

OrganMatch

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What will change at OrganMatch `go live`?

The system will function the same; and OrganMatch will continue to operate as NOMS does. However the look and feel of the system and the reports will be significantly enhanced; the reports will provide the same results and include additional information, and key reports are sortable and downloadable into excel.

Can we still add urgent patients to the system for organ offers?

Yes urgent or as yet unlisted patients can be added to OrganMatch at the time of organ allocation.

When can we get access to the clinical portal?

The clinical portal will be ready at "go live". but the OrganMatch team are developing a phased roll out release; Units and users will be advised of the schedule and what will be required including engagement with your Unit IT and your laboratory

We are expecting the phased roll out to commence in June 2019 for the organ transplant units.

Will the DonateLife Agencies use OrganMatch?

OrganMatch will include DonateLife Agencies. Access will be configured on functional need to access the system. As an example DonateLife can receive the Organ Allocation List and potentially receive data from the EDR such as KDPI information.

Have any of the matching algorithms been changed?

The algorithms remain the same. Any changes to the matching algorithms require endorsement from the relevant professional associations. There have been no changes endorsed. OrganMatch will allocate all organs as is currently done in NOMS.

When will KDPI and EPTS be turned on?

The KDPI and EPTS values will appear on the renal Organ Allocation Lists as is the current process in NOMS. As above there have been no endorsed changes to the allocation process.

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Will OrganMatch still operate at a State level or will it be national?

OrganMatch will continue to apply renal algorithms as they are currently applied, and will enable laboratories to operate at a State level as NOMS does.

How will national programs be catered for in OrganMatch eg Kidney Pancreas transplants?

OrganMatch is a national system it will be able to manage national transplant programs such as the kidney pancreas transplant program.

How will the algorithms for the non-renal organs be decided?

Underpinning OrganMatch are a series of governance committees which will consider any proposed changes to the organ offer allocation processes; including allocation algorithms. Membership of the Governance committees will be primarily clinical and will engage with TSANZ organ standing committees or other reference bodies around proposals to improve allocation.

The OrganMatch operational team will only implement changes that have been developed and recommended by OrganMatch Organ Allocation (renal and non-renal) Committee and then approved by the OrganMatch Strategic Governance Committee.

Who will run OrganMatch?

There are a series of OrganMatch governance committee to oversee OrganMatch operations and system changes or releases for new functionality.

- *OrganMatch Strategic Governance Committee – membership from across the Transplant Sector, chaired by TSANZ and representation from organ specific sub committees.*
- *OrganMatch Organ Allocation (renal and non-renal) Committee – will comprise membership from across the Transplant Sector and representation from all organ specific sub committees.*
- *OrganMatch Operational Committee – membership will represent system business owner and sponsor, this will be the team at the Blood service that run the system.*
- *National Tissue Typing Committee – membership from across the clinical sector laboratories and the clinical sector*
- *The OrganMatch Strategic Governance Committee supports an interface between the donation and transplantation sectors and will foster ongoing collaboration; and provide governance and oversight of OrganMatch for the benefit of donors and transplant recipients and those on the waiting list.*

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Will all the functionality change when OrganMatch is implemented?

No, there will be no changes when OrganMatch is implemented. OrganMatch will deliver the same functionality that NOMS does utilising state of the art technology and provide a platform for further system and process enhancements.

Who will decide what changes can be made to the system?

All system changes will need to be approved by the OrganMatch Strategic Governance committee. If these were significant changes these requests may need to be considered by OTA and your Jurisdictional Health Department.

How can we request system changes?

The OrganMatch Governance Committee Structure provides a structure where requests or suggestions can be made for any system or process changes that would be delivered through OrganMatch, including allocation.

Once change requests are reviewed, the OrganMatch Operational Committee will consult and with the transplant community and if supported will schedule releases of system enhancements and upgrades. Depending on the complexity of the change requests, there may be requests that can be approved directly by the Operational Committee while others that impact allocation will be reviewed as above.

As OrganMatch is a national system can other states see our data?

Access to OrganMatch is role based and each user will only be able to access data relevant to their own patient/ Unit and/or jurisdiction, therefore it will be restricted to the units within states.