

SPECIAL NOTICE

Missing Data Report Coming Soon to Centers

In October, the SRTR will post information on its secure website showing the level of missing data for variables included in the Program Specific Report (PSR) posttransplant outcomes models.


This missing data report was developed as one step to help transplant programs enhance the accuracy and completeness of the data they submit to the OPTN. As you know, OPTN data are used to enhance our collective understanding about transplantation—for policy development, monitoring policy compliance and more. So, it is critical that the data be of the highest possible quality.


The SRTR and the OPTN have under way a number of efforts to help ensure complete and accurate data collection, which will, in turn, improve the accuracy and validity of ongoing analysis efforts, including the reporting of outcomes in the PSRs. OPTN/UNOS committees, for example, are reviewing data-collection forms to make sure that pertinent variables are being collected.

The missing data report will focus on variables included in the PSR outcome models, showing the percentage missing for each variable and the percentage missing nationally. Missing data, or values reported as “unknown,” can affect program-level outcomes evaluations. Each program will be able to see listings of patients for whom the data are missing.

System notices with more detailed information on this effort will be released before the missing data reports are made available in early October. Most of the information is already available on the SRTR's secure website, and data changes can be made at any time, so programs may begin reviewing data prior to release of the report. Data changes can easily be made by the program accessing the data collection forms in UNetSM.

In the meantime, mark your calendars for the report's release... and know that the OPTN and SRTR are here to help you make sure that your data are as accurate and complete as possible.

If you have questions about the planned data reports, please contact the SRTR at srtr@arborresearch.org or 1-800-830-9664. If you have questions about how to make modifications to your program's data, please contact the UNet[®] HelpDesk at 1-800-978-4334. 

 Visit <https://securesrtr.transplant.hrsa.gov> for further instruction on reviewing the data. More information on the missing data report will be available soon on the OPTN and SRTR websites (<http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov> and ustransplant.org, respectively).