



ASTS Responses to OPTN Proposals Open for Public Comment

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[Expand Required Simultaneous Liver-Kidney Allocation - Public Comment Proposal](#)

The revised SLK policy is being proposed in order to provide alignment for lung-kidney and heart-kidney which do share the kidney for eligible patients out to 500 NM. In order to provide similar access to transplant for SLK candidates, the proposal seeks to align the SLK and expand allocation of kidneys for SLK candidates with MELD 29 and higher out to 500 NM. The medical eligibility criteria for combined SLK remain the same. Under the current policy, OPOs may opt to share out to 500 NM for SLK, but it is not required. This has led to a considerable amount of variability around the country which is also not optimal.

A potential unintended consequence may be decreased access to the kidney transplant alone patients, specifically vulnerable populations. Additionally, there is concern the highest quality kidneys will also not be available to the kidney alone list. This proposal should be supported to align all multi-organ policies.

ASTS Position: Support