

OPTN Public Comment Orientation

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Overview

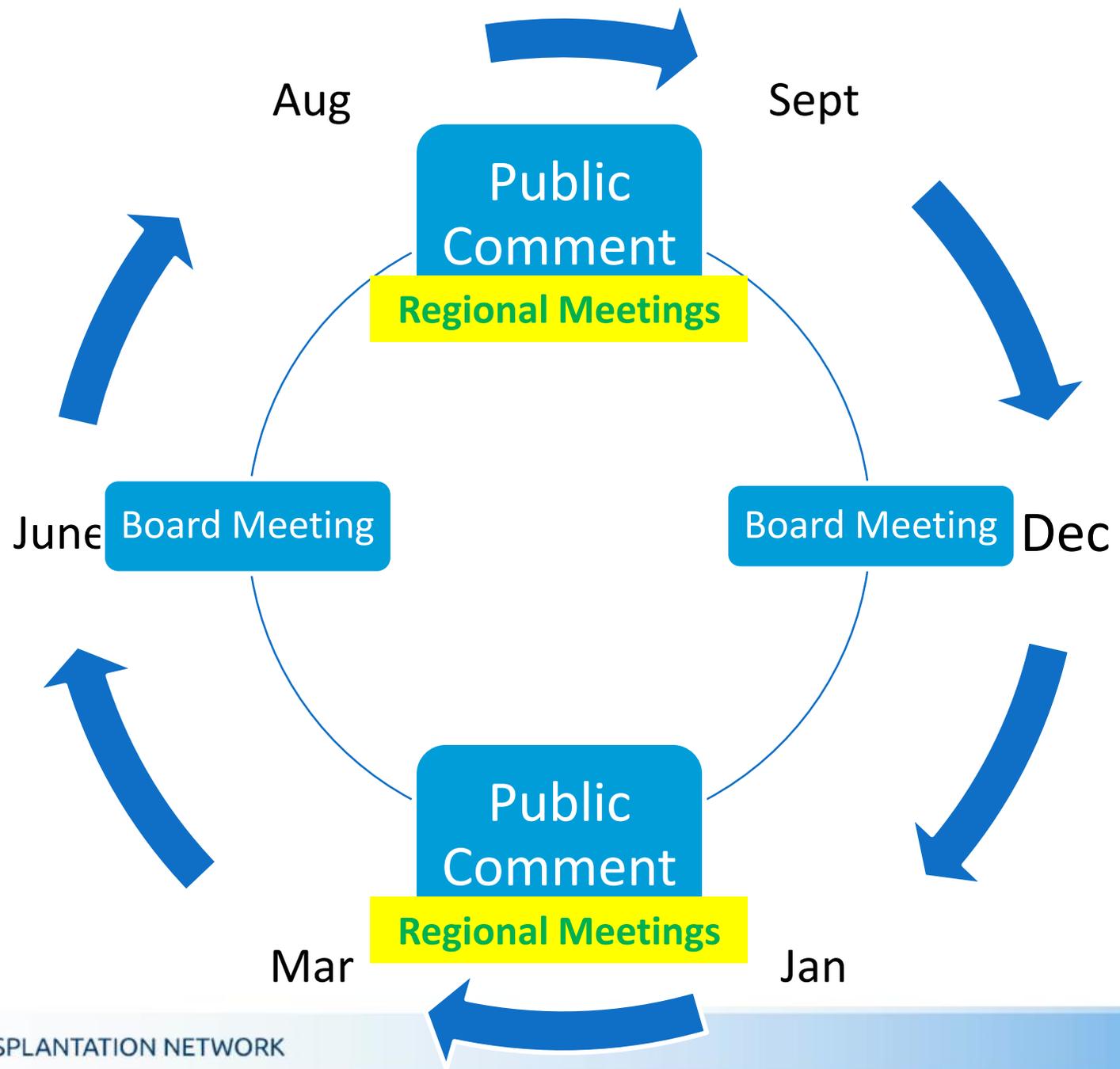
- Policy development process
- Participating in public comment
- Regional Meetings

Policy Development Process



Two 6-Month Policy Cycles

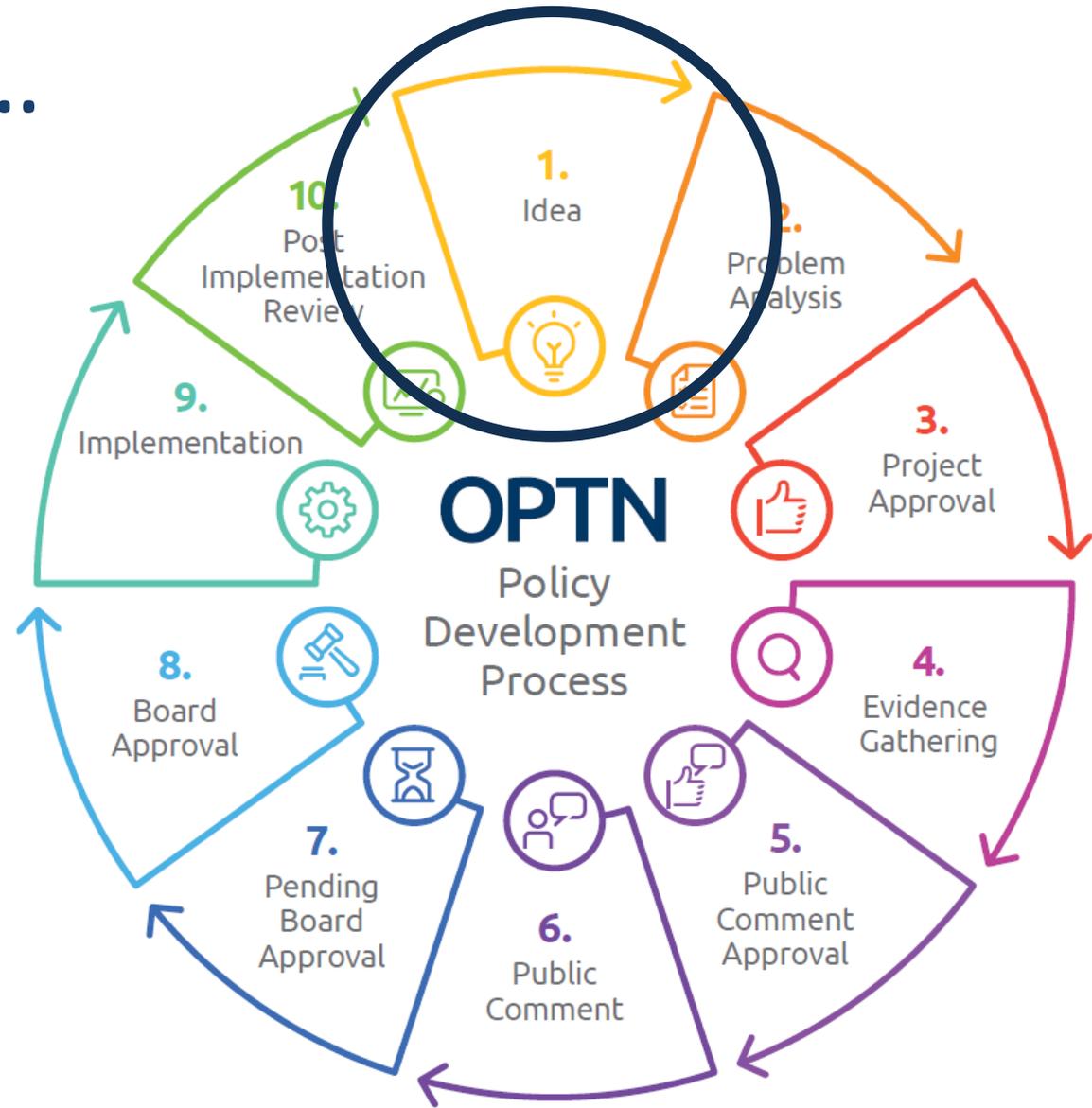
Ongoing Committee Meetings



Ideas Can Come From...

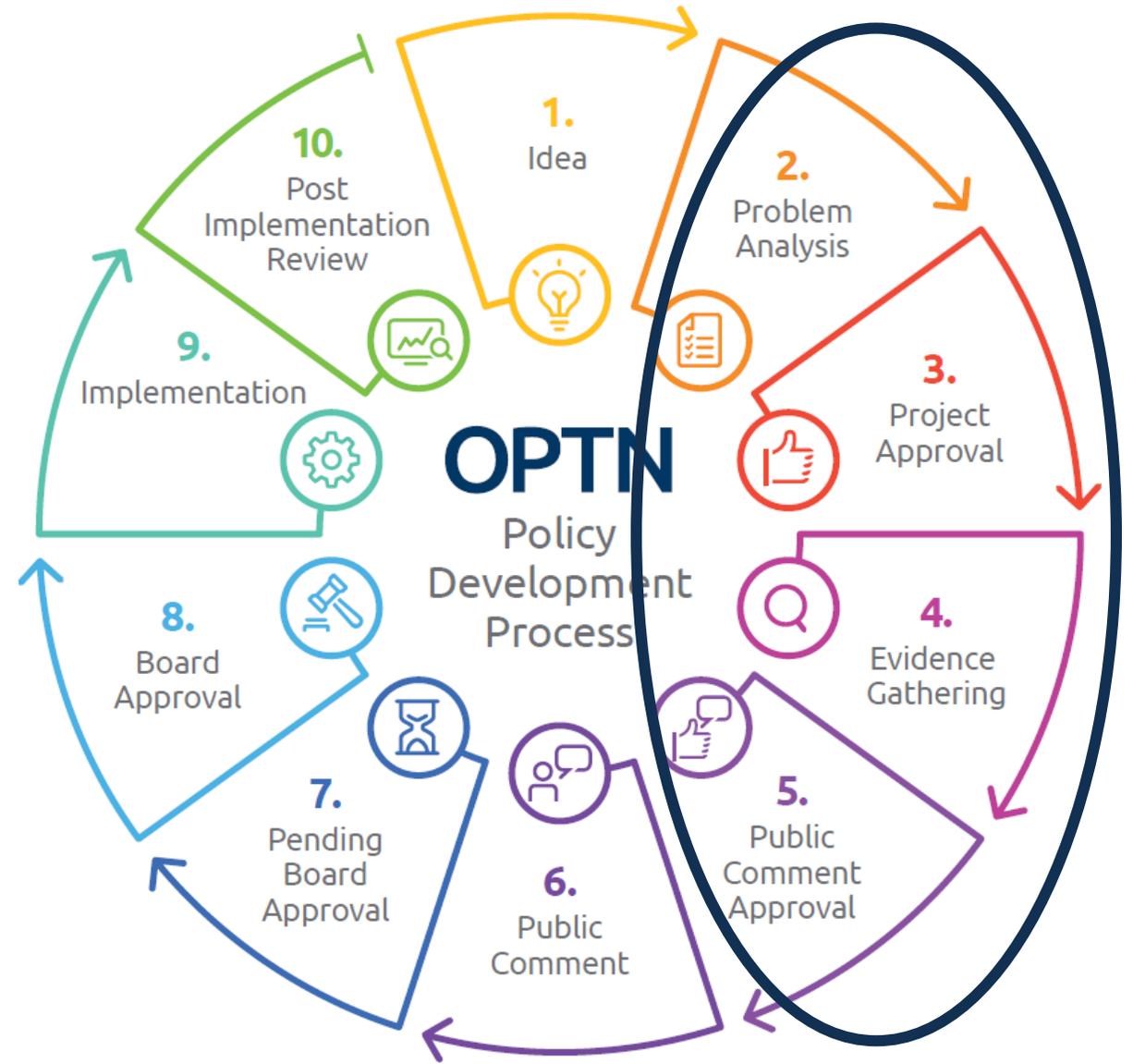
- OPTN members
- Committee members
- Community contributors
- Regional feedback
- Government mandates
- Professional societies
- Actually, anywhere

**Send ideas for projects to
member.questions@unos.org**



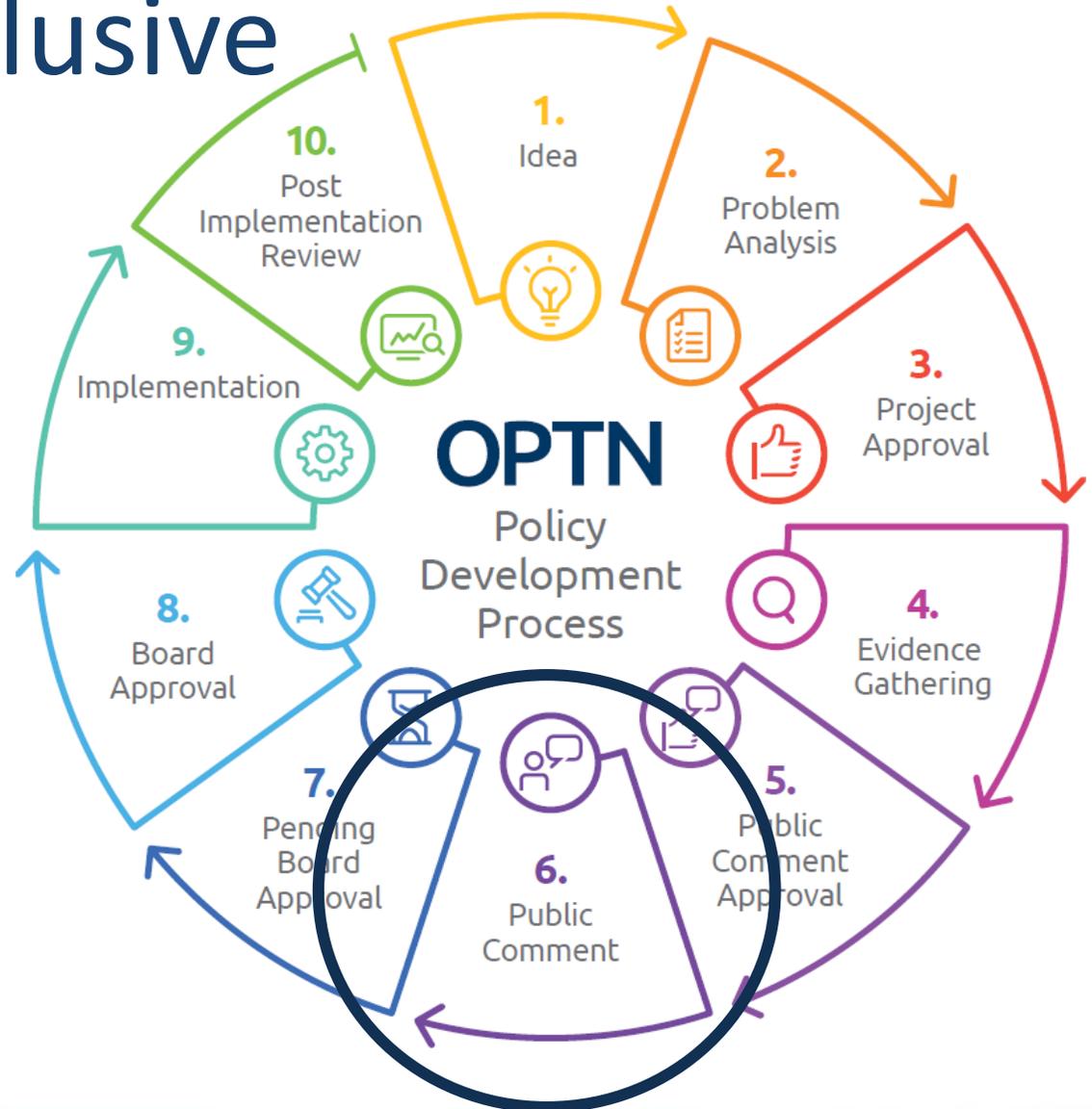
Project Development

- OPTN Policy Oversight Committee Role
 - Strategic Plan and Priority Alignment
 - Resource Estimates
 - Cost/Benefit Estimates
- OPTN Executive Committee Review and Approval

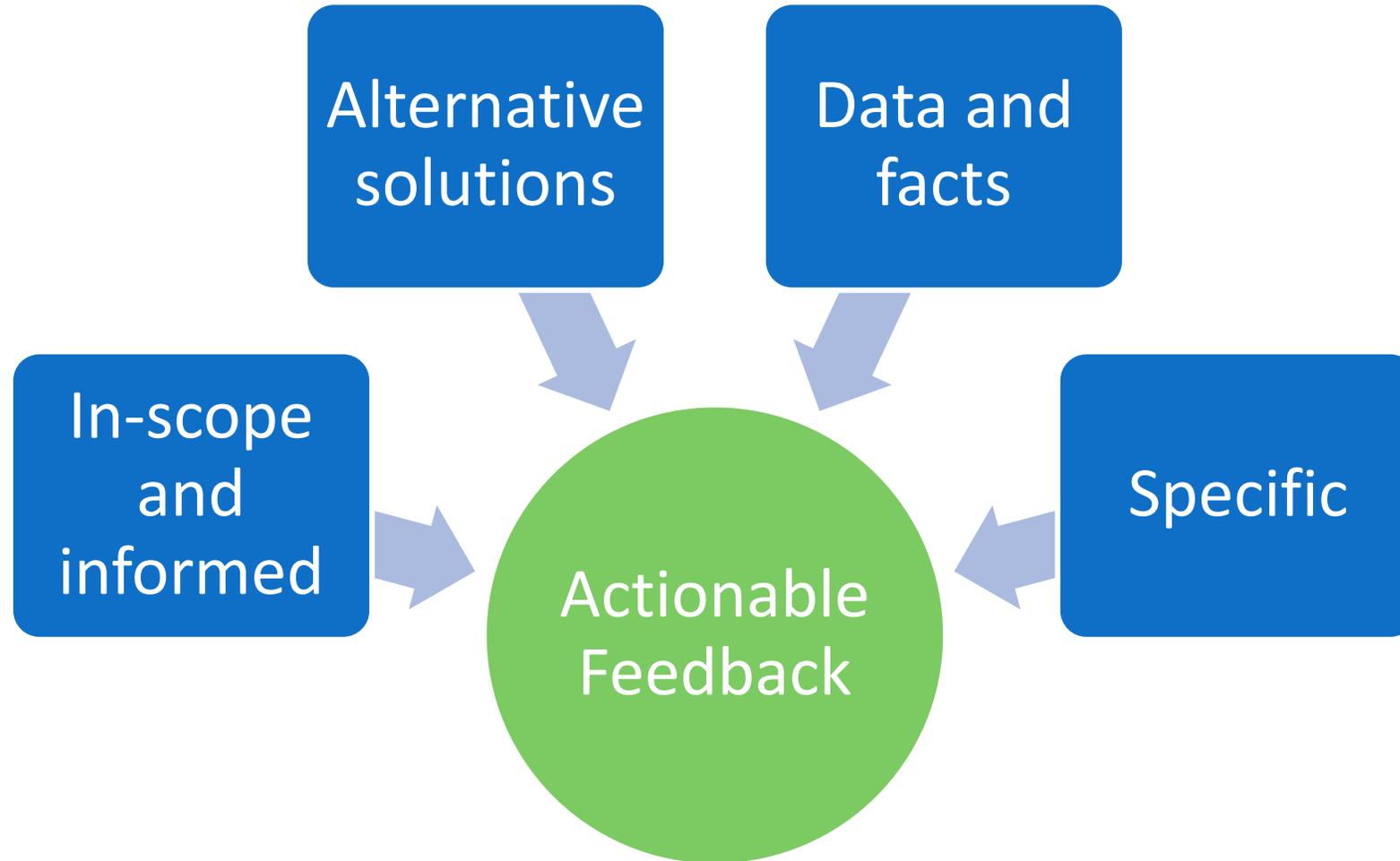


Public Comment is Inclusive

- Any member of the public on OPTN website
- Regional meetings
- OPTN Committees
- Stakeholder organizations



Actionable Feedback



What Happens with Public Comment?



Regional Meeting Information

Register for a meeting, view agenda and meeting presentations



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Regional Meetings

Regional meetings are held twice each year during the winter and summer public comment periods. Regional meetings are an opportunity to influence policy proposals, prepare for upcoming changes, and hear perspectives from the transplant community about improvements to organ allocation. Here's [what you can expect](#) at regional meetings. New to the public comment process? [Learn more here](#).

For details about winter 2021 public comment visit the [public comment webpage](#).

Winter 2021 Virtual Regional Meetings

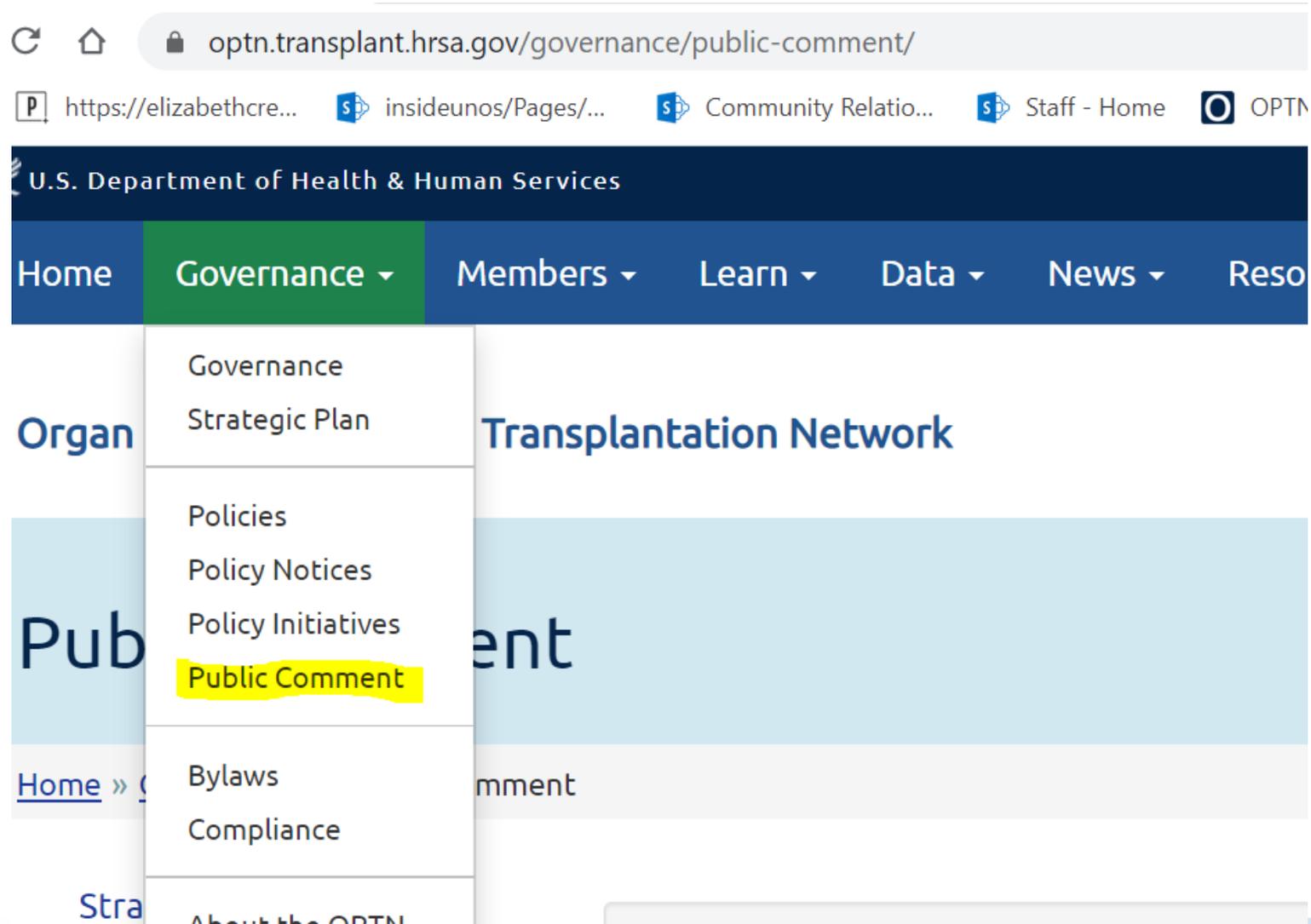
The safety of our members is a top priority. Because of COVID-19 health concerns, all Winter 2021 regional meetings will be held virtually.

The virtual format will maintain objectives of in-person meetings by collecting feedback on OPTN

Plan and Prepare for Regional Meetings

- **Register** for your meeting and review agenda
- **Read** meeting related communications
- **Review** public comment documents
- **Read** relevant items; note questions and feedback
- **Review** recordings of public comment items
- **Discuss** items with your colleagues

Public Comment – we want to hear from you!



Ongoing OPTN Policy Efforts

Continuous Distribution

Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network

Continuous Distribution

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- Progress by organ
- Take action
- Background and resources

About

The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network is working to develop a more equitable system of allocating deceased donor organs. The new approach, continuous distribution, will provide organ offers by considering many factors that contribute toward a successful transplant, at once.

This new framework will dissolve hard boundaries that currently exist in the classification-based system and be flexible enough to apply to all organ types. The donation and transplantation community is working together through research and analysis to design this framework to determine patient priority in the match run.

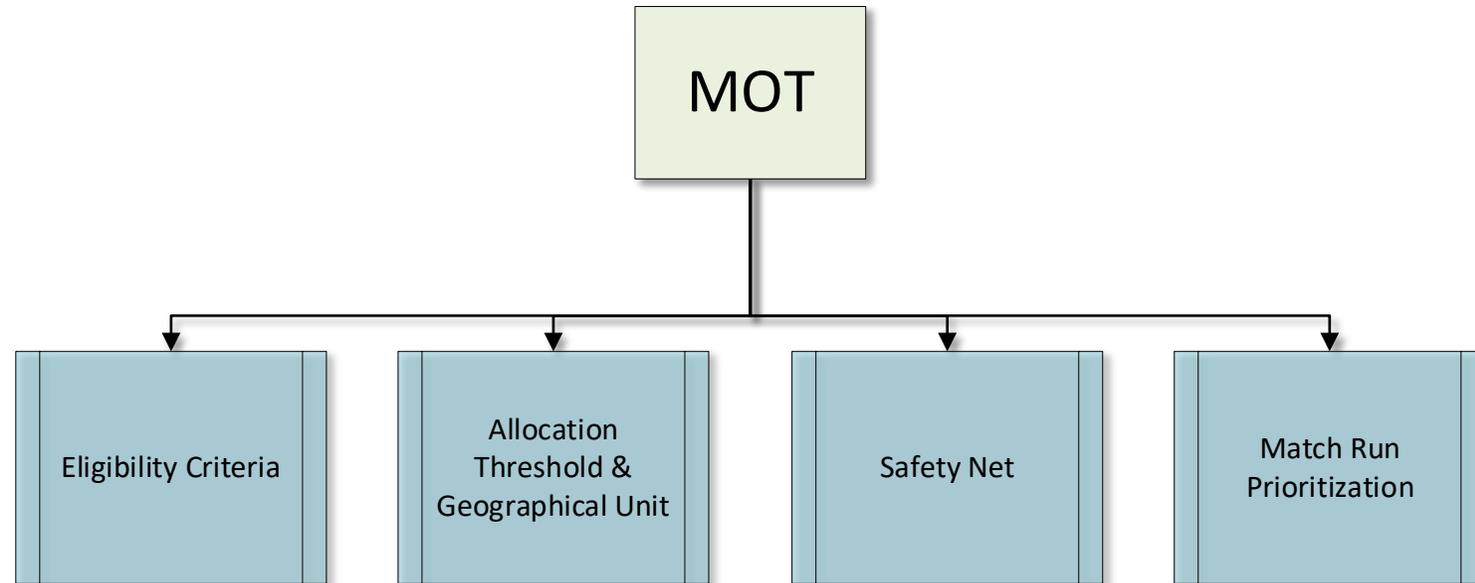
The current classification-based system gives points to candidates at various steps of a sequence. When attributes are reviewed in sequence, sometimes patients are placed on one side of a hard boundary that stops them from being prioritized further on the match run.

Continuous distribution will change organ allocation from placing patients into rank-ordered classifications for consideration, to considering all candidates at the same time. Candidates will be ranked with an overall score that is determined by considering multiple patient factors, "attributes".



What is involved in the future of MOT?

- **Eligibility Criteria**
 - Example: Qualifying GFR value for SLK candidates
- **Allocation Threshold & Geographical Unit**
 - Example: OPO Committee's proposal that Heart candidates are required to be a minimum of Status 3 and within 500NM of the donor, for OPOs to be *required* to allocate the kidney with the heart
- **Safety Net**
 - Example: Qualifying GFR or Dialysis <1 year post-transplant for increased kidney priority following a liver transplant
- **Match Run Prioritization**
 - Example: OPOs would be required to allocate a kidney to kidney candidates, before allocating to an SLK candidate, and then allocating to other multi-organ combinations involving a kidney



Match run rules workgroup

Increase offer filters

- Set adjustable default filters for more tailored screening of organ offers based on center acceptance practices

Develop a dynamic match run

- Screen candidates off the match run in real time as new information is entered regarding serology, anatomy, biopsy, etc.

Create additional acceptance codes to indicate conditional yes

- Provide more information to OPOs about a center's level of interest and desired conditions for accepting an organ offer

Technology tools workgroup

Communications Enhancements in DonorNet®

- Streamlining communication in DonorNet® would allow OPOs the ability to update status of donors and send push notifications before, during and after allocation

Image Sharing

- Develop Guidance to Maximize the Use of Image Sharing Technology across the Entire Network

Biopsy best practices workgroup

Standardized Pathology Report

- Develop a Form that Pathologists Would Complete During Biopsy Readings to Allow for Consistent Analysis across Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) and Transplant Programs

Minimum Set of Donor Kidney Criteria Appropriate for Biopsy

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Questions



UNOS Solutions

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Solutions: Who we are

We are transplant researchers, analysts, data scientists, and professionals working with the transplant community to increase transplantation, drive insights, innovation and improvements, and provide deep knowledge and analysis of data.

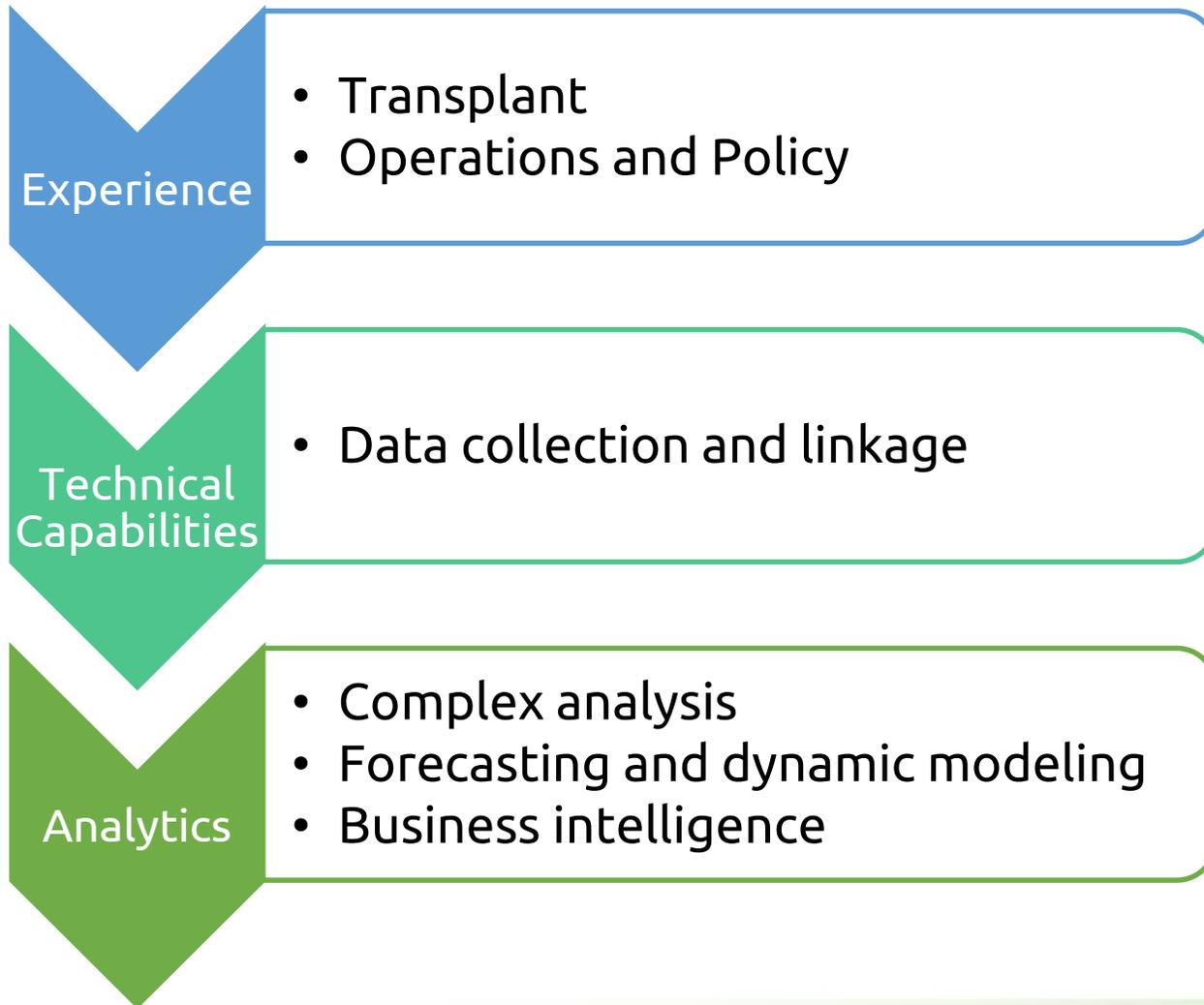
We are UNOS--- with almost 40 years in the transplant industry.

Who we work with:

- Members
- Corporations
- Researchers
- General Public



Common requests:

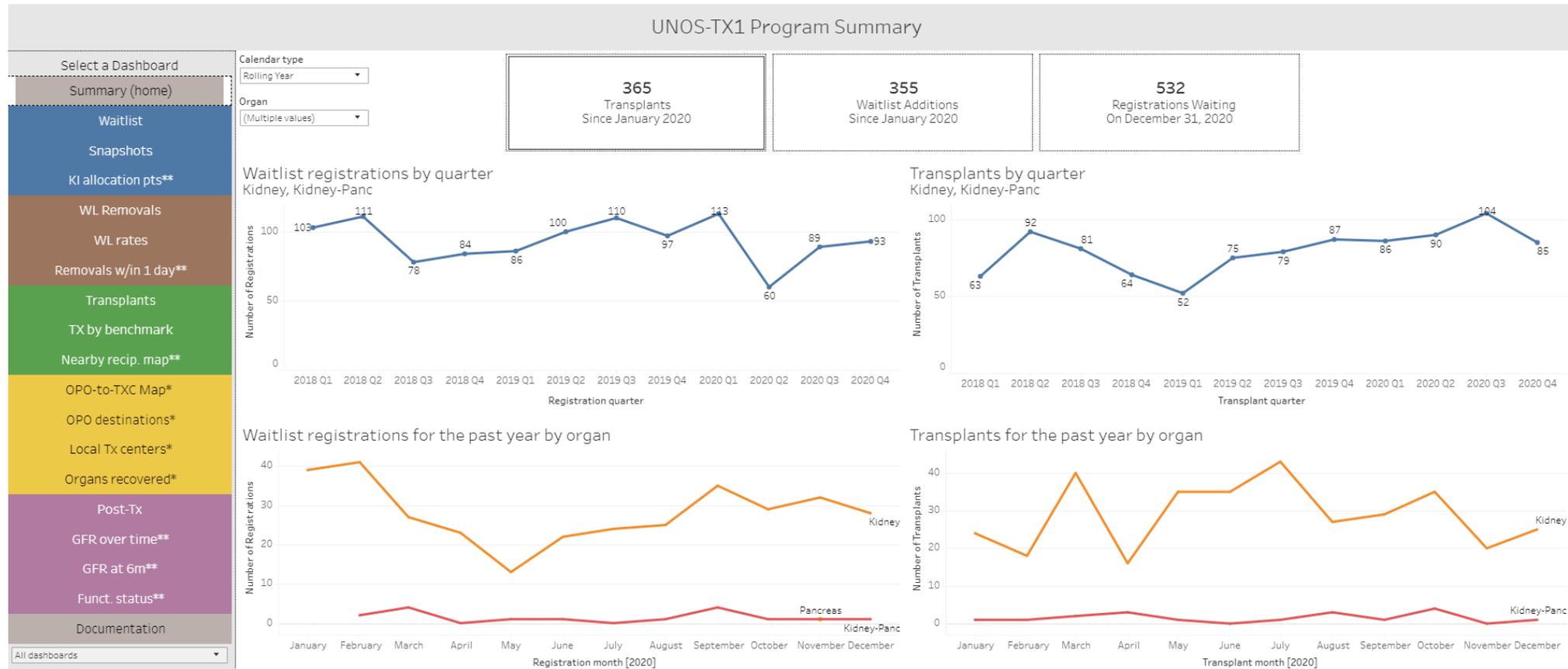


Products and process:

- Registries as a Service
 - Post-market FDA
 - Learning Networks
- Data Analytics and Research
- Consulting and Education
- Technology



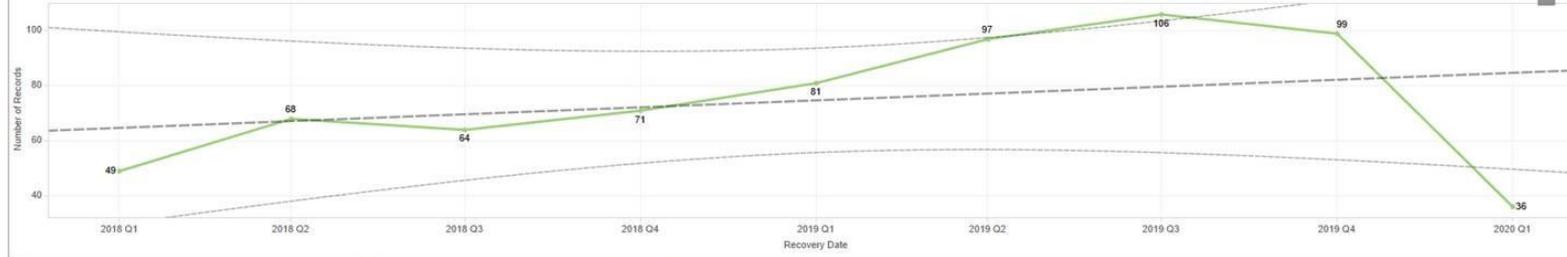
Transplant Center Dashboard 2.0



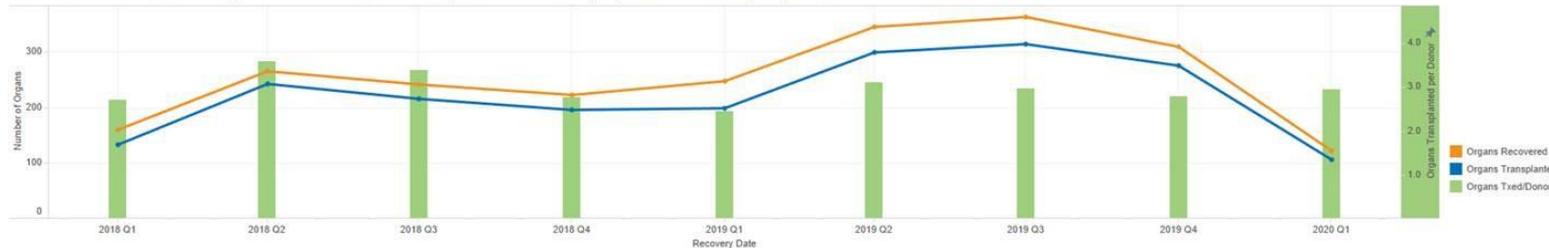
- Enhanced waitlist, transplant, and post-transplant analyses
- New recovery and destination maps
- Additional outcomes data
- Redesigned layout
- Regional, national, and self-selected benchmark programs for transplant volume analyses

OUT summary:

OPOX Deceased Donors Recovered February 1, 2018 - January 31, 2020



OPOX Deceased Donor Organs Recovered and Transplanted February 1, 2018 - January 31, 2020



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	Quarter of Recovery									
	2018 Q1	2018 Q2	2018 Q3	2018 Q4	2019 Q1	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	
Organs Recovered	160	266	242	223	248	348	364	310	122	
Organs Recovered per Donor	3.3	3.9	3.8	3.1	3.1	3.6	3.4	3.1	3.4	
Organs Transplanted	133	243	216	196	199	300	315	276	106	
Organs Txed/Donor	2.7	3.6	3.4	2.8	2.5	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.9	

Donors/Organs
 Organ
 KI Accept
 KI Offers
 KI Surv
 KI DGF
 LI Accept
 LI Offers
 LI Surv
 HR Accept
 HR Offers
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 LU Accept
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 KP Accept
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Summer 2021 Updates:

- Enhanced navigation and visual aesthetic
- Movement to the Data Services Portal
 - Able to download data
- New focused visualization on Outcomes of Individual Organs (New tab) including 3 years of data
- Transplant Maps
 - Displaying geographical source of each organ.
- OPO Map
 - Displaying transplants geographical destination of each organ.
- Updating report twice a month
- Three additional tabs... More to come!

Registries as a service:

- FDA-compliant
 - Medical device companies
 - Therapeutics and Pharmaceuticals
- Learning Network
 - Designed to gather data, engage conversation, and drive best practices
 - Examples:
 - Donor Management Goals (OPOs)
 - Starzl Network for Excellence in Pediatric Transplantation (TXPs)
 - ISHLT

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