

# **Expanding the Donor Pool**

## **ECD/DCD: Evaluation of the Marginal Kidney Donor**

**2017 CST/Astellas Canadian Transplant Fellows Symposium**  
**Halifax World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax, NS**  
**September 25, 2017**

**Greg Knoll MD MSc**

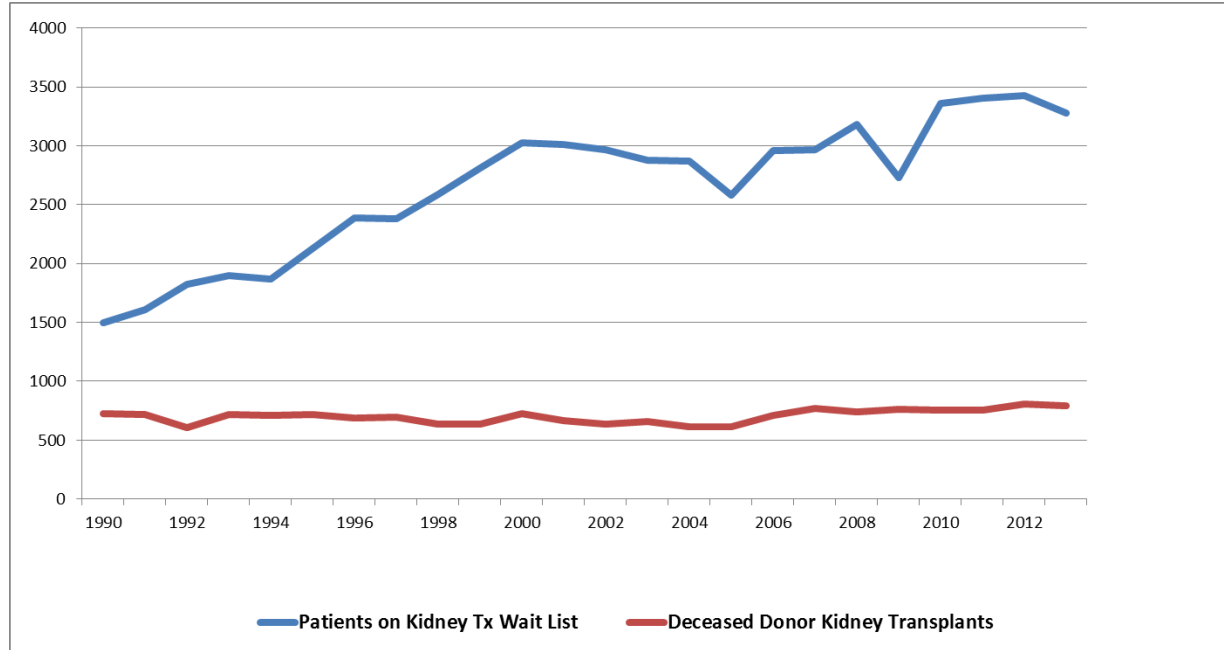
**Head, Division of Nephrology, The Ottawa Hospital and the University of Ottawa**  
**Senior Scientist, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute**  
**Professor of Medicine, University of Ottawa**



# Disclosure Slide

- **Grant/Research Support in the past 5 years: Astellas Canada, CIHR, Public Health Agency of Canada, Kidney Foundation of Canada**
- **Consultant/Speaker Fees: none**

# Why are we Discussing this Topic?



**Not Enough Donors  
or  
Not Using the Donors we  
Have?  
(or Both)**

# Definitions

- **SCD** – Standard Criteria Donor
- **ECD** – Expanded Criteria Donor
- **DCD** – Donation after Cardiocirculatory Death
- **NDD** – Neurological Determination of Death (“Brain Death”)
- **KDRI** – Kidney Donor Risk Index
- **KDPI** - Kidney Donor Profile Index

# Definitions

- **ECD** – Expanded Criteria Donor

- Kidneys that have 70% increased risk of graft failure compared to SCD
  - Age  $\geq 60$  years
  - Age 50-59 with any 2 of the following criteria
    - Death due to CVA
    - History of hypertension
    - Terminal creatinine  $\geq 1.5$  mg/dl (133  $\mu$ mol/L)

- **SCD** – Standard Criteria Donor

- All brain dead deceased donors without any ECD criteria

- **DCD** – Donation after Cardiocirculatory Death

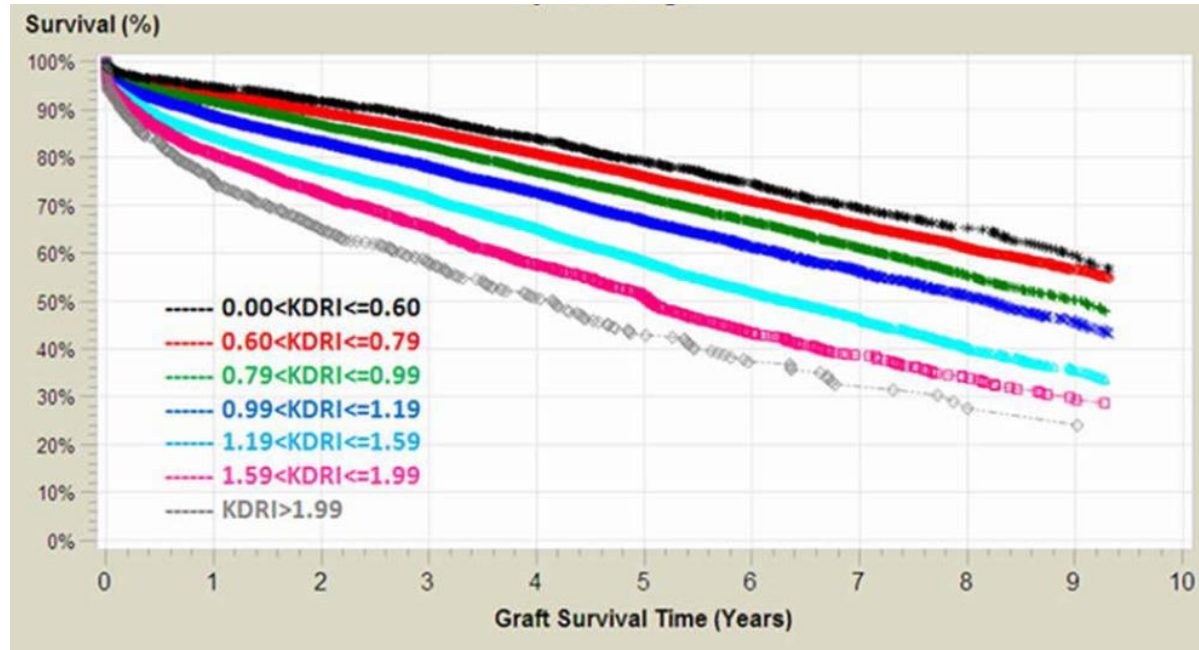
- **NDD** – Neurological Determination of Death (“Brain Death”)

# KDRI/KDPI: Kidney Donor Risk Index/Kidney Donor Profile Index

- **KDRI**: Risk score based on 10 donor factors
- Interpreted as the relative risk of post-transplant graft failure from a specific donor compared to a reference donor (median donor, 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of score)
- Donor with KDRI of **1.28** confers an estimated risk of graft failure that **28%** higher than that of the median donor (typically ranges from **0.5 to 3.5**)
- **KDPI** is mapping of the RR to a cumulative percentage (0-100%)
- Donor with KDPI of **85%** has a RR of graft failure that is **higher** than **85%** of all recovered kidneys in the previous year

- ✓ Age
- ✓ Height
- ✓ Weight
- ✓ Ethnicity
- ✓ History of Hypertension
- ✓ History of Diabetes
- ✓ Cause of Death
- ✓ Serum Creatinine
- ✓ Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)
- ✓ Donation after Circulatory Death

## KDRI/KDPI: Kidney Donor Risk Index/Kidney Donor Profile Index



**Increasing KDRI Associated with Worse Graft Survival**

# Why do we need to know how to evaluate marginal kidney donors?

- SCD: 8% discarded
- ECD: 41% discarded
- DCD: 25% discarded
- ECD-DCD: 51% discarded
- Age > 65 years: 60%
- KDPI > 90: 63%

~1500 kidneys/year discarded

**No Canadian Data!!**

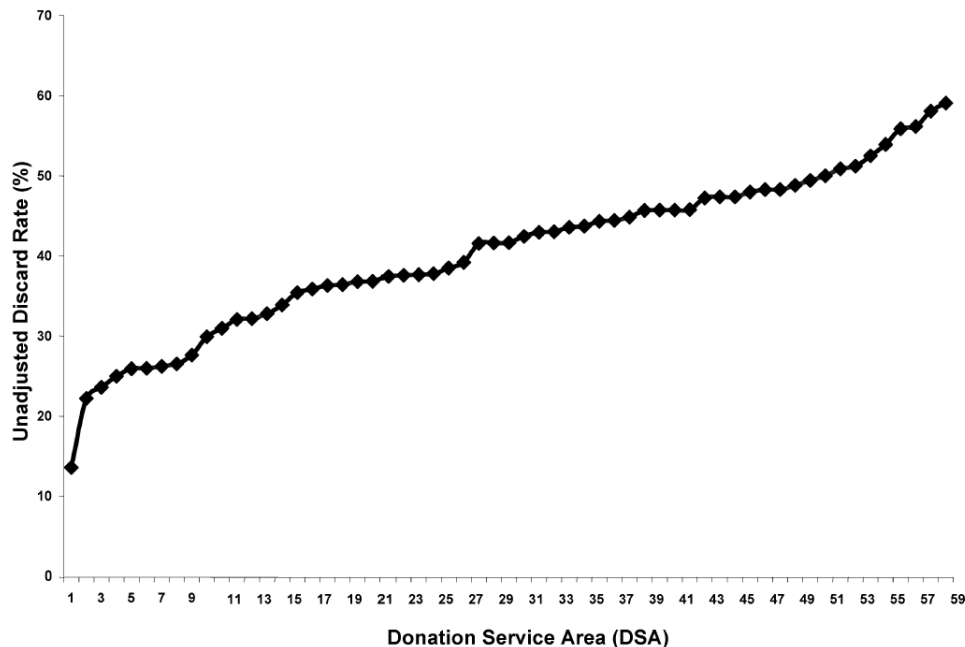
*Clin J Am Soc Nephrol* 11: 317–323, 2016.

*American Journal of Transplantation* 2008; 8: 783–792

*World J Surg* (2012) 36: 2909. doi:10.1007/s00268-012-1748-0



# Discard Rate is Highly Variable for Marginal Donors



Discard rate: 14-60%

Why would one region routinely discard kidneys that others would transplant?

# Evaluation of the Marginal Kidney Donor

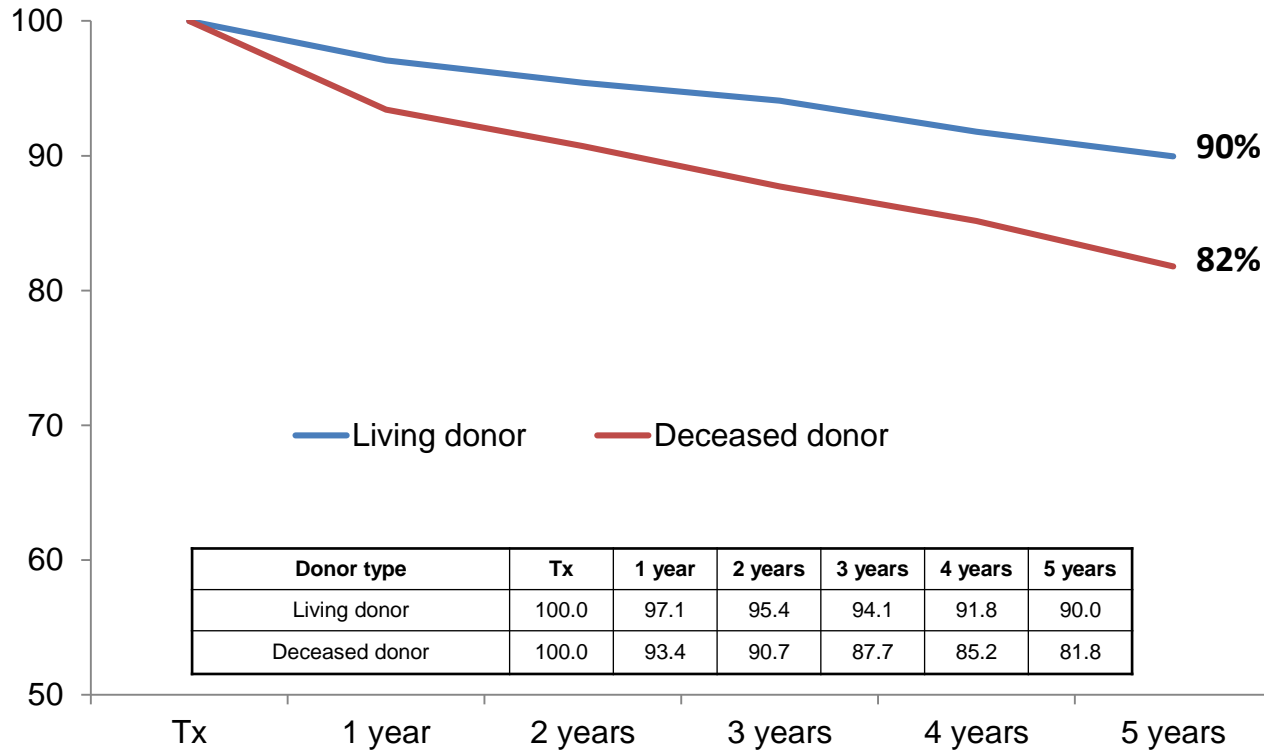
- **Why are Kidneys Discarded?**

- Anatomic abnormalities
- Damage during procurement
- Tumour
- Poor flush

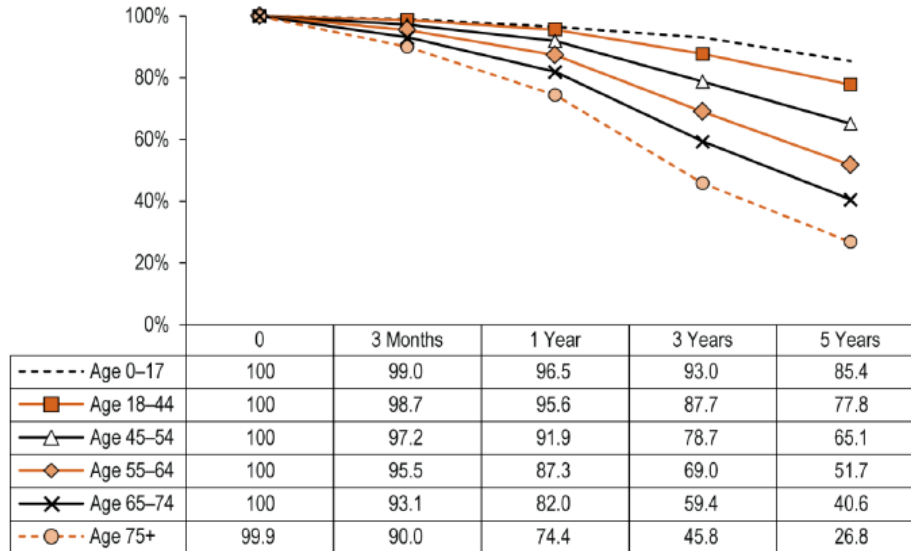
- **Avoidance of Risk**

- Risk of transmissible disease
- Risk of premature graft failure:
  - We need kidneys to function adequately and *long enough*
  - We don't need all kidneys to last forever and that is our problem....
  - We are very conservative and tend to discard kidneys that will most likely function adequately and long enough for certain recipients

# Kidney Transplant Survival



# Dialysis Patient Survival in Canada

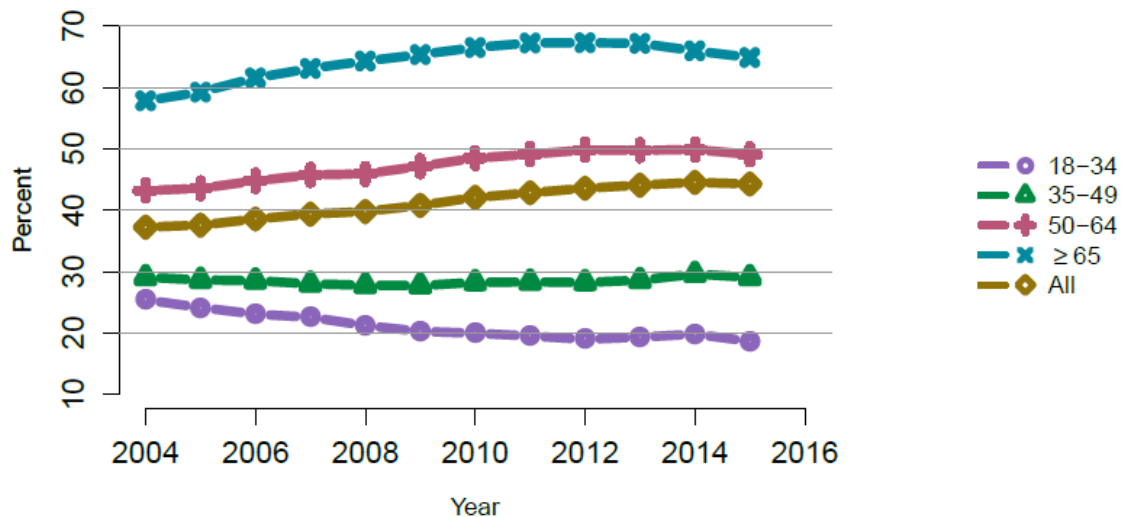


**15%** of Dialysis patients will die in the first year of treatment.

Only **45%** will be alive after 5 years of treatment.

*This prognosis is worse than many cancers*

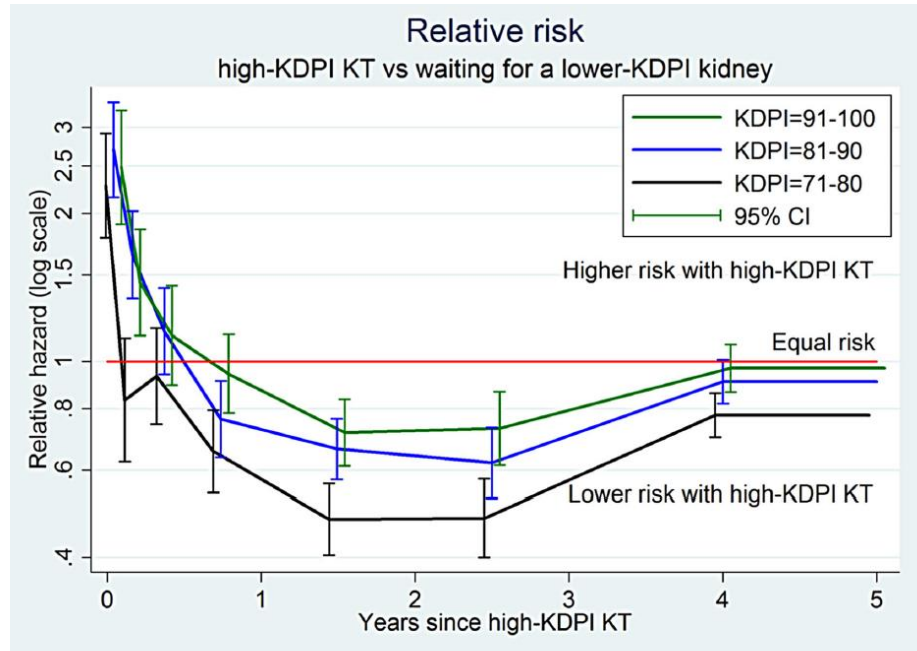
# Many Patients Willing to Accept 'Marginal' Kidneys



**Adults willing to accept an ECD kidney or KDPI >85%**

# Survival Benefit of Primary Deceased Donor Transplantation With High-KDPI Kidneys

A. B. Massie<sup>1,2</sup>, X. Luo<sup>1</sup>, E. K. H. Chow<sup>1</sup>,  
J. L. Alejo<sup>1</sup>, N. M. Desai<sup>1</sup> and D. L. Segev<sup>1</sup>

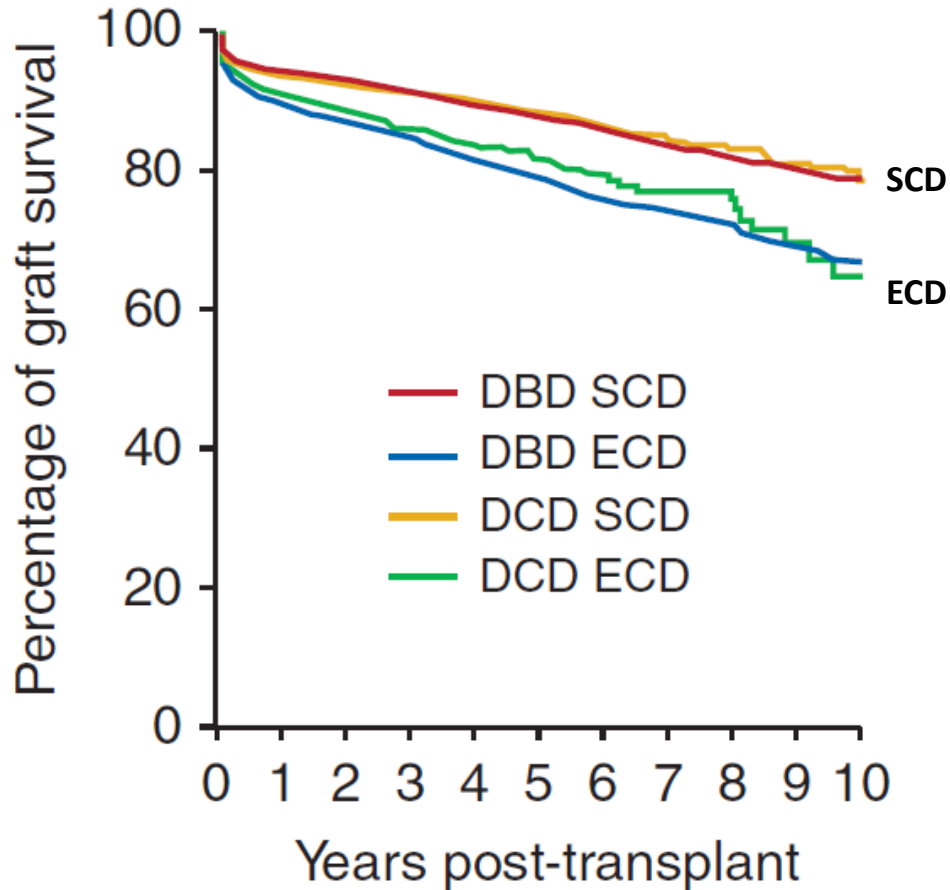


Survival Benefit  
Patients >50 years old  
Median wait time at centre >33 months

# What Information Can We Use to Evaluate a Marginal Kidney Donor

- Type of Donor
  - DCD vs. NDD
  - ECD vs. Non-ECD
- Clinical Parameters
  - Age
  - GFR
  - Hypertension/Diabetes
  - Cause of Death
- Donor Risk Scores
- Biopsy
- Perfusion Parameters: cold, normothermic (*next talk, Dr. Selzner*)
- Biomarkers: urine, blood, perfusate

# Non-ECD DCD Kidneys Should Not Be Considered 'Marginal'

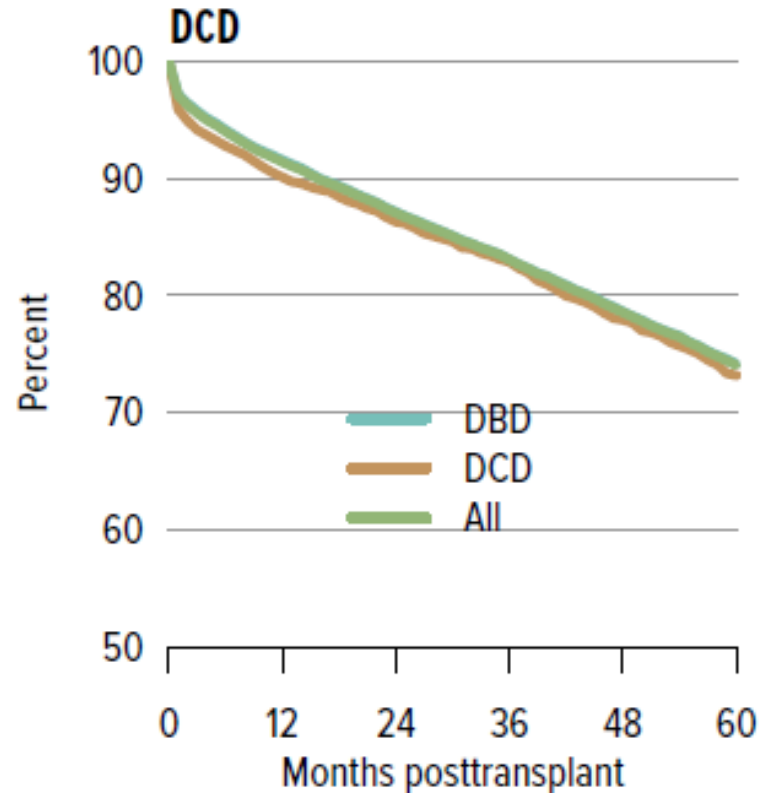


ECD kidneys have decreased survival compared to non-ECD donors

DCD vs DBD does NOT matter



# Graft Survival Identical with DCD and DBD Donors



# Is the Kidney Biopsy Helpful?

USA: 50.4% of all donors have procurement biopsy (74.8% ECD)

No Canadian data but rarely done in Ontario

Eurotransplant Centres rarely use procurement biopsy (<5%)

# Pre-Transplant Kidney Biopsy

Procurement vs. Implantation biopsy

Frozen section vs. Paraffin embedded

“On-call” pathologist interpretation vs. Renal pathologist retrospective review

Wedge vs. Core biopsy

# Donor Biopsy Scoring Systems

Table 1. Summary of some commonly used scores in the assessment of donor biopsies				
Name (year published)	Variables scored		Predictive value	Reference
Banff scheme-based scores	Variables	Points	(a) AUC: 0.79 [29]	(a): [18,22]
(a) Remuzzi (1999)	Global glomerulosclerosis (a–c)	0–3	(b) AUC: 0.76 [29]	(b): [60]
(b) CADI (1994)	Interstitial fibrosis, ci (a–c)	0–3	(c) AUC: 0.74	(c): [56]
(c) Total chronic Banff (2008)	Tubular atrophy, ct (a–c)	0–3		
	Vessel narrowing, cv (a–c)	0–3		
	Mesangial matrix increase, mm (b–c)	0–3		
	Interstitial inflammation, i (b)	0–3		
	Glomerular double contour, cg (c)	0–3		
	Arteriolar hyalinosis, ah (c)	0–3		
Maryland Aggregate Pathology Index (2008)	Variables	Points	AUC: 0.70–0.74	[30]
	Periglomerular fibrosis: present/absent	4		
	Arteriolar hyalinosis: present/absent	4		
	Scar (focus of sclerosis and IFTA $\geq 10$ tubules: present/absent)	3		
	Global glomerulosclerosis $\geq 15\%$	2		
	Wall-lumen ratio of interlobular arteries $\geq 0.5$	2		
		5-year graft survival		
	Low risk group (score sum: 0–7)	90%		
	Intermediate risk group (score sum: 8–11)	63%		
	High risk group (score sum: 12–15)	53%		
French clinico-histopathological composite score (2008)	Variables:	Points	AUC: 0.84	[29]
	Global glomerulosclerosis $\geq 10\%$ (GS)	1		
	Donor hypertension and/or donor serum creatinine $\geq 150 \mu\text{mol/l}$ (CP)	1		
		eGFR $< 25 \text{ ml/min}$ at 1 year		
	GS = 0 and CP = 0	5.2%		
	GS = 1 and CP = 0	12.5%		
	GS = 0 and CP = 1	13.5%		
	GS = 1 and CP = 1	35.1%		

# Pirani – Remuzzi Score

## Glomerular global sclerosis

Based on three sections (the first, middle, and last sections, if available); the number of globally sclerosed expressed as a percentage.

- 0 none globally sclerosed
- 1+ <20% global glomerulosclerosis
- 2+ 20 to 50% global glomerulosclerosis
- 3+ >50% global glomerulosclerosis

## Tubular atrophy

- 0 absent
- 1+ <20% of tubuli affected
- 2+ 20 to 50% of tubuli affected
- 3+ >50% of tubuli affected

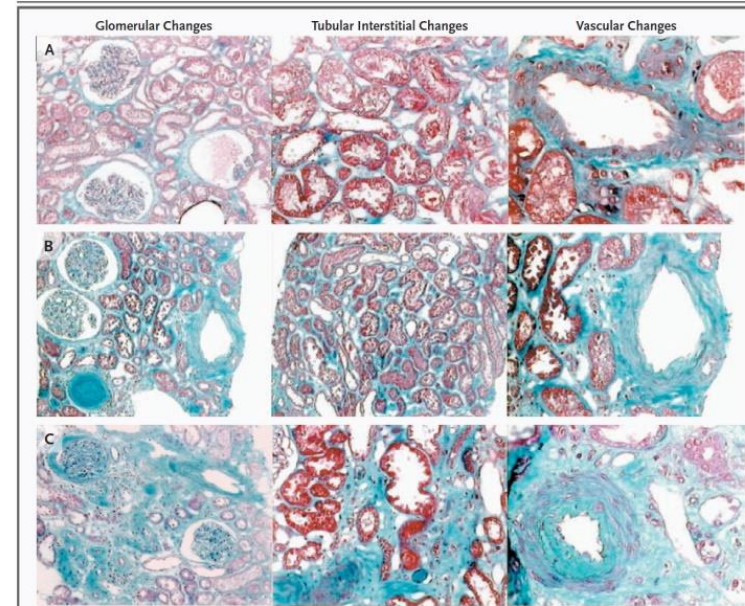
## Interstitial fibrosis

- 0 absent
- 1+ <20% of renal tissue replaced by fibrous connective tissue
- 2+ 20 to 50% of renal tissue replaced by fibrous connective tissue
- 3+ >50% of renal tissue replaced by fibrous connective tissue

## Arterial and arteriolar narrowing

For the vascular lesions, if the changes are focal, the most severe lesion present gives the final grade.

- 0 absent
- 1+ increased wall thickness but to a degree that is less than the diameter of the lumen
- 2+ wall thickness that is equal or slightly greater to the diameter of the lumen
- 3+ wall thickness that far exceeds the diameter of the lumen with extreme luminal narrowing or occlusion



**Figure 1. Representative Light Micrographs of Kidney Sections Illustrating the Histologic Scoring Criteria.**

Panel A shows three sections of a kidney from a 65-year-old male donor of a single transplant (global score, 2). Panel B shows three sections of a kidney from a 64-year-old male donor of a dual transplant (global score, 5). Panel C shows three sections of a discarded kidney from a 65-year-old man (global score, >7). In each panel, the left section mainly shows glomerular changes, the middle section tubular interstitial changes, and the right section vascular changes.

**Score = 2**

**Score = 5**

**Score = 7**

# OUTCOME OF KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION FROM HIGH-RISK DONORS IS DETERMINED BY BOTH STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION.

Karpinski, Jolanta; Lajoie, Ginette; Cattran, Daniel; Fenton, Stanley; Zaltzman, Jeffrey; Cardella, Carl; Cole, Edward

	High-risk donor: kidney used (n=34)	High-risk donor: kidney not used (n=31)	P value
Age (yr)	61±7	63±7	NS <sup>a</sup>
Male	67%	22%	<.001
CrCl (ml/min)	98±30	66±28	<.001
Reasons for biopsy			
Age>60	53%	73%	NS
Hypertension	56%	50%	NS
Vascular disease	29%	23%	NS
Biopsy score			
Overall	4.3±1.7	5.8±1.2	.002
Glomerulosclerosis	0.9	1.25	NS
Tubular atrophy	0.7	1.0	NS
Interstitial fibrosis	0.8	0.9	NS
Vessel	2.0	2.6	<.001

<sup>a</sup> Abbreviations: NS, not significant.

High Risk Donor

Age > 60

DM, Hypertension

Bx: Remuzzi scoring system

# OUTCOME OF KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION FROM HIGH-RISK DONORS IS DETERMINED BY BOTH STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION.

Karpinski, Jolanta; Lajoie, Ginette; Cattran, Daniel; Fenton, Stanley; Zaltzman, Jeffrey; Cardella, Carl; Cole, Edward

	CrCl >100 Vessel score <3	CrCl <100 or Vessel score =3	CrCl < 100 Vessel score = 3	
	Low risk <sup>a</sup> (n=19)	Intermediate risk <sup>b</sup> (n=20)	High risk <sup>c</sup> (n=7)	
DGF	32%	65%	100%	<i>P</i> = .001
Dialysis	16%	45%	43%	NS
6 mo Cr	182±41	197±35	317±66	<i>P</i> < .001
12 mo Cr	187±51	191±51	320±102	<i>P</i> < .001
1 yr Cr >200 μmol/L	42%	38%	100%	<i>P</i> < .05 <sup>d</sup>
Graft loss	0	20%	43%	<i>P</i> < .05 <sup>e</sup>

Function and vessel score associated with outcome

# The Prognostic Utility of Deceased Donor Implantation Biopsy in Determining Function and Graft Survival After Kidney Transplantation

*Sandra M. Cockfield,<sup>1</sup> Ronald B. Moore,<sup>2</sup> Gerald Todd,<sup>2</sup> Kim Solez,<sup>3</sup> and Sita Gourishankar<sup>1,4</sup>*

- 491 donors; 730 recipients
- Implantation biopsy after revascularization in the recipient
- Biopsy scored as per Banff scheme for transplanted kidneys
- **Independent Predictors of Graft Loss**
  - Repeat transplant: 2.21 (1.33-3.67)
  - Old donor age: 1.72 (1.03-2.88)
  - Rejection: 3.23 (1.97-5.28)
  - Donor CrCL: not significant
  - **Arteriolar hyalinosis only biopsy finding associated with graft loss: 1.67 (1.03-2.71)**
  - GS, IF, TA, fibrous intimal thickening not significant



# The Kidney Donor Profile Index (KDPI) of Marginal Donors Allocated by Standardized Pretransplant Donor Biopsy Assessment: Distribution and Association With Graft Outcomes

I. Gandolfini<sup>1</sup>, C. Buzio<sup>1</sup>, P. Zanelli<sup>2</sup>, et al

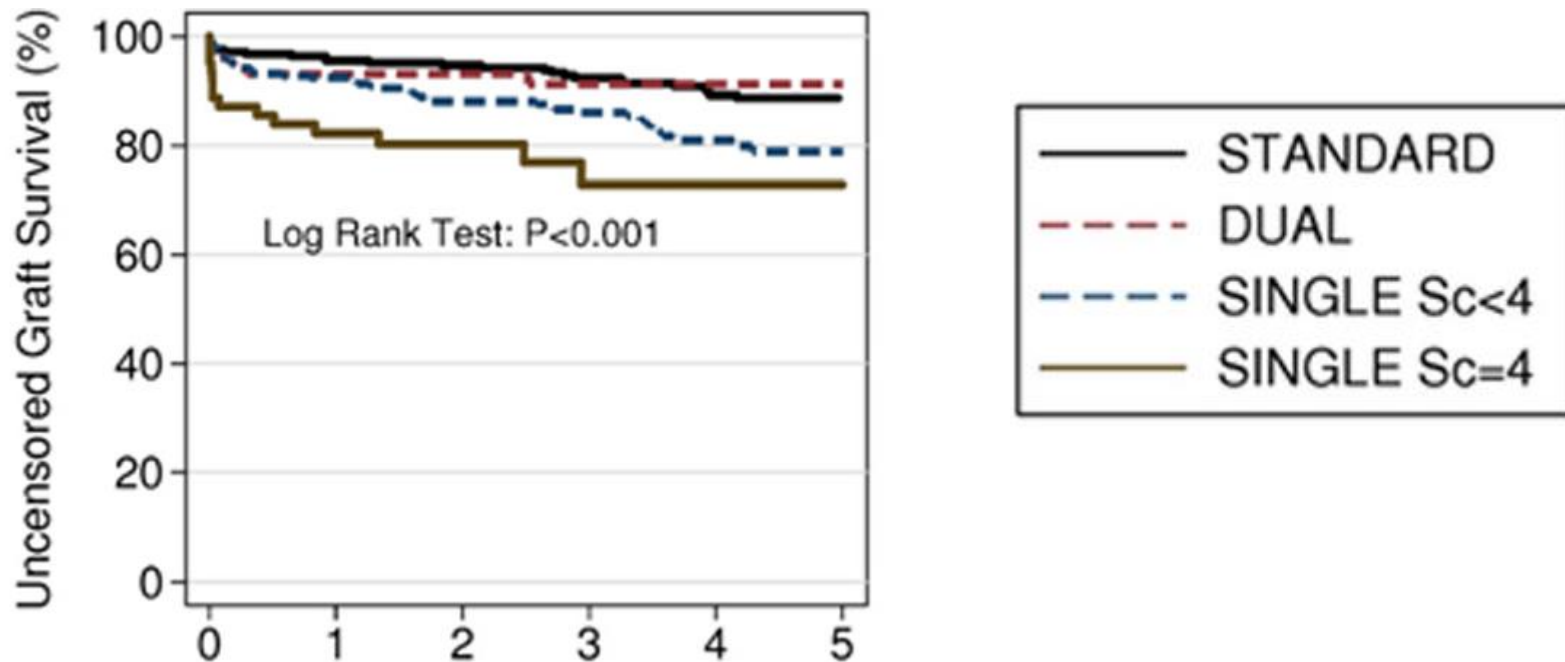
- Biopsy if: age  $\geq 65$ , CrCl  $< 60$ , Proteinuria  $> 1$  g/d
  - Core biopsy taken at time of procurement
  - Permanent sections fully stained and read by trained on-call pathologist
  - Graded using Pirani-Remuzzi score
  - Decision to use donor made solely based on biopsy findings: if biopsy score 0-4 then kidneys transplanted as singles

# The Kidney Donor Profile Index (KDPI) of Marginal Donors Allocated by Standardized Pretransplant Donor Biopsy Assessment: Distribution and Association With Graft Outcomes

	Marginal		
	DUAL	SINGLE Sc. < 4	SINGLE Sc. = 4
ECD donor, %	85.0	78.0	88.5
KDRI	1.70 (0.31)	1.53 (0.32)	1.57 (0.34)
KDPI	89.3 (9.9)	82.6 (15.1)	83.9 (15.2)
KDPI 80–90, %	18.6	25.7	32.8
KDPI 91–100, %	66.0	41.8	39.3

**Lots of High  
KDPI Kidneys  
being  
Transplanted**

# Excellent Graft Survival Even for High Biopsy-Score Kidneys



# Biopsy may Reduce Discard of 'Marginal' Kidneys

## Discard rate in Current Study

**15%** if KDPI 80-90

**37%** if KDPI 91-100

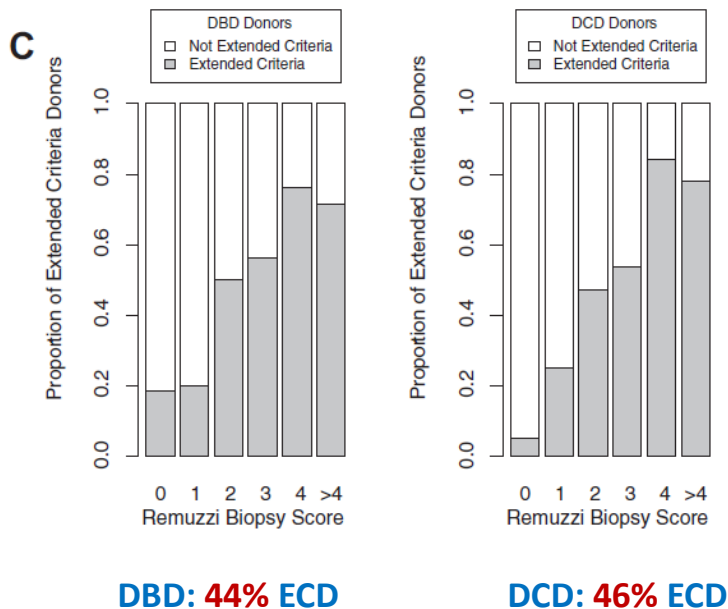
## Discard rate UNOS Registry

**36%** if KDPI 80-90

**63%** if KDPI 91-100

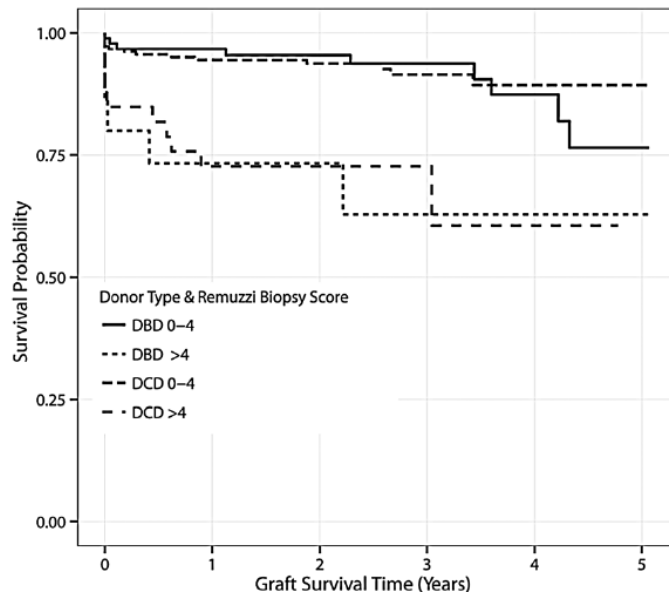
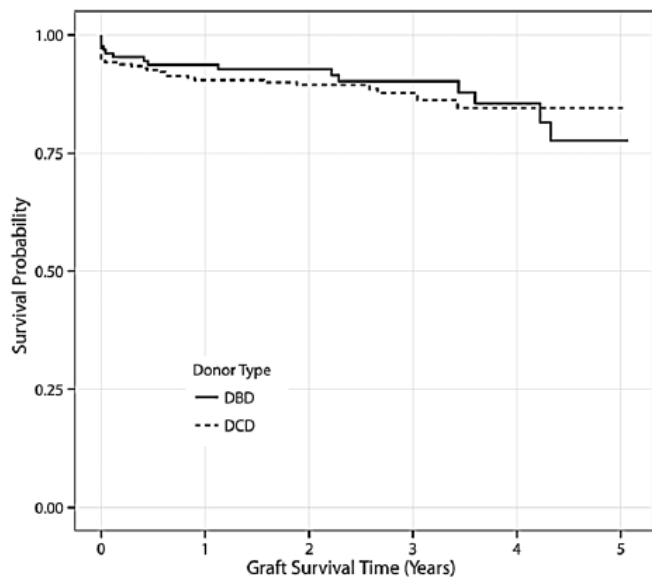
# Baseline Donor Chronic Renal Injury Confers the Same Transplant Survival Disadvantage for DCD and DBD Kidneys

V. Kosmoliaptsis<sup>1</sup>, M. Salji<sup>1</sup>, V. Bardsley<sup>2</sup>,  
Y. Chen<sup>3</sup>, S. Thiru<sup>2</sup>, M. H. Griffiths<sup>2</sup>,  
H. C. Copley<sup>1</sup>, K. Saeb-Parsy<sup>1</sup>, J. A. Bradley<sup>1</sup>,  
N. Torpey<sup>4</sup> and G. J. Pettigrew<sup>1,\*</sup>



**ECD kidneys had higher biopsy score regardless of DCD or DBD status**

# Baseline Donor Chronic Renal Injury Confers the Same Transplant Survival Disadvantage for DCD and DBD Kidneys



Score  $\leq 4$   
(DBD or DCD)

PNF  
Score  $\leq 4$ : 2.6%  
Score  $>4$ : 12.5%

## Biopsy Score the Only Variable Independently Associated with Graft Survival: DBD or DCD did not Matter

**Table 4:** Multiple variable Cox regression analysis of kidney allograft survival

Variable	Hazard ratio	95% CI	p-Value
Donor type			
DBD	Reference	–	–
DCD	0.95	0.42–2.17	0.903
Remuzzi biopsy score			
0–4	Reference	–	–
>4	3.88	1.78–8.44	<0.001
Graft number			
First	Reference	–	–
Second/third	1.88	0.52–6.75	0.336
Cold ischaemic time (per hour)	1.01	0.93–1.10	0.823
Recipient sensitization			
Non-sensitized	Reference	–	–
Sensitized <sup>1</sup>	1.23	0.49–3.04	0.657
Donor age (per decade)	1.15	0.69–1.90	0.602
Extended criteria donor (ECD)			
Not ECD	Reference	–	–
ECD	1.86	0.43–8.01	0.406
Donor terminal creatinine (per unit increase)	1.00	0.99–1.01	0.510

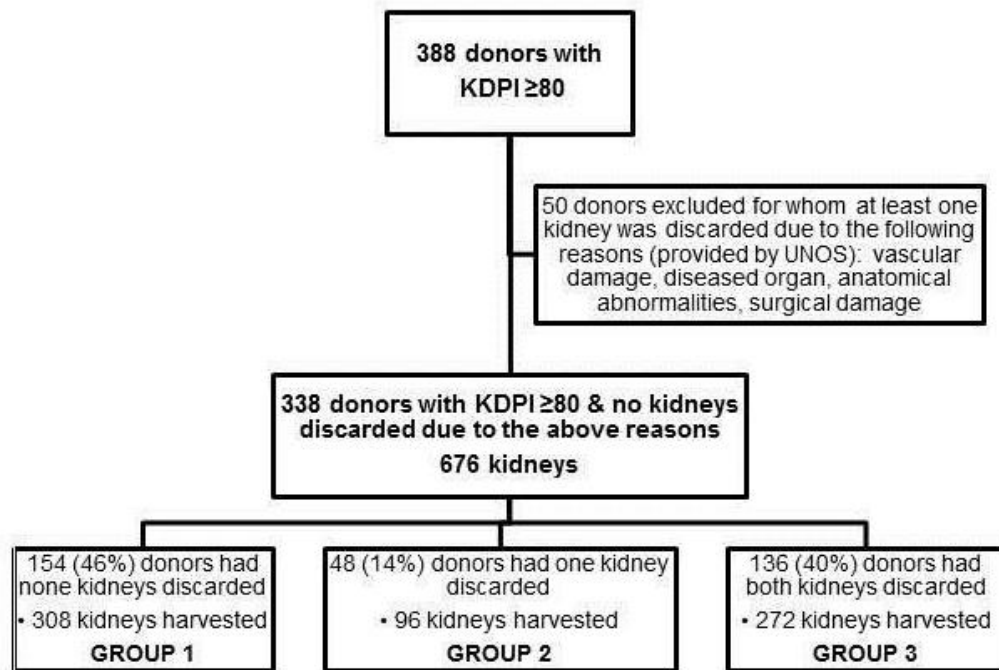
# Is the Kidney Biopsy Helpful?

Maybe not always...



# Utility of applying quality assessment tools for kidneys with KDPI $\geq 80$

Doshi M, Reese PP, Hall IE, Schröppel B, Ficek J, Formica RN, Weng FL, Hazs RD, Thiessen-Philbrook H, Parikh C



Biopsy: 92%

Discarded: 47%

Discarded:  
45% mild findings  
55% mod-severe findings

# Biopsy and Pump Parameters not Helpful

		GROUP 2 One discarded (N <sub>kidney</sub> =96)	Transplanted (N <sub>kidney</sub> =48)	Discarded (N <sub>kidney</sub> =48)	P (Transplanted vs discarded)
Kidney Biopsy Taken		88 (92%)	44 (92%)	44 (92%)	≈1
ATN**	Absent	40 (77%)	20 (77%)	20 (77%)	≈1
	Mild	4 (8%)	2 (8%)	2 (8%)	
	Moderate/Severe	8 (15%)	4 (15%)	4 (15%)	
Arterioscle rosis	Absent	36 (42%)	17 (40%)	19 (44%)	0.95
	Mild	42 (49%)	22 (51%)	20 (47%)	
	Moderate/Severe	8 (9%)	4 (9%)	4 (9%)	
Fibrosis	Absent	34 (40%)	18 (42%)	16 (19%)	0.8
	Mild	46 (53%)	22 (51%)	24 (28%)	
	Moderate/Severe	6 (7%)	3 (7%)	3 (3%)	
Glomerulo sclerosis	Indeterminate or less than 10%	63 (72%)	33 (75%)	30 (68%)	0.69
	11%-20%	18 (20%)	8 (18%)	10 (23%)	
	More than 20%	7 (8%)	3 (7%)	4 (9%)	
Pumped		46 (48%)	23 (48%)	23 (48%)	NA
Pump duration		9.8 [7.0, 13.5]	9.27 (3.64)	12.53 (7.35)	-4.01(6.88) 0.01
Renal resistance, mmHg/mL/min (hour 1)		0.29 [0.22, 0.41]	0.36 (0.38)	0.36 (0.15)	0.01(0.41) 0.12
Pump flow, mL/min (hour 1)		103 [74, 113]	100.62 (33.76)	94.72 (38.20)	7.8(36.43) 0.25
Perfusate collection time		9.13 [6.45, 11.92]	9.46 (5.45)	12.64 (7.15)	-2.44(2.6) 0.03

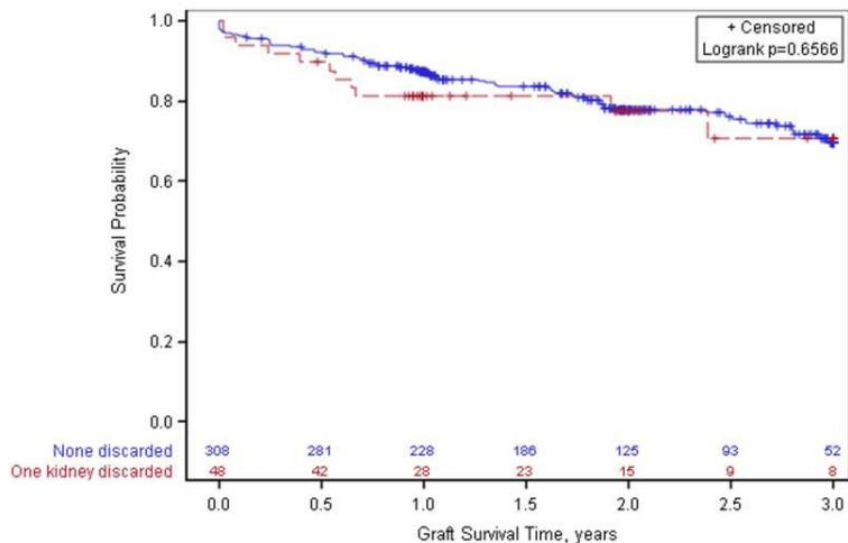
**No differences in biopsy findings or pump parameters between transplanted kidney and mate kidney that was discarded**

# Urine Biomarkers do not seem Helpful

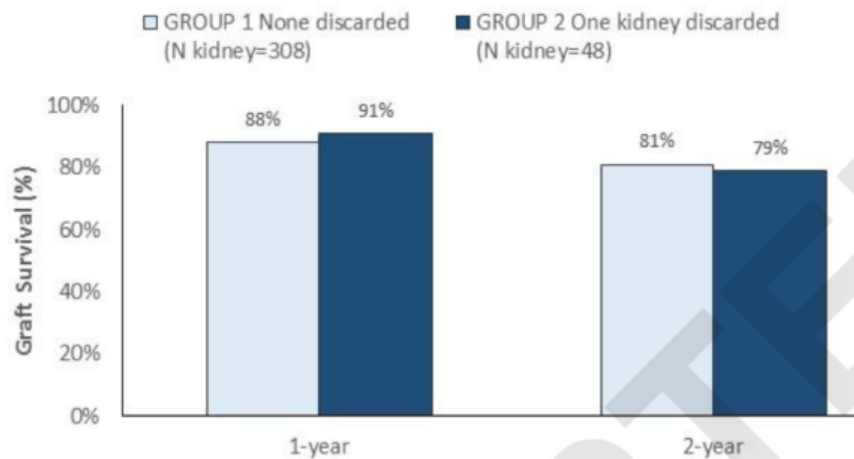
	ALL (N <sub>donor</sub> =338)	GROUP 1 None discarded (N <sub>donor</sub> =154)	GROUP 2 One discarded (N <sub>donor</sub> =48)	GROUP 3 Both discarded (N <sub>donor</sub> =136)	P (GRP 1 vs. GRP 2)	P (GRP 1 vs. GRP 3)
At least 1 urine biomarker sampled	335 (99%)	152 (99%)	47 (98%)	136 (100%)	0.695	0.182
NGAL, ng/mL	60 [17.5, 199.6]	52.1 [17, 164.85]	61.3 [19.1, 123.9]	81.35 [17.45, 239.1]	0.934	0.116
IL-18, pg/mL	53.38 [22.66, 113.37]	49.16 [19.57, 109.39]	45.64 [21.26, 99.25]	62.61 [28.83, 125]	0.575	0.166
KIM-1, pg/mL	1411.28 [635.59, 3315.15]	1312.83 [644.57, 3305.89]	1374.13 [591.21, 3110.94]	1499.7 [635.36, 3472.53]	0.825	0.634
L-FABP, ng/mL	15.4 [5.2, 60]	12.8 [4.4, 56.4]	11.2 [4.8, 35.6]	19.8 [6.4, 71.2]	0.538	0.122

# All Outcomes Similar Between Groups

## Overall Graft Survival



## Death-Censored Graft Survival



aHR for Death-Censored Graft Survival: **1.30 (0.72-2.37)**

# All Outcomes Similar Between Groups

	GROUP 1 None discarded (N <sub>kidney</sub> =308)	GROUP 2 One kidney discarded (N <sub>kidney</sub> =48)	P*
DGF	118 (38%)	21 (44%)	0.477
PNF	11 (4%)	1 (2%)	0.605
6-month acute rejection	25 (8%)	3 (7%)	0.686
1-year death censored graft failure	28 (9%)	5 (10%)	0.769
1-year recipient death	21 (7%)	5 (10%)	0.382
1-year composite outcome (death or graft failure)	38 (12%)	9 (9%)	0.194
2-year death-censored graft failure	41 (13%)	6 (13%)	0.877
2-year recipient death	30 (10%)	6 (13%)	0.560
2-year composite outcome (death or graft failure)	59 (19%)	10 (21%)	0.786
1-year eGFR, mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>	41.5 (18)	41.4 (22)	0.977

**Kidneys of similar quality are being discarded by some and transplanted by others**

**Current tools of biopsy, pump parameters and novel biomarkers do not seem to discriminate between kidneys that will and will not work**

# The reproducibility and predictive value on outcome of renal biopsies from expanded criteria donors

M. Antonieta Azancot<sup>1</sup>, Francesc Moreso<sup>1</sup>, Maite Salcedo<sup>2</sup>, Carme Cantarell<sup>1</sup>, Manel Perello<sup>1</sup>, Irina B. Torres<sup>1</sup>, Angeles Montero<sup>2</sup>, Enric Trilla<sup>3</sup>, Joana Sellarés<sup>1</sup>, Joan Morote<sup>3</sup> and Daniel Seron<sup>1</sup>

- All ECD donors underwent biopsy
- Glomerulosclerosis, interstitial fibrosis, tubular atrophy, intimal thickening, and arteriolar hyalinosis all evaluated using Banff criteria
- Scores from each compartment summed up for overall score
  - Mild damage: score  $\leq 3$
  - Intermediate: score 4-5
  - Advanced: 6-7
- Biopsies read real-time by on-call pathologist then retrospectively reviewed by trained renal pathologist

# The reproducibility and predictive value on outcome of renal biopsies from expanded criteria donors

M. Antonieta Azancot<sup>1</sup>, Francesc Moreso<sup>1</sup>, Maite Salcedo<sup>2</sup>, Carme Cantarell<sup>1</sup>, Manel Perello<sup>1</sup>, Irina B. Torres<sup>1</sup>, Angeles Montero<sup>2</sup>, Enric Trilla<sup>3</sup>, Joana Sellarés<sup>1</sup>, Joan Morote<sup>3</sup> and Daniel Seron<sup>1</sup>

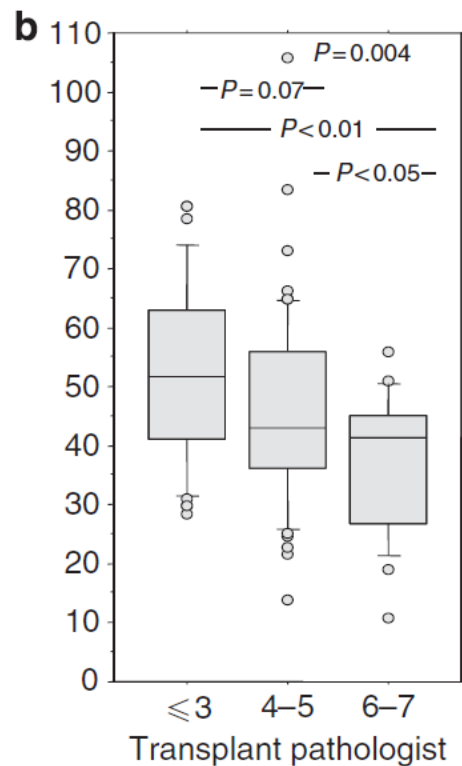
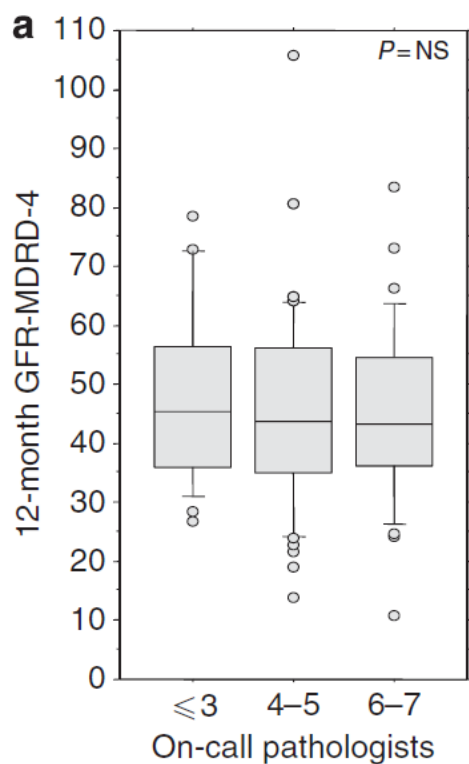
- Agreement between on-call and renal pathologist

- Glomerulosclerosis:  $k=0.86$  (0.77-0.95)
- Interstitial fibrosis:  $k=0.31$  (0.15-0.46)
- Tubular atrophy:  $k=0.14$  (0.06-0.34)
- Intimal thickening:  $k=0.37$  (0.22-0.51)
- Arteriolar hyalinosis:  $k=0.25$  (0.10-0.39)



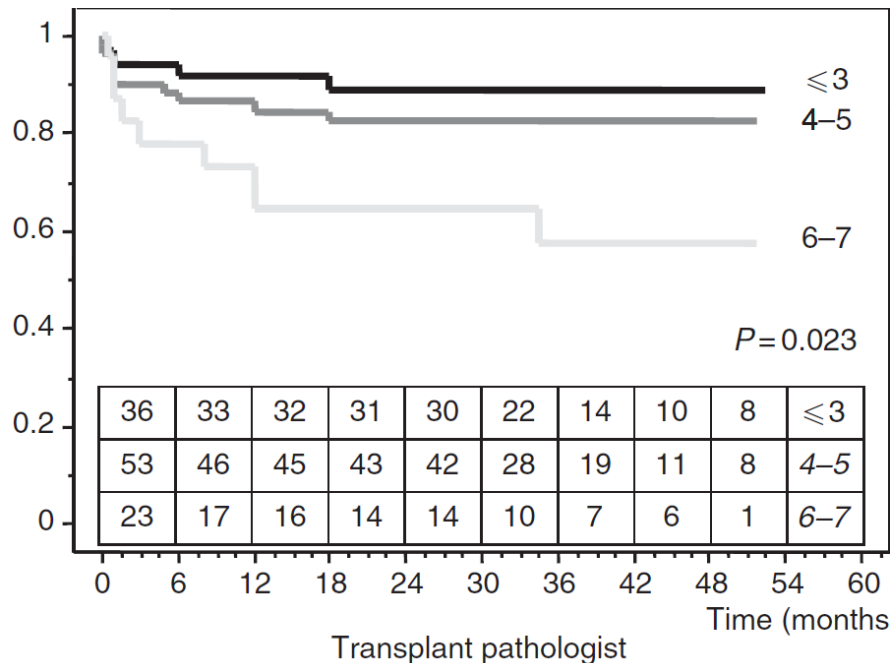
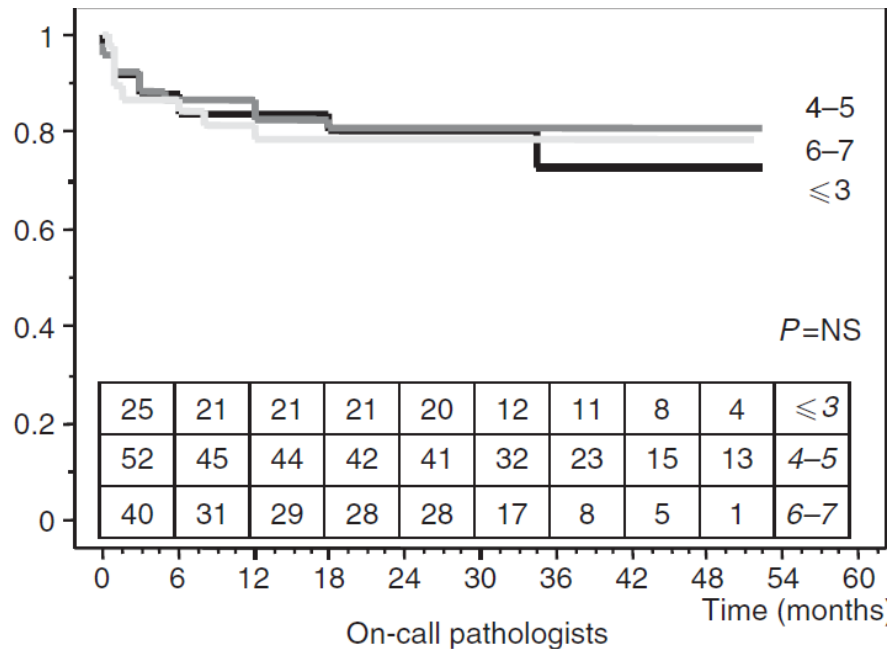
Kappa < 0.4 - poor agreement

## Scoring by On-call Pathologist was Not Associated with 12-Month GFR



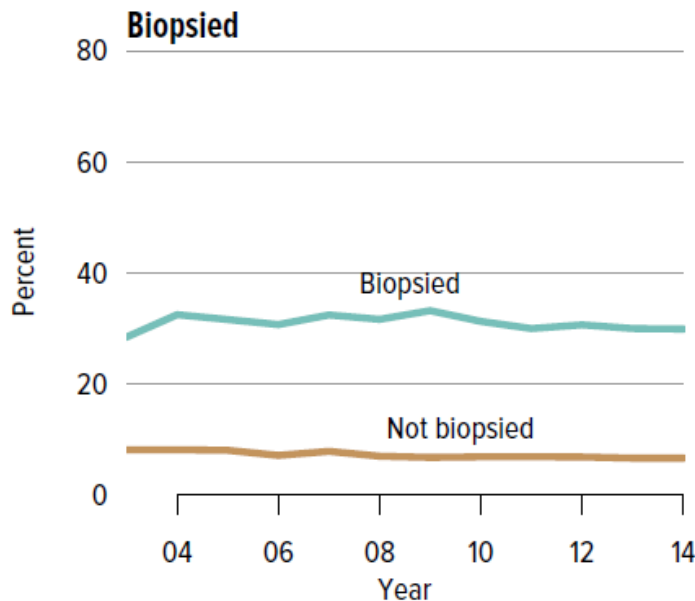


# Scoring by On-call Pathologist was Not Associated with Composite of Death-Censored Graft Loss or GFR <30



# The Role of Procurement Biopsies in Acceptance Decisions for Kidneys Retrieved for Transplant

Bertram L. Kasiske,<sup>\*†</sup> Darren E. Stewart,<sup>‡</sup> Bipin R. Bista,<sup>§</sup> Nicholas Salkowski,<sup>\*</sup> Jon J. Snyder,<sup>\*||</sup> Ajay K. Israni,<sup>\*†||</sup> Gretchen S. Crary,<sup>¶</sup> John D. Rosendale,<sup>‡</sup> Arthur J. Matas,<sup>\*\*</sup> and Francis L. Delmonico<sup>††</sup>



Procurement Biopsy: **29.8%** discarded

No Biopsy: **6.6%** discarded

Clin J Am Soc Nephrol 9: 562–571, March, 2014

SRTR Annual Report 2015

# Long term outcomes of transplantation using kidneys from expanded criteria donors: prospective, population based cohort study

Olivier Aubert,<sup>1</sup> Nassim Kamar,<sup>2,3,4,5</sup> Dewi Vernerey,<sup>1</sup> Denis Viglietti,<sup>1,6</sup> Frank Martinez,<sup>7</sup> Jean-Paul Duong-Van-Huyen,<sup>1,8</sup> Dominique Eladari,<sup>1,9</sup> Jean-Philippe Empana,<sup>1</sup> Marion Rabant,<sup>8</sup> Jerome Verine,<sup>10</sup> Lionel Rostaing,<sup>2,3,4,5</sup> Nicolas Congy,<sup>4,11,12</sup> Céline Guilbeau-Frugier,<sup>4,13</sup> Georges Mourad,<sup>5,14</sup> Valérie Garrigue,<sup>5,14</sup> Emmanuel Morelon,<sup>5,15,16</sup> Magali Giral,<sup>5,16,17</sup> Michèle Kessler,<sup>5,16,18</sup> Marc Ladrrière,<sup>5,16,18</sup> Michel Delahousse,<sup>1,19</sup> Denis Glotz,<sup>1,5,6</sup> Christophe Legendre,<sup>1,5,7,16</sup> Xavier Jouven,<sup>1,20</sup> Carmen Lefaucheur,<sup>1,5,6</sup> Alexandre Loupy<sup>1,5,7</sup>

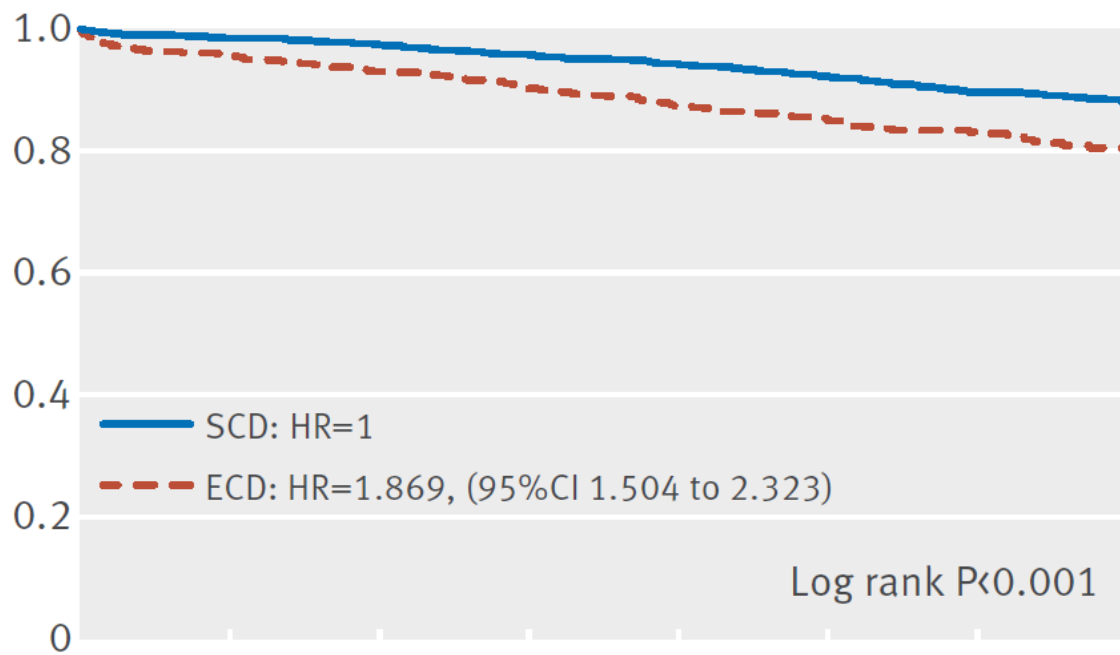
Table 4 | Factors associated with kidney allograft loss in the multivariate analysis\*

	No of patient/events	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	P	Internal validation hazard ratio 95% CI, BCA
Expanded criteria donor				
No	1835/187	1		—
Yes	855/138	1.842 (1.467 to 2.311)	<0.001	(1.463 to 2.275)
Cold ischaemia time				
<12 h	670/44	1		—
12-24 h	1514/198	1.457 (1.042 to 2.039)	0.017	(1.042 to 2.093)
≥24 h	506/83	1.727 (1.185 to 2.517)		(1.195 to 2.506)
Graft rank				
1	2278/241	1		—
>1	412/84	1.544 (1.168 to 2.042)	0.002	(1.129 to 2.046)
No of HLA A/B/DR mismatches	2690/325	1.095 (1.013 to 1.184)	0.022	(1.013 to 1.182)
Anti-HLA DSA on day 0				
No	2364/241	1		—
Yes	326/84	2.988 (2.265 to 3.941)	<0.001	(2.198 to 3.940)

**No biopsy parameters associated with graft loss but CIT was significant**

**Pre-Implantation Biopsy performed on all donors to establish baseline but not used in decision to accept/decline donor**

# ECD Death-Censored Graft Survival 80% at 7-Years



Data suggests it might be better to skip the biopsy which will delay decision-making and adds to cold ischemic times

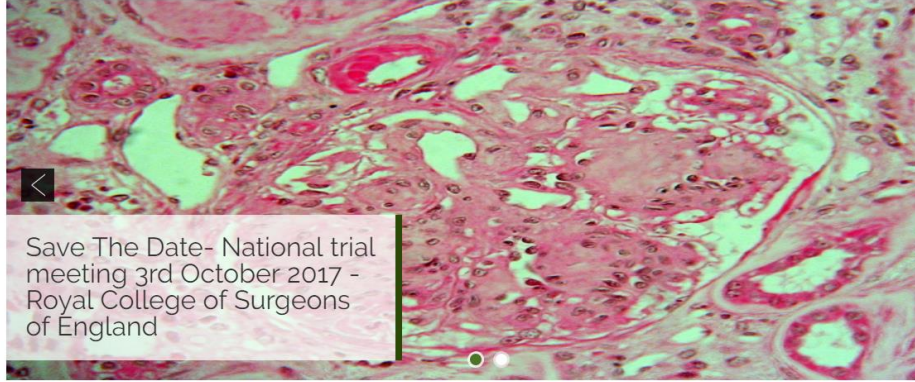
# Summary

- **There is a high discard rate with marginal kidneys**
- **Variability in practice suggests that the evidence we are using to make decisions is not ideal**
- **Non-ECD DCD kidneys have excellent outcomes and should not be considered marginal kidneys – focus on ECD or high KDPI kidneys**
- **Pre-transplant biopsy scores, especially when considering chronic vascular damage, are associated with outcomes in most studies**
- **Recent data examining biopsy, perfusion parameters and novel biomarkers together failed to show any advantage of using these tools in high KDPI kidneys**

# Summary

- There are well recognized limitations of procurement biopsies including reliability of findings, training of those reading the slides etc.
- Many of the positive studies used retrospective review of implantation biopsy rather than real-time reading of procurement biopsy
- Many European centres have excellent ECD results but rarely use biopsy for decision-making
- Moving Forward – variability in practice and data suggests proper RCT could be conducted to assess risks/benefits of procurement biopsy

# THE PITHIA TRIAL

[Home](#)[About](#)[Ancient History](#)[Trial Design](#)[Guidelines for Patients](#)[Guidelines for Professionals](#)[Timetable](#)[Media](#)[Partners](#)

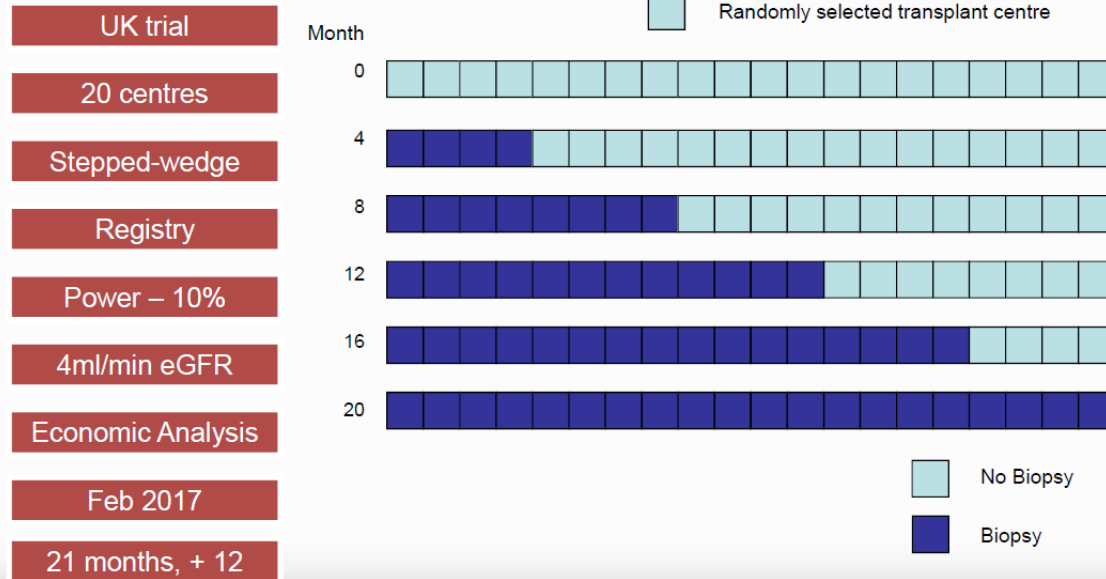
**RCT – stepped wedge design**

**Biopsy: will be done in all donors >65 yrs**

**Powered to detect a 10% increase in organ utilization**

# The PITHIA trial

Does having access to a biopsy result increase the number and quality of kidneys for transplantation?





# **Expanding the Donor Pool**

## **ECD/DCD: Evaluation of the Marginal Kidney Donor**

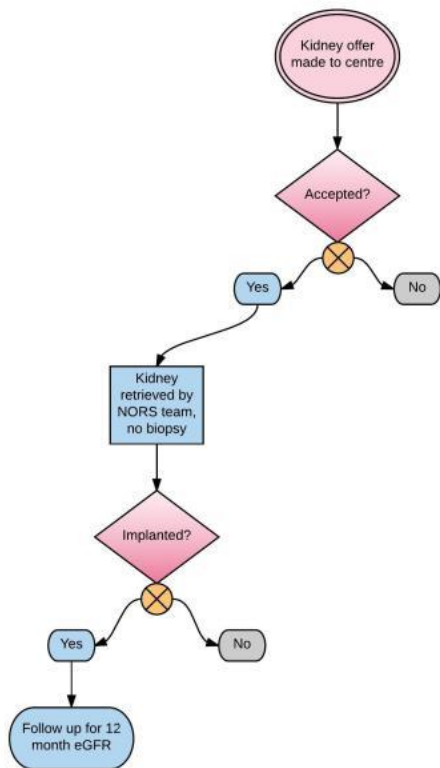
**2017 CST/Astellas Canadian Transplant Fellows Symposium**  
**Halifax World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax, NS**  
**September 25, 2017**

**Greg Knoll MD MSc**

**Head, Division of Nephrology, The Ottawa Hospital and the University of Ottawa**  
**Senior Scientist, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute**  
**Professor of Medicine, University of Ottawa**



## control



The PITHIA trial has two relatively novel elements of trial design: firstly, it is a registry-based, randomised clinical trial. Secondly, it has a 'stepped-wedge cluster' design. These elements should help keep the costs of the trial to a minimum, just a fraction of the costs of a typical national, multi-centre trial. In addition, the trial design aims to minimise the time and effort required by busy clinicians and patients.

## Intervention

