

Proposal to Require UNetSM Registration of all Living Donor Organ Candidates Prior to Transplant

Living Donor Committee

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The Problem

- Some transplant programs register living donor transplant recipients through Waitlistsm before the transplant procedure; others through Tiedism after the transplant

Goal of the Proposal

Improve the safety of living donation by:

- Improving the blood type verification process
- Providing unique identifiers for comparing donor and candidate information
- Providing the accrual of wait time for some candidates

How the Proposal will Achieve its Goal

The proposal would improve living donation safety by:

- Requiring double verification of the intended recipient's blood type in UNetsm before surgery
- Providing a Waitlistsm ID as a unique recipient identifier to verify information at transplant
- Providing a Waitlistsm ID as a unique recipient identifier to help ensure anonymity of both the living donor and organ recipient when needed

Other Potential Benefits

- Standardizing transplant center practice
- Possible deceased donor organ (e.g. zero antigen mismatch) offers
- Possible non-directed donor offers
- Accruing waiting time

Supporting Evidence

Data from 2012:

- Of 5,617 living kidney donor recipients only 527 (9.4%) of the recipients were not on the waiting list prior to transplant
- 88 programs performed at least one living donor kidney transplant for a recipient who was not on the waiting list
- All living liver donor recipients were added to the waiting list before transplant

Public Comment

Type	Total	Support	Opposed	No Vote of Did not Consider
Individual	48	38 (92.6%)	3 (7.32%)	7
Regional	11	11 (100%)	0	0
Committee	19	6 (100%)	0	0

What Members will Need to Do

- Transplant hospitals will be required to register all transplant candidates before transplantation

Policy Proposal

- Policy 3.4.C Candidate Registration
- Recipients of deceased and living donor organs must be registered as candidates on the waiting list prior to their transplant.
- Transplant programs must complete all candidate ~~additions~~ registrations, modifications, and removals in the waiting list.