
Why does this matter?

- If your patient needed a kidney today, how long do you think they would wait?
- Would that answer change depending on their ZIP code, their insurance, their income, their level of education or even their race?

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In 1953, Marion Bernard Goff was the first patient to receive a living-related kidney transplant from her mother. (Left) Image courtesy of Peter Heide.

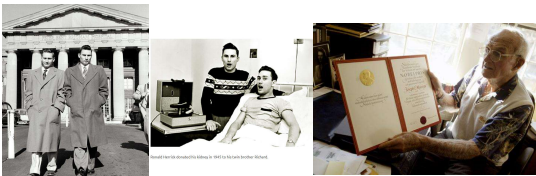
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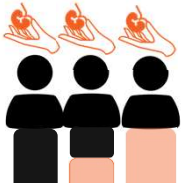
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Patient story

- Comparing the journey of two theoretical patients living in two different areas of Chicago – how one got a living kidney transplant before starting dialysis and how one patient remains waiting for a kidney 4 years after starting dialysis.


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Patient Story

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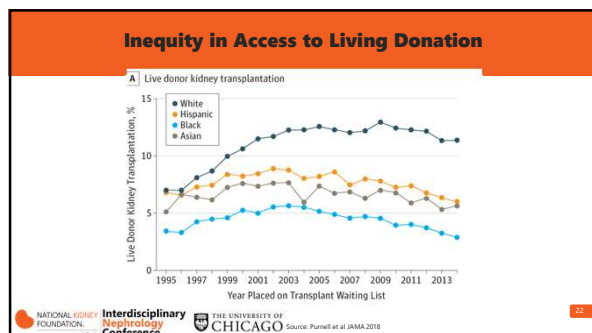
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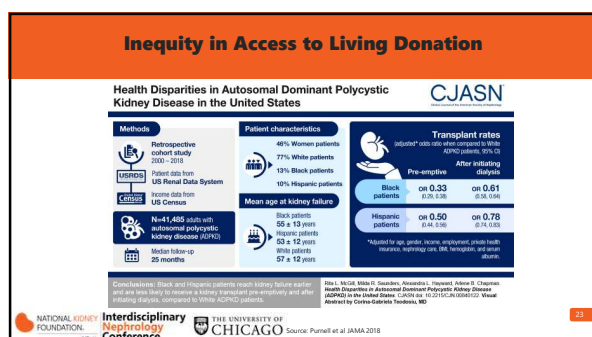

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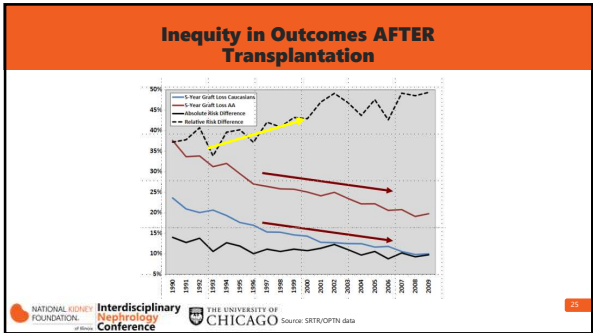




Inequity in Access for Women

- Less likely to be waitlisted
- Less likely to receive deceased donor kidneys
- Less likely to receive living donor kidneys
- More likely to be living donors

Source: Harding et al ASKD July 2025



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2021: Eliminating race from EGFR equation

National Kidney Foundation (NKF) and the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) formed a joint task force to develop a best-practice recommendation regarding the use of race in eGFR prediction equations. Use of cystatin C measurements should be encouraged and funded.

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2022 OPTN: Giving back lost time

Effective Jan. 5, 2023, kidney programs are required to assess their waiting lists and correct waiting times for any Black kidney candidates disadvantaged by having their kidney function overestimated due to use of a race-inclusive calculation. [Learn more about the board action.](#)

On June 27, 2022, the OPTN Board of Directors [unanimously approved](#) the proposal *Establish OPTN Requirement for Race-Neutral eGFR Calculations*. The policy was implemented July 27, 2022. [Review the proposal and the public comments.](#)

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2023: NKF- Kidney Equity for ALL

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2024 OPTN: Elimination of race from KDRI

Notice of OPTN Policy Change

Refit Kidney Donor Profile Index without Race and Hepatitis C Virus

Sponsoring Committee: Minority Affairs

Policy Affected: 2.4.8: Deceased Donor Characteristics

Public Comment: January 23, 2024- March 15, 2024

Board Approved: June 17, 2024

Effective Date: Pending implementation and notice to OPTN members

Purpose of Policy Change

The purpose of this policy change is to refit the Kidney Donor Risk Index (KDRI) calculation without race or Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) and re-map it to the Kidney Donor Profile Index (KDPI) to better reflect the likelihood of graft failure for kidneys from African-American/Black and HCV positive deceased donors.1

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Coming together to find solutions

• If your patient needed a kidney today, how long do you think they would wait?

• What small things can you do after today to make an impact in their wait time?

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Recognize the powerful role you play in being able to nudge your patient towards transplant and living kidney donation.

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Thank you!

Together we can move from awareness to action!



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