



## 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**