



## **American Society of Transplant Surgeons**

### **Comments on the Concepts for Kidney Allocation Proposal**

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The American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) is generally supportive of the new kidney allocation concepts, but believes controversies will arise as the details are developed. The ASTS believes that individual members and transplant centers should comment on the specifics and that the Society should not act as one voice for the membership on a new kidney allocation system.

The ASTS sees its role as educating the members on the details as they develop and to encourage healthy debate in areas of disagreement such as sensitized patients and geographic disparities. For example, the role of HLA DR and sensitization in the new allocation system is an area that would benefit from open debate.

In general, the ASTS believes the new system needs to be uniform across the nation, should be easy to understand, should be predictable, and should allow some center/patient autonomy in terms of HLA matching and the type of kidney a patient will accept.

The American Society of Transplantation (AST) has endorsed the ASTS' comments.

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