

Category: Administrative - Quality Assurance Process Improvement & Regulatory Issues

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Title: Reducing kidney waitlist times with shared data among dialysis, nephrology, and transplant providers

Background: Potential kidney transplant candidate referrals and evaluations are made subjectively with limited information resulting in unfair access barriers for patients. Enhancing transparency, regulation, and bi-directional communication among kidney failure patients and providers may improve access, reduce the overall cost of care, and improve patients' quality of life.

Methods: A Plan-Do-Study-Act performance improvement methodology was utilized to design and implement a dedicated software application (app) for the referral and evaluation of potential kidney transplant candidates. The app was utilized by dialysis, nephrology, and transplant care providers, kidney failure patients, and patient support networks.

Outcomes: We anticipate early/breaking results in time for the upcoming ATC 2020.