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Hello,

I have a question as it pertains to the new proposed data collection for transplant referrals.

I believe there needs to be clarification in the request from transplant centers for referral data as it pertains to what the referral date is: transplant referral date or advanced care referral date.

As a large multiorgan transplant center we have patients under our care who are in advanced stages of their disease, but not a transplant referral yet.

Would we consider the date a patient was referred into our hepatology program as their initial referral date to our program and then once they start transplant evaluation to be their transplant evaluation date? This will cause a significant gap from referral to eval start if so (years in some cases).

Or would we count when a patient transitions from an advanced hepatology patient to the start of evaluation for transplant as the referral to eval period? If we do this, it will be a very short period because usually a patient skips the referral phase if they are one of our hepatology patients and goes straight to evaluation.

We have similar situations with our heart & lung programs as well since we have a large, advanced care program for both of these organ groups within our transplant institute.

Can you help clarify what the data request would be?

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