

Response to Advisory Group Comment

Exhibit for the Rate of Hospital Referrals of Potential Organ Donors Made to the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) From Within the OPO's Donation Service Area (DSA) in a Calendar Year

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5.3.3 Method(s) of Validity Testing

As noted in Section 5.3.3 under criterion validity, we used the Multiple Cause of Death (MCOD) data as an external data source to estimate a value of ventilated referrals as a proportion of deaths within the OPO's donation service area (DSA). For example, in Table 1, OPO 1's DSA experienced a potential donor population (deaths potentially suitable for donation) of 11,604 in the reporting period. OPO 1 recorded referrals of 18,734. By multiplying the number of deaths in the potential donor population (MCOD) by 26 percent (an estimate of the number of hospital deaths of patients who were using a ventilator), there is an estimated maximum number of ventilated referrals of 3,017 patients. When compared with the number of referrals received by OPO 1 (18,734), there is a difference of 15,717. This represents a percent difference of 145 percent (Percent Difference = $(|a - b| / ((a + b) / 2)) \times 100$). This added confidence that OPO 1 is capturing the expected population in its DSA in its referrals.

Table 1. Criterion Validity - Referral Rate

	OPO 1	OPO 2	OPO 3	OPO 4	OPO 5	OPO 6
MCOD Deaths (Potential Donor Population)	11,604	15,800	3,314	9,329	6,341	4,794
Estimated Maximum Ventilated Referrals (26% of MCOD Deaths)*	3,017	4,108	862	2,426	1,649	1,246
OPO-Reported Referrals	18,734	19,199	7,131	12,887	13,511	8,634
Difference (OPO-Reported Referrals minus Estimated Maximum Ventilated Referrals)	15,717	15,091	6,269	10,462	11,862	7,388
Percent Difference of Reported Referrals versus Estimated Maximum Ventilated Referrals	145%	129%	157%	137%	156%	150%

* Estimated Maximum Ventilated Referrals are calculated as 26% of MCOD deaths.