and we were able to have some great conversation and collaboration.”



From our colleagues at LifeGift, Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital

Donate Life Month Prayer
 Spirit of Love & Creator of Life:
 We stand here today, remembering our call to healthcare.
 We remember the grief and helplessness during the pandemic.
 Yet our team always put the needs of the patient and their family first.
 We are grateful for their sacrificial care in the midst of their own grief.
 Bless the teams in this hospital as they continue to serve our community.

We thank you for LifeGift and their work.
 Giving comfort and hope through the option of donation.
 Bless them in all they do
 For those awaiting transplantation,
 we ask for strength and patience as their bodies struggle.
 For those who may never receive this gift,
 may they experience your presence, your comfort,
 in the midst of disappointment and endless waiting.
 Be with them.



For grieving families who are considering organ donation,
may they know their donation is truly the gift of life.
Be with them.

For donors and their families – they have given most generously.
Bless them for their gift.

For the recipients of such gift, we celebrate with them –
mothers, fathers, grandparents, brothers, daughters, child, friend.
Bless their new life.

There is much grief and guilt, and yet there is generosity and gratitude.
And we are grateful to be part of this sacred work in healthcare. Amen.



Kaiser South DLA Best Practice Posters
Sierra Donor Services

Special Thanks to Shawn-Paul Harrison at LOPA for sharing your photos!



Please continue to share your celebrations from Donate Life Month
Send your photos to tdinkel@hsag.com or TAQILInfo@hsag.com

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