

## Strategies to Improve Match Opportunities in the OPTN/UNOS KPD Pilot Program

Below is a chart of the most frequent decline reasons and actions you can take to avoid immediately declining an offer.

To avoid these decline reason(s)...	Take these action(s)
Matched donor age or BMI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose maximum donor age, BMI and other factors that you are willing to accept, in the donor and candidate choices tab</li> </ul> <p>AND/OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the donor pre-select each week and pre-refuse any donors not appropriate for individual candidates</li> </ul>
Candidate unacceptable antigens (virtual and positive crossmatches)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter all donor HLA in KPD, including DP and DQA*</li> <li>• Repeat antibody screens and update candidate unacceptable antigens every 90 days in KPD</li> <li>• Work as a team with your HLA lab to review and complete the donor pre-select to rule out donors with antigens or combinations of antigens that are not acceptable for individual candidates</li> <li>• Complete donor pre-select each week and pre-refuse any donors not appropriate for individual candidates</li> </ul> <p>*Currently, the KPD system does not automatically screen based on unacceptable DQA antigens; this screening can be done through the pre-select tool. We are evaluating system enhancements to make this happen automatically in the future.</p>
Candidate or donor unavailable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate or donor is sick</li> <li>• Pair involved in another KPD program exchange</li> <li>• Candidate transplanted or transplant pending</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inactivate the pair in KPD prior to the next match run; you can easily reactivate if circumstances change</li> </ul>

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