



## ASTS Responses to OPTN Proposals Open for Public Comment

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### Optimizing Usage of Offer Filters - Public Comment Proposal

The ASTS strongly supports the OPTN Proposal: Optimizing Usage of Offer Filters. This proposal is an excellent step towards increasing efficiency in organ placement and utilization.

We strongly support the additional filter criteria that are being proposed by the committee. These criteria are commonly utilized current offers and will likely improve efficiency. We suggest that the committee consider the following additional filter options:

1. Candidate EPTS (this would allow centers to exclude lower EPTS patients from higher KDPI kidneys with additional risk factor combinations);
2. Normothermic reperfusion as a factor in addition to DCD (NRP can affect a center's threshold for acceptable warm time);
3. Donor dialysis or CVVH within 24 or 48 hours of death.

Additionally, the committee should consider excluding centers with less than 2 years of data (new transplant centers) prior to automatic filtering or providing those centers more frequent data.

When educating patients, it may be beneficial to provide sufficient background in the variability of current organ acceptance practices, both between centers and even within centers (based on call team); this background may help reassure patients that the proposal is a move towards improved transparency and efficiency. Additionally, patients will need reassurance that underserved groups cannot be filtered out through this system. A complicating factor in education is that the patient likely has little control over these filters, particularly if filters become mandatory. It should be clear that this proposal does not offer the patient individual selection of which filters will apply to them.

Thank you to the OPTN and the Operations and Safety Committee for their work on this important proposal.

**ASTS Position: Strongly Support**