

# Everything ETCLC

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition | Aim 2 Focused Effort | October 2022

In our 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of *Everything ETCLC*, we will begin our Aim 2 Focused Effort to reduce unable to place kidneys or discards. As a member of the ESRD Treatment Choices Learning Collaborative (ETCLC), the community began this collaborative over a year ago to share best practices, to increase transplants and utilization of KDPI kidneys. One of the greatest challenges in our community for several years has been positively impacting the “unable to place” kidney gifts or the discard rate. We know each loss equates to longer wait times for recipients and limits our ability to honor the donor families that selflessly choose donation on behalf of their loved one. Our next step as collaborative members will be to collectively focus our efforts on actionable activities over the next few months.

**Please prioritize joining your QI Team Call in November** | As part of the Aim 2 Focused Effort, your TAQIL Team leads will spend 10-15 minutes discussing barriers, solutions, and organizational suggestions to gather small group insights on your November QI Team meeting. During this time, TAQIL will also share a list of focused action items based on what has been shared on previous QI Team calls, monthly Progress reporting and in the Change Package. We look forward to the discussion and sharing this month.

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

**Special Announcement:** Join the Collaborative this Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm ET for a Special Surgeon Roundtable, “Barriers to Use of Better Than Dialysis Kidneys: A Conversation with Clinicians” brought to us by Team T07C

### QUOTES OF THE MONTH | *The Voices of ETCLC*

“Treat the kidney like the heart.  
Let’s all do the prep work.”

“A leader is anyone that takes a  
project and moves it forward!”

“Captain of the Care Team”  
~ Patient & Self Care Advocate

~ Together, we get more of what we focus on. ~

Coming Soon | We will highlight and celebrate our first year of participant engagement.  
Join us to celebrate these leaders making a difference in the learning collaborative and the kidney community!

### ETCLC AIMS | August 2022 – 2023

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  $\geq 60$

**Aim #3:** Increase the percentage of change for kidneys recovered for transplant  $\geq 60$  KDPI

Note: The national dashboard will be updated to reflect Year 2 changes since August data has been received.

As of August 2022, the Collaborative met or exceeded two of the three Aims in our first year.

 National Aims Through 08/31/2022	Aim	Target	Actual	Status
	<b>Aim #1 – Increased Deceased Kidney Transplants</b>	18,988	19,966	
	<b>Aim #2 – Decreased Discard Rate</b>	19.6%	26.1%	
	<b>Aim #3 – Increase % of 60-85 KDPI recovered for Transplant</b>	6,818	7,097	

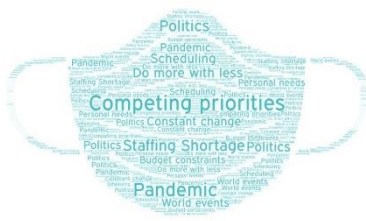
\*SRTR Data,  
August 2022

### Elevating the Work of Our 25 Quality Improvement Teams

Since the collaborative shifted Pacing Event and Case Study content to focus on the great work taking place in QI Teams, the discussion and community engagement has increased significantly. If you have additional topic suggestions and engagement strategies, please send them to us at [TAQILInfo@hsag.com](mailto:TAQILInfo@hsag.com). We make changes based on your feedback and comments.

Thank you to our QI Teams and Coaches that presented during our September/October Case Study and Pacing Event sessions. **Teams D17E, T05E, D15E, D18E, and Darren Stewart from the ETCLC National Faculty, thank you** for your [commitment](#) to this work, your [peers](#), and our [community](#)! Recordings are available on the KSP; ask your contact to share the links.

**Kidney Donation and Kidney Utilization Change Packages.** During a special Open Office Hours session on October 13<sup>th</sup>, National Faculty leadership led discussion with seven (7) high performer OPO to explore their outcomes around kidneys recovered over the age of 60 and 60 or greater KDPI kidney recoveries. Over the next several weeks, the TAQIL Team will interview high-performing Transplant Center partners. After the first of the year, watch for a special session as we bring forth these organizations insights as well. Our Donor Hospital partner interviews will follow. 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, insights, and expertise these colleagues are contributing to the ETCLC community.



**In Case You Missed It (ICYMI):** National Faculty Member, Darren Stewart, MS, provided a walk through on UNOS Reports and how to use them, October 26<sup>th</sup>. *The recorded session is now available on KSP and Slack.*

**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 net forward energy in the ETC Learning Collaborative.**

## 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, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event   Team T07C	All Members Welcome
Wed, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Case Study   Team D21C	All Members Welcome
Thurs, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly PR	Progress Reporting Due via Progress Tracker	Progress Reporters
Wed, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event   Team D20C	All Members Welcome
Thurs, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 – 3:00 pm	Leadership Coordinating Council (LCC)   Quarterly Meeting	LCC Supporting Organizations
Wed, November 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Holiday Week	
Wed, November 30 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event   Special Patient & Donor Family Session	All Members Welcome
Wed, December 7 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event   Team T08C	All Members Welcome
Fri, December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly PR	Progress Reporting Due via Progress Tracker plus 1 <sup>st</sup> Month of Aim 2 Focused Effort Reporting	Progress Reporters
Wed, December 14 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Case Study   Team D23W	All Members Welcome
Wed, December 21 <sup>st</sup>	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event   Team D22C	All Members Welcome
Wed, December 28 <sup>th</sup>		Holiday Week	
Wed, January 4 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event   Team T09C	All Members Welcome
Wed, January 11 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Case Study   Team D24W	All Members Welcome
Thurs, January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly PR	Progress Reporting Due via Progress Tracker plus 2 <sup>nd</sup> Month of Aim 2 Focused Effort Reporting	Progress Reporters
Wed, January 18 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event   Team T15E	All Members Welcome
Wed, January 25 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 – 5:00 pm	ETCLC Mid-Year Learning & Action Network (LAN)	All Members Welcome

## 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.

**LCC Stakeholder Resource: Foundational Perspectives of Organ Donation**

## 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. 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, [TAQILInfo@hsag.com](mailto:TAQILInfo@hsag.com).

**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)

Your comments and feedback welcome anytime at [TAQILInfo@hsag.com](mailto:TAQILInfo@hsag.com)

