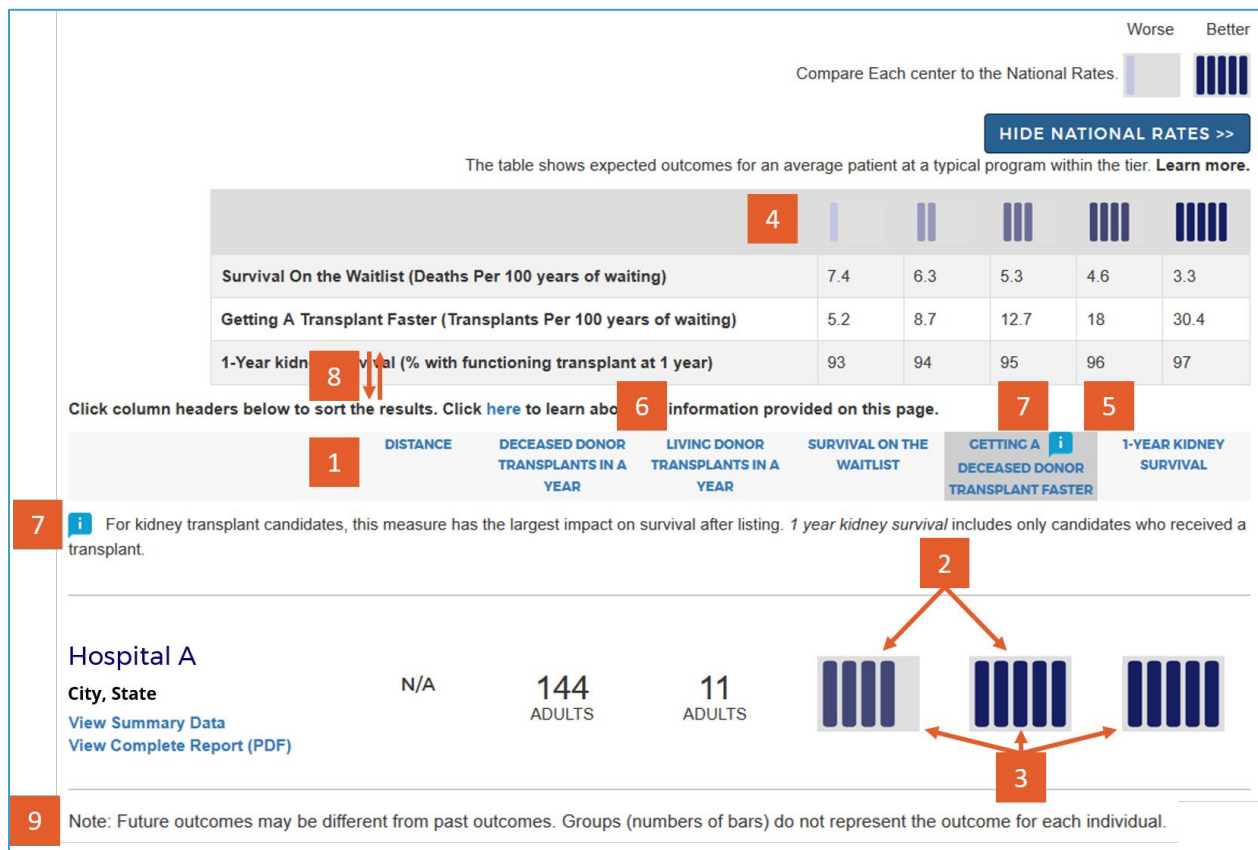


The Updated SRTR Website

Brief description of improvements

Brief guide to changes made to the SRTR Website in February 2019

In May 2018, SRTR released an updated version of the Beta website that incorporated nine improvements made in response to feedback. Public comment was received through July 2018 and a new version was launched in January 2019 and moved over to the SRTR public website on February 5, 2019. This document reviews the changes.



1 Change #1: Renamed headings for program metrics.

Description of the change: Column headings were renamed to be more patient-friendly based on feedback received from patient focus groups.

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Change #2: Added 5-tier assessments for pre- and posttransplant metrics.

Description of the change: The updated site provides a simple 5-tier summary for three metrics: survival on the waiting list, getting a deceased-donor transplant faster, and 1-year survival with a functioning transplanted organ. In response to additional feedback, a 5-tier summary for survival on the waitlist is not shown for kidney programs; however, information on survival on the waitlist can be found within the program's full report.

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Change #3: Condensed the 5-tier icons and removed interpretive text below the icons.

Description of the change: Because we added two new 5-tier assessments for pretransplant metrics, we changed the icons slightly to be more compact. In addition, interpretive text below the icons, e.g., "Better than Expected," was removed.

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Change #4: Added a key describing the meaning of the icons and providing actual numbers expected within each tier for each outcome assessed.

Description of the change: Because we removed the interpretive text below the icons as detailed in change #3 above, we added a key at the top of the search results page providing outcomes for an average-risk patient at an average program within the tier. In response to additional feedback, the educational material provided with the key was improved to be organ-specific. This material can be found by clicking the "Learn More" link shown at the top of the key.

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Change #5: Changed the transplant rate to a deceased-donor-only transplant rate.

Description of the change: The new 5-tier assessment of the transplant rate (getting a deceased donor transplant faster) includes only deceased donor transplants in the numerator of the rate, censoring candidate follow-up at the time of living donor transplant.


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Change #6: Divided the transplant volume into deceased and living donor transplant volumes

Description of the change: We split the program's transplant volume descriptors into deceased donor and living donor volumes, separately.

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Change #7: Indicated which evaluation is most important to overall patient survival after listing

Description of the change: An icon () has been added to specific columns indicating which component of care has the greatest impact on overall survival after listing.

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Change #8: The sort order was changed to default to the column of most importance to patient survival after listing

Description of the change: The updated site sorts initially by the column with the largest impact on patient survival after listing as described in change #7 above.

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Change #9: Disclaimer statement was added below the search results table

Description of the change: The following statement was added to the site below the table of search results: "Note: Future outcomes may be different from past outcomes. Groups (numbers of bars) do not represent the outcome for each individual."