

Everything ETCLC

2nd Edition | September 2022

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the community-centric *Everything ETCLC*. As a member of the ESRD Treatment Choices Learning Collaborative (ETCLC), we strive to provide you with ongoing opportunities to learn from industry peers while ensuring our renal community partners stay informed of the valuable work taking place each month.

We want your suggestions on how to enhance this communication, email us your feedback at TAQILInfo@hsaq.com.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH | *The Voices of ETCLC*

"I am going to a Transplant Center that will give me a kidney; not a perfect kidney."
~ QI Team Call

"There are no magic bullets, it's a whole lot of little things that we do."
~ High Performing OPO

"I took a less than perfect kidney and have enjoyed it for years now."
~ Recipient Perspective

Kidney Donation and Kidney Utilization Change Packages. During last month, the TAQIL Team met with our high-performing OPO partners. The summary of these interviews will be incorporated into the next version of the Kidney Donation and Kidney Utilization Change Packages. We appreciate the time and expertise shared by our colleagues at [Iowa Donor Network](#), [Mid-South Transplant Foundation](#), [Gift of Life Michigan](#), [Gift of Life Philadelphia](#), [Donor Connect](#), and [Sierra Donor Network](#). Thank you! In October and November, the TAQIL Team will be meeting with the highest performing Transplant Centers and Donor Hospitals.

Thanks to the ETCLC community's feedback during the April 2022 Change Package Assessment, our National Faculty's leadership, and support from the Leadership Coordinating Council (LCC) organizations, we have begun to update the Change Packages.

UPDATE ON ETCLC AIMS | *Changes in 2022-2023*

What are the updated goals of the ETCLC? The ETCLC identifies highly effective practices currently in use to spread throughout the organ procurement, kidney care, and kidney transplant community to achieve the following three Aims:





Aim #1: Increase the number of deceased donor kidneys transplanted

Aim #2: Decrease the current national discard rate of all procured kidneys with a KDPI ≥ 60

Aim #3: Increase the percentage of change for kidneys recovered for transplant ≥ 60 KDPI

Note: The national dashboard will be updated to reflect Year 2 changes when August data is received.

As of July 2022, the Collaborative remains on pace to meet or exceed two of the three Aims.

National Aims  Through 07/31/2022	Aim	Target	Projection	Status
	Aim #1 – Increased Deceased Kidney Transplants	18,988	19,884	
	Aim #2 – Decreased Discard Rate	19.6%	26.3%	
	Aim #3 – Increase % of 60-85 KDPI recovered for Transplant	6,818	7,213	

During Year 2, collaborative members will explore and pursue more work around decreasing the discard rate.

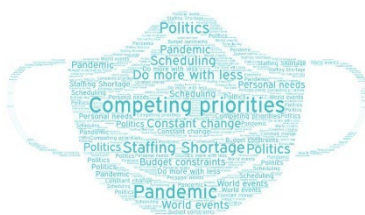
**SRTR Data, July 2022*

Elevating the Work of Our 25 Quality Improvement Teams

In August, the collaborative shifted Pacing Event and Case Study content to QI Teams. Within two months of QI Teams starting last Spring, we heard members reporting progress, quick pivots, and impact. These concepts, ideas, and projects needed to be shared immediately with the community as part of the learning cycle of the Collaborative. Within the short six weeks of this change, the community engagement, Q&A, and discussion on calls has increased tremendously.

We want to recognize the QI Teams and Coaches that have successfully led the collaborative through this transition! **Teams T01, D14E, D19C, T02E, D16E, T04E, T03E thank you** for your [commitment](#) to this work, your [peers](#), and our [community](#)!

Every Team will have an opportunity to present on a call during the year. The TAQIL Team reaches out to prepare individual Teams approximately six weeks prior to their scheduled session. If you don't know when your team will present, contact your Coach or email us at TAQILInfo@hsaq.com.



Did You Know? In the first 120 days, participating institutions have reported progress on more than 260 quality improvement initiatives in the ETCLC community. During Year 2, there will be a focus and work on Aim 2. We look forward to hearing more on these initiatives in Year 2!

Slack Topics: Join the conversation! QI Teams are engaging in exciting dialogue around topics such as increasing utilization and decreasing discard rates. Slack also offers a great space to ask questions of patient and donor family representatives. Join the conversation and let your voice be heard on [Slack](#)!

Please continue to share ideas, resources, and innovations to keep this Learning Collaborative fun and forward-thinking.

What's Next? Your TAQIL Team is reviewing participation and engagement during the first year of the collaborative, formalizing the roadmap, learning cycle and timeline of ETCLC activities, and finalizing a crosswalk of the Change Package action items. Based on responses from the community and CMS/HRSA recommendations, the Change Packages will be revised, following the high performer interviews being conducted with OPOs, Transplant Centers, and Donor Hospitals this Fall.

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, September 28 th	4:00 – 5:00 pm	Case Study Team D17E	All Members Welcome
Wed, October 5 th	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event Team T05E	All Members Welcome
Mon, October 10 th	Monthly PR	Progress Reporting Due via Progress Tracker	Progress Reporters
Wed, October 12 th	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Case Study Team D15E	All Members Welcome
Thurs, October 13 th	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Open Office Hours High Performing OPOs	All Members Welcome
Wed, October 19 th	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event Team D18E	All Members Welcome
Tues, October 25 th	3:00 – 4:00 pm	Monthly QI Coaches & Co-Coaches Meeting	QI Team Coaches & Co-Coaches
Tues, October 25 th	5:00 – 6:00 pm	ETCLC National Faculty Monthly Meeting	National Faculty Members
Wed, October 26 th	4:00 – 5:00 pm	Case Study Team T06E	All Members Welcome
Wed, November 2 nd	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event Team T07C	All Members Welcome
Thurs, November 10 th	Monthly PR	Progress Reporting Due via Progress Tracker	Progress Reporters
Thurs, November 17 th	2:00 – 3:00 pm	LCC Quarterly Meeting – SAVE the DATE	LCC Supporting Organizations

In Case You Missed It (ICYMI): ETCLC offered a 2022-2023 Kick-off Call on August 29th. This 45-minute session provided insights on activities, as well as how to be more involved during Year 2. Much of the session focused on the adjustment to the National Aims, including stratification of Aim 2, specifically to include ≥ 60 KDPI and < 60 KDPI. Learn more about these changes and what to expect in Year 2 of the Collaborative by [watching the recording](#).

New to ETCLC? Here are some FAQs

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.)

RESOURCES & LINKS

[ETCLC Public Website](#). Now Available as [etclc.org](#) | Bookmark this site to learn more about the collaborative.

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 [HARP](#) access)

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

[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. Apply for 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.

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

Contact the TAQIL Team

Technical Assistance, Quality Improvement, and Learning (TAQIL)

We welcome comments and feedback anytime at TAQILInfo@hsag.com