



OrganMatch Strategic Governance Committee Communique No. 4 – 9 March 2022

OrganMatch is a world class clinical system that facilitates compatibility matching of donors and recipients for organ transplantation in Australia. The OrganMatch Strategic Governance Committee (OMSGC) was formed in November 2019 and meets quarterly to provide clinical governance and oversight of OrganMatch to deliver clinical best practice for optimal patient outcomes.

Membership updates since the last meeting:

TSANZ Cardiac Advisory Committee Chair – *revised*

Dr Angeline Leet

Meeting highlights:

- The Committee welcomed the Commonwealth announcement in January of a funding boost of \$14.9m over the next four years for OrganMatch.
- The National OrganMatch Manager (Narelle Watson) advised 94 percent of accounts created in OrganMatch are active. This is the highest usage rate to date.
- Continual improvements to OrganMatch are being delivered through agile monthly sprint development cycles. The Committee noted an overview of the last quarter's sprint releases which included providing opportunities for internal notes on patient profiles for the ANZKX team to streamline communication of information within the Transplantation Portal. Previous Donor HLA mismatches are now also visible in the Transplantation Portal.
- The Committee discussed the importance of an Incident notification process which will become a standing item on the Agenda.
- The Committee noted the OrganMatch Enhancement Project progress report. Key highlights included:
 - A pilot is currently underway in NSW/ACT of the Donation portal. This is progressing well. Plans are now underway for a staged roll out nationally to all DonateLife Agencies to commence in coming months.
 - The Australian and New Zealand Paired Kidney Exchange (ANZKX) portal has been completed. Education has been delivered and Transplant Units are now using OrganMatch to register patients and donors into the ANZKX program. This has streamlined processes through providing one system for the enrolment, clinical and medical information, offer, review and acceptance of matches.
- The Clinical Lead of the transition to Virtual Crossmatch project A/Prof Ross Francis provided an update on the transition to [virtual cross match \(VXM\)](#). Phase 2B of the implementation strategy commenced from 1 February 2022. This phase ceased CDC crossmatches for non-sensitised renal and renal/pancreas transplant waitlist patients. All other transplant waitlist patients continue to have a CDC and VXM crossmatches conducted. Planning is no underway for Phase 3 of the project.

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