

Response to Advisory Group Comment

Exhibit for the Rate of Referred Patients that are Approached for an Organ Donation in the Organ Procurement Organization's (OPO) 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. By subtracting the number of approaches reported by OPO 1 (2,909) from the number of referrals received by OPO 1 (18,734), there is a difference of 15,825. This represents a percent difference of 146 percent (Percent Difference = $(|a - b| / ((a + b) / 2)) \times 100$). This added confidence that the OPO is capturing the expected approaches in its DSA in its referrals.

Table 1. Criterion Validity - Approach Rate (5602)

	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
OPO-Reported Approaches	2,909	6,890	953	2,407	2,395	1,560
Difference (OPO-Reported Referrals minus OPO-Reported Approaches)	15,825	12,309	6,178	10,480	11,116	7,074
Percent Difference of Reported Approaches versus Reported Referrals	146%	94%	153%	137%	140%	139%

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