

OPTN 2015-2018 Strategic Plan

OPTN Vision: To promote long, healthy, and productive lives for persons with organ failure by promoting maximized organ supply, effective and safe care, and equitable organ allocation and access to transplantation; and doing so by balancing competing goals in ways that are transparent, inclusive, and enhance public trust in the national organ donation system.

Increase the number of transplants

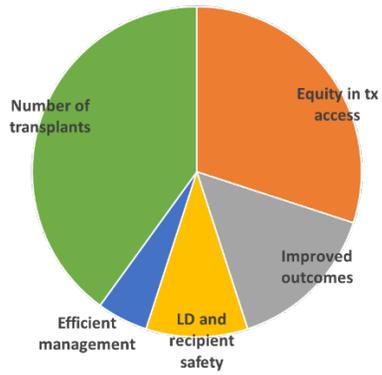
- Ensure that performance metrics for transplant centers and OPOs are aligned and promote increasing the number of effective transplants
- Measure transplant centers' ability to transplant waitlisted candidates
- Improve transplant program metrics to remove disincentives for treating all patients
- Improve OPO metrics to remove disincentives for pursuing single-organ donor
- Increase community participation in, and transplants arranged through, OPTN KPD program
- Minimize financial disincentives and remove other barriers to living donation
- Use data to improve the chance of timely offers of organs to centers and candidates most likely to accept
- Develop decision analytics and support tools to guide OPOs and transplant centers
- Conduct follow-on research to deceased donor potential study to assist OPOs in identifying and recovering underutilized categories of donors
- Identify best practices for donor medical management and share with donor hospitals
- Share OPO best practices for maximizing organ utilization and minimizing organ discard rates
- Increase the number of DCD donors

Provide equity in access to transplants

- Reduce geographic disparity in access to transplantation of livers and other organs
- Examine the effectiveness of current DSA boundaries and consider developing new methods of distribution
- Establish clearer rules for allocation of multiple organs to a single candidate, especially liver-kidney candidates
- Examine ethical issues in retransplantation when a shortage exists
- Increase the referral of all patients who have a high likelihood of transplant benefit to transplant centers without regard to patient demographics or geography
- Define other measures of equity to examine system performance

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Improve waitlisted patient, living donor, and transplant recipient outcomes	Promote living donor and transplant recipient safety	Promote the efficient management of the OPTN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define alternative measures of positive patient outcomes other than one-year survival • Provide tools to promote self-assessment and improvement by members • Examine practices to allocate organs in a way that promotes increased transplant benefit across the population • Promote research on long term (>2 years) living donor outcomes • Develop and distribute educational materials to assist primary care providers on best practices for partnering with the transplant center in the ongoing care of transplant recipients • Improve transplant patient literacy in order to facilitate self-management post-transplant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase opportunities for members to exchange best practices and responses to near-misses and sentinel events; provide sample forms and other learning tools • Facilitate more information sharing among members through “safe-harbor” policies • Share best practices in developing robust quality programs • Deploy technological tools that improve labelling, tracking, and check-in of organs • Facilitate improved communication between OPOs and transplant centers. • Implement the HOPE Act while protecting the safety of patients and transplant professionals • Expand learning opportunities for disease transmission of rare donor derived diseases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Align committee proposals to strategic planning goals • Consider financial impact to OPTN members as part of the policy development process • Align OPTN requirements with CMS and other standard-setting bodies • Employ user-friendly technologies to collect data quickly and accurately, and supplement member-submitted data by integrating other data sources • Create stronger connections between committees and board • Consider reducing the number of standing committees • Identify financial standards and best practices in donation and transplantation • Partner with other organizations in donation and transplant to minimize duplication of efforts



2015-2016 allocation of effort:

Increase transplants 40%

Provide equity 30%

Improve outcomes 15%

Promote safety 10%

Promote efficiency 5%