

# Everything ETCLC

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## The CMS/HRSA Kidney Donation and Transplant Initiative



**ESRD Treatment Choices Learning Collaborative**  
The CMS/HRSA Kidney Donation & Transplant Initiative  
organizations have achieved better than median outcomes (SRTR).

On behalf of the TAQIL Team, we hope your 2023 has started off well! This month we celebrated our "Gamechangers & Innovators" during the Mid-Year Learning & Action Network (LAN) on January 25th. More than 75 OPO, transplant center and donor hospital ETCLC members were recognized for their success in pursuit of the Three Aims of the Collaborative – increasing transplants, reducing discarded kidneys and increasing the utilization of high-KDPI kidneys. From November 2021 - October 2022, these high-performing

**Congratulations and Thank You for your commitment to kidney patients, donor families and your transplant colleagues!**

### Transplant Center Partners

Banner-University Medical Center Phoenix  
Barnes-Jewish Hospital  
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center  
Hackensack University Medical Center  
Hennepin County Medical Center  
Henry Ford Hospital  
Integris Baptist Medical Center  
Jackson Memorial Hospital University of Miami School of Medicine  
Medical City Fort Worth  
Medical University of South Carolina  
Memorial Regional Hospital  
Mercy Health Saint Mary's  
Methodist Dallas Medical Center  
Montefiore Medical Center  
Northwestern Memorial Hospital  
NYU Langone Health  
Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center & Children's Hospital

Rush University Medical Center  
State University of New York, Upstate Medical University  
State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center  
Tampa General Hospital  
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation  
University Medical Center of Southern Nevada  
University of Colorado Hospital/ Health Science Center  
University of Toledo Medical Center  
University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics  
Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital  
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center  
William Beaumont Hospital  
Yale New Haven Hospital



### Organ Procurement Organization Partners

LiveOnNY  
Mid-America Transplant Services  
OurLegacy  
UW Health Organ and Tissue Donation  
Versiti Wisconsin, Inc.

### Donor Hospital Partners

AdventHealth Orlando  
ARUA-UAMS The University Hospital of Arkansas  
Ascension St. John Medical Center, Inc.  
Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist  
Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center  
Barnes-Jewish Hospital  
Baystate Medical Center  
Bronson Methodist Hospital  
CAMC General Hospital  
Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital (Carilion Clinic)  
Centennial Hills Hospital  
Cleveland Clinic  
Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center  
ECU Health Medical Center  
Froedtert Hospital

Grand Strand Medical Center  
Hackensack University Medical Center  
Hartford Hospital  
Hillcrest Med. Ctr  
Hurley Medical Center  
INIM-IU Health Methodist Hospital  
Javon Bea Hospital - Riverside  
Maine Medical Center - MaineHealth  
MercyOne Des Moines Medical Center  
Miami Valley Hospital  
Mission Hospital  
OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria  
OU Health - University of Oklahoma Medical Ctr  
Promedica Toledo Hospital  
Rhode Island Hospital - Lifespan

Santa Rosa Medical Center  
Scripps Memorial Hospital - La Jolla  
SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital  
St. Francis Hospital  
St. Vincents Mercy Medical Center  
St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center  
UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital  
ULLO - University of Louisville Hospital  
UMass Memorial Medical Center, University Campus  
University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center  
WakeMed Raleigh Campus  
Wesley Medical Center  
Westchester Medical Center

*Gamechangers & Innovators will receive a Certificate of Recognition via email.*

### ETCLC NATIONAL AIMS | 2022 - 2023

The ETCLC identifies highly effective practices currently in use to spread throughout the organ donation and recovery, kidney care, and kidney transplant community to achieve the following three Aims (effective August 2022):

National Aims	Aim	Target	Actual	Status
 Through 10/31/2022	<b>Aim #1 – Increase Deceased Kidney Transplants</b>	21,232	21,038	▲
	<b>Aim #2a – Decrease Discard Rate KDPI &lt;60</b>	8.2%	9.2%	●
	<b>Aim #2b – Decreased Discard Rate KDPI &gt;=60</b>	40.0%	47.0%	●
	<b>Aim #3 – Increase % of &gt;=60 KDPI recovered for Transplant</b>	12,074	11,949	▲

*Note: Projected values are annualized amounts based on data received to date. (three months)  
The collaborative works from August to July vs. calendar year.*

## ETCLC Patient & Donor Family Representative (PFR) Spotlight



Meet Curtis Warfield. Curtis is a Senior Quality Analyst for the State of Indiana. In 2012, he was diagnosed with stage 3 chronic kidney disease due to Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis. In January of 2016, he received a kidney from a living donor - his daughter's sorority sister. His kidney journey was recently featured on WRTV, an ABC News television station in Indianapolis. Watch it here: <https://www.wrtv.com/news/working-for-you/father-receives-kidney-from-daughters-sorority-sister>

Since his transplant, Curtis has given back to the kidney community by bringing awareness to both kidney disease and the need for organ donors, with a focus on people of color and low income. He is a member of the ETCLC National Faculty, a Board Member of Home Dialyzors, a National Kidney Foundation Peer Counselor, and a patient advocate and

presenter with Indiana Donor Network.

QI Teams who would like assistance including the PFRs lived experience into their Pacing Events can email [TAQILInfo@hsag.com](mailto:TAQILInfo@hsag.com).

## An Update from Our 25 Quality Improvement Teams

Thank you to the coaches and QI Team members for shifting your focus on reducing the kidney discard rate. Discussions have centered around the Aim 2 Top 11 strategies identified by the TAQIL team. Several important themes have emerged, including pumping kidneys, reducing cold ischemic time, honoring first person authorization for donation, and honoring the UNOS match run while also ensuring there is a recipient for the better than dialysis kidney recoveries. During the first half of 2023, transplant QI Team meeting focus will include waitlist management, offer filters, and patient education. Donor teams will focus on maximizing placement readiness, optimization of EMRs to manage potential donors in a timely manner and the relationship between OPOs and donor hospitals for DCD recoveries.



QI Teams will have dedicated time during their calls to report in the Progress Tracker in an effort to maximize best practice sharing. We hope the time set up to use the progress tracker improves future progress tracking.

Congratulations to T03E for reporting the success in their community! By engaging their local university hospitals in a competition to sign up organ donors, they are improving donation awareness and building a greater sense of community following the creation of a highly sought-after custom T-shirt. Keep up the great work and education!

We appreciate the commitment from **QI Teams T09C, D24W and D15E** for their presentations during our January Case Study and Pacing Event sessions and appreciate all the great work taking place within our QI Teams! *Recordings are available on the KSP.*

## QUOTES OF THE MONTH | The Voices of ETCLC

***"I am so grateful. Every day I wake up, I know that I am here because a family chose to donate their loved one's kidneys."***  
~ Patient Recipient

"The most impactful thing we can do [in this collaborative] is involve our clinicians." ~ QI Team Call

"It can be easy to get caught up in kidney transplant lingo, which is why it was so nice to hear from a PFR during this month's QI Team meeting to share their experience and their familiarity with transplantation before their loved one donated their kidneys and what they learned about transplantation during the process."

~ QI Team Call

*"We all get out of this collaborative what we put in, so it is important that we share with each other."*

## CALENDAR OF ETCLC EVENTS

The Alliance: [National Critical Issues Forum Normothermic Regional Perfusion \(NFP\)](#) March 21<sup>st</sup> in Philadelphia

REGISTRATION IS OPEN: [National Pediatric Donation & Transplantation Summit](#) May 24-25 in Houston

2023 CMS Quality Conference: [Building Resilient Communities: Having an Equitable Foundation for Quality Healthcare](#) May 1-3



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, February 1 <sup>st</sup>	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event   Team T01E	All Members Welcome
Wed, February 8 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Case Study   TeamT05E	All Members Welcome
Thur, February 9 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 – 3:00 pm	Leadership Coordinating Council (LCC) Quarterly Call	LCC Members
Fri, February 10 <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, February 15 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event   Team D17E	All Members Welcome
Wed, February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00 – 5:00 pm	Case Study   Team T11C	All Members Welcome
Wed, March 1 <sup>st</sup>	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event   Team T12W	All Members Welcome
Wed, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Case Study   Team D16E	All Members Welcome
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Wed, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event   Team D19C	All Members Welcome
Wed, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Case Study   Team T13W	All Members Welcome
Wed, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Pacing Event   Pediatrics Team P25A	All Members Welcome

**Collaborative Corner | Expand Your Network in 2023 | Donor Hospital Expansion!** Working with a partner hospital that you want to bring into the collaborative? Let us know at [TAQILInfo@hsag.com](mailto:TAQILInfo@hsag.com) and invite them to join our ETCLC work.

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Quick Reference



**New to ETCLC? Here are some FAQs – For more information, visit [etclc.org](http://etclc.org)**

**Who is involved in the ETCLC?** 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.*)

**Slack. It's a snap!**



**Did You Know:** Your [Slack](#) account will deactivate if you do not log in regularly.

Please log into [Slack](#) at least **once per month** to stay current with ETCLC discussion taking place in the collaborative.

*"In order to comply with CMS policy, any accounts that have not logged into QualityNet Slack and Confluence in the last 180 or more consecutive days will have their QualityNet Slack and Confluence Entitlement removed. Please remember to log in on a regular basis if you would like to retain access to your account."*

If your account has been deactivated, please visit <https://harp.cms.gov/login> to re-request the roles QualityNet Slack Entitlement. Instructions for re-requesting: Click the [Slack Confluence space Getting Started](#) tab."

You will only need to reinstate your roles; you will not need to go through the HARP registration process again.

## RESOURCES & LINKS

### 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 a [HARP](#) account).

**[ETCLC Dashboard](#)** | Provides monthly progress updates on the Three Aims (requires a [HARP](#) account).

**[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 at [TAQILInfo@hsag.com](mailto:TAQILInfo@hsag.com).

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



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