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**ACTION REQUIRED: Policy change impacting KPD eligibility**

**KPD transplant programs:**

TX Program Administrators/Managers, Kidney Paired Donation Primary Contacts, Kidney Paired Donation Alternate Contacts, Kidney Paired Donation Match Offer Support

**Histo labs:**

Histo Lab Adm/Managers, Histo Lab Clinical Consultants, Histo Lab Directors, Histo Lab Directors in Training, Histo Lab General Supervisors, Histo Lab Supervisors, Histo Lab Techs, Histo Lab Technical Supervisors

**Implementation date:** August 30, 2022

**At-a-glance:**

Changes to [HLA and unacceptable antigen options](#) will go into effect on August 30th, as well as changes to the equivalences used for HLA matching and screening of unacceptable antigens between candidates and donors.

These changes include:

- DPA1 added for candidate and donor HLA reporting
- HLA-DPA1 is required for all KPD donors
- DPA1 added for candidate Unacceptable Antigen reporting
- If unacceptable antigen(s) are reported for DPA1, then reporting candidate
- DPA1 HLA typing is required
- DPA1 added for candidate Other Antibody Specificities reporting

Refer to the [policy notice](#) to see the equivalency changes that will affect donor-to-candidate screening and matching.

**What you need to do:**

Upon implementation on the morning of Tuesday, August 30th, all active KPD donors will be set to ineligible status due to the added HLA typing data requirement for DPA1.

- The KPD match will not be run on Thursday, Sept. 1.
- To ensure donors are eligible for the Thursday, Sept. 8 match run, users will need to add DPA1 test results for each of their donors by 8 a.m. ET on Sept. 8.

If a KPD candidate has antibodies towards DPA1, members are required to enter unacceptable antigens and the candidate's DPA1 HLA typing.

**Questions?**

If you have additional questions, contact [member.questions@unos.org](mailto:member.questions@unos.org).

If you have questions relating to implementation, contact UNOS Customer Service at [unethelpdesk@unos.org](mailto:unethelpdesk@unos.org), or call 800-978-4334 from 8am to 7pm EST.

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