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.

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**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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2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

5 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.

6 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.

7 Change #7: Indicated which evaluation is most important to overall patient survival after listing
Description of the change: An icon (i) has been added to specific columns indicating which component of care has the greatest impact on overall survival after listing.
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.

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.”