In July 2019, an Executive Order was signed to launch the Advancing American Kidney Health (AAKH) initiative to transform the way we prevent and treat kidney disease. To accomplish the goals of the AAKH initiative, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) created the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Treatment Choices (ETC) payment model to encourage preventative kidney care, home dialysis, and kidney transplants.

To support the ETC model’s focus on increased kidney transplants, CMS, in collaboration with the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), has established the ESRD Treatment Choices Learning Collaborative (ETCLC). The ETCLC will bring transplant centers, Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs), donor hospitals, patients, and families together to improve quality and generate cost savings to CMS using systematic quality and process improvement methods.

This work will be supported by a National Faculty and Leadership Coordinating Council made up of more than 20 organizations in the field. To learn more, scroll down.

**NATIONAL AIMS**

Over a 5-year period, the End Stage Renal Disease Treatment Choices Learning Collaborative intends to achieve the following national aims:

**AIM 1**

**U.S. KIDNEY FACTS**

- 1 in 3 Americans are at risk for kidney disease.
- 37 million people have chronic kidney disease.
Increase the number of deceased donor kidneys transplanted by 15%.

**AIM 2**

Decrease the current national discard rate of all procured kidneys by 5%.

**AIM 3**

Increase the utilization of high KDPI kidneys recovered (60-85 KDPI Score) by 14%.

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Organizations Participating in ETCLC

Click below to see which organizations have enrolled in the ETCLC as of 07/31/2022.

- **Organ Procurement Organizations**
- **Transplant Centers**
- **Donor Hospitals**

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National Faculty

- National Faculty provide subject matter expertise to advise ETCLC participants throughout the improvement process. Led by two national chairs, members of the National Faculty represent transplant nephrologists and surgeons, Organ Procurement Organization professionals, donor hospitals, data analysts and statisticians, and patients.

Leadership Coordinating Council

- The Leadership Coordinating Council is a group of national stakeholders that guide the ETCLC. Members represent the patient and professional organizations across the kidney community.