



ASTS Responses to OPTN Proposals Open for Public Comment

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Modify Candidate Waiting Time Dates Affected by Race-Based eGFR Calculations

The American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) appreciates the opportunity to provide the following feedback to the OPTN Minority Affairs and Kidney Transplantation Committee.

Do community members agree with the proposed eGFR waiting time modification pathway?

Yes.

Do community members propose an alternative eGFR waiting time modification pathway?

No.

What kind of education resources would assist programs in participating?

ASTS suggests a webinar advertised on the UNOS homepage.

What potential unintended consequences or challenges should be considered during this proposal's development?

This policy will result in additional work for transplant coordinators, although this is only for a few patients in each center.

Do those consequences or challenges outweigh the benefits of the proposed waiting time modification pathway?

No. ASTS feels this is an important proposal.

Are there other waiting time modification scenarios that the members would like the committees to consider?

No.

Does the community agree with the proposed scope, timeframe and required documentation?

Yes, however, ASTS feels that reporting could be improved if it was mandatory to increase adherence to the policy.

ASTS Position: Strongly Support