

Guidance on Informed Consent for Living Donors Representing Vulnerable/High Risk Populations

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The Problem

- Some potential living donors (LDs) are at greater risk of developing hypertension, diabetes, and ESRD post-donation.
- Potential LDs often represent underserved or vulnerable populations, or may be more susceptible pressures to donate:
 - younger or older in age at donation
 - less informed about medical issues
 - less likely to receive adequate information about their future health risks
 - ethnic minority groups

Strategic Plan Alignment

Goal #5: Promoting Living Donor Safety

- Objective A, Ensure that all living organ donors consent freely
- Objective B, Minimize risk to living organ donors
- Objective C, Promote the long-term health of living donors

Proposed Solutions

- Develop a resource to:
 - provide insight into factors associated with increased risk in vulnerable/high risk groups
 - offer recommendations that would not burden centers
 - guide professionals on standardizing discussions they initiate with potential LDs with specific risk factors so living donation remains accessible

Supporting Evidence

Gender

- Majority of donors are female, who have lower ESRD risk post-donation

Ethnicity

- Black/African Americans and Hispanics have greater post-donation ESRD risk than White/Caucasians, and increased risk for developing hypertension and diabetes

Age

- Findings inconclusive regarding age, but suggest that pediatric/elderly donors may be at higher risk for ESRD post-donation

Versus healthy controls

- Post-donation survival, ESRD, and diabetes risks not significantly higher for LDs than the general population

Education

- Worldwide, transplant professionals vary in the long-term risks they communicate to LDs

Collaboration and Outreach

- Members of the following committees participated on the workgroup to develop the guidance document:
 - Kidney Transplantation Committee
 - Living Donor Committee
 - Ethics Committee
 - Transplant Administrators Committee

Overall Project Impact

Product

Guidance Document

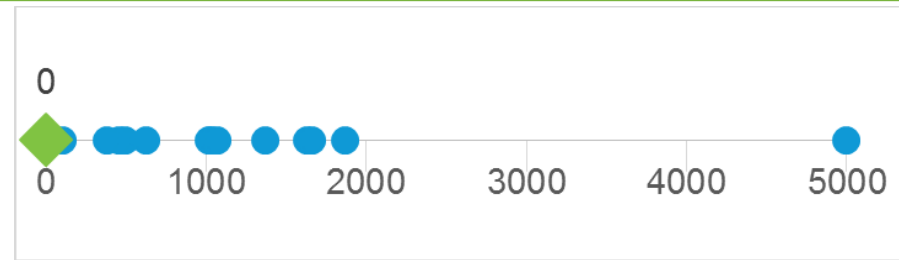
Target Population Impact:

Providers responsible for initiating the informed consent discussion as part of the living donor evaluation.

Potential Living Donors representing vulnerable or high risk populations

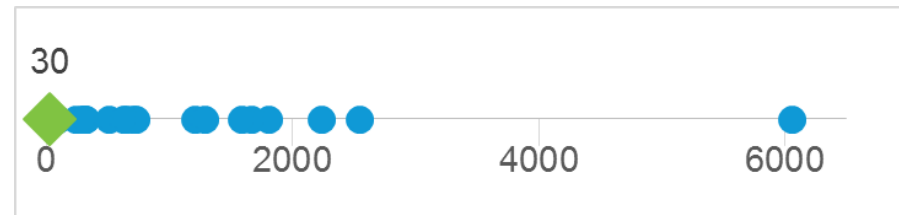
Total IT Implementation Hours

0/16,680



Total Overall Implementation Hours

0/23,685



Board Policy Group Recommendation

- Consent agenda, no discussion

Resolution 24 (page 110)

- RESOLVED, that the guidance document entitled “Guidance on Informed Consent for Living Donors Representing Vulnerable High Risk Populations,” as set forth in Exhibit A and Exhibit B of the Minority Affairs Committee’s report to the Board, is hereby approved, effective June 2, 2015.