

VCA Upper Limb Candidate Registration

The fields on the VCA - Upper Limb Candidate Registration form contain demographic and basic clinical information about candidates on the national waiting list.

Provider

Transplant Hospital: Verify the transplant hospital name, and that the provider number is the 6-character Medicare identification number of the hospital where the transplant candidate is listed.

24 Hour Contact Phone Number: Verify the transplant center phone number. This is a **required** field.

Waitlist Registration

Organ Registration: Verify organ type.

Candidate Identification

SSN: Enter the candidate's social security number.

Note: SSN cannot:

Contain 00 in the 4th and 5th place (e.g., XXX-00-XXXX is invalid)

Contain 0000 in the last 4 places (e.g., XXX-XX-0000 is invalid)

Begin with 666

Confirm SSN: Re-enter candidate SSN. A green check mark indicates that the data matches.

Date of birth: Enter the candidate's date of birth. This is a **required** field.

Confirm date of birth: Re-enter candidate date of birth. A green check mark indicates that the data matches.

Center patient ID: Enter the candidate's patient identification number that is assigned by your center, if applicable.

Demographics

Last Name: Enter the last name of the candidate. This is a **required** field.

First Name: Enter the first name of the candidate. This is a **required** field.

MI: Enter the candidate's middle initial.

Birth sex: Indicate if the patient is Male or Female. Report patient sex (male or female), based on biologic and physiologic traits at birth. This is a **required** field.

State of Permanent Residence: Select the full name of the state where the candidate's home is located.

Permanent Zip Code: Enter the 5-digit or 9-digit U.S. postal zip code for the address where the candidate's home is located.

Ethnicity: The Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) [Statistical Policy Directive No. 15](#)) define the minimum standards for collecting and presenting data on race and ethnicity for all Federal reporting. The OPTN collection of ethnicity is aligned to this standard.

OMB defines ethnicity to be whether a person self-identifies as Hispanic origin or not. For this reason, ethnicity is broken out in two categories, (1) Hispanic or Latino or (2) Not Hispanic or Latino. Select one ethnicity category or select 'Ethnicity Not Reported' if the candidate did not self-identify. This field is **required**.

Hispanic or Latino – A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Not Hispanic or Latino

Ethnicity Not Reported

Race: The Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) [Statistical Policy Directive No. 15](#)) define the minimum standards for collecting and presenting data on race and ethnicity for all Federal reporting. The OPTN collection of race is aligned to this standard. OMB defines race as a person's self-identification with one or more social groups.

An individual can select one or more race categories (1) White, (2) Black or African American, (3) Asian, (4) American Indian or Alaska Native, (5) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Select 'Race Not Reported' if the candidate's race is not reported. This field is **required**.

Note: A person may report multiple races. Persons reporting Hispanic or Latino ethnicity may report themselves as any race category or report no race at all.

Select one or more race sub-categories or origins. Select 'Other Origin' if origin is not listed. Select 'Origin Not Reported' if the origin was not self-identified by the person.

White – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

European Descent

Arab or Middle Eastern

North African (non-Black)

Other Origin

Origin Not Reported

Black or African American – A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

African American

African (Continental)

West Indian

Haitian

Other Origin

Origin Not Reported

American Indian or Alaska Native – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

American Indian

Eskimo

Aleutian

Alaska Indian

Other Origin

Origin Not Reported

Asian – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Asian Indian/Indian Sub-Continent

Chinese

Filipino

Japanese

Korean

Vietnamese

Other Origin

Origin Not Reported

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Native Hawaiian

Guamanian or Chamorro

Samoaan

Other Origin

Origin Not Reported

Race Not Reported – Select if person did not self-identify a race category or origin.

Organ Information

Candidate medical urgency status: Indicate the candidate's medical urgency status. If one of the active statuses is selected, the candidate is eligible to appear on a UNetSM match run. If temporarily inactive is selected, the candidate is non-eligible to appear on the UNetSM match run. This is a **required** field.

Active

Temporarily Inactive

Inactive reason: Select the reason the candidate is inactive.

- Candidate cannot be contacted**
- Candidate choice**
- Candidate for living donor transplant only**
- Candidate work-up incomplete**
- COVID-19 Precaution**
- Inappropriate substance use**
- Insurance issues**
- Medical non-compliance**
- Physician/Surgeon unavailable**
- Temporarily too sick**
- Temporarily too well**
- TX Pending**
- TX'ed - removal pending UNet data correction**
- Weight currently inappropriate for transplant**

Note: The inactive reason **TX'ed - removal pending UNet data correction** is only to be used when a transplant center removed the incorrect candidate from Waitlist due to transplant and is waiting for UNOS to correct the data so that the correct candidate can be removed with the right donor ID. Candidates should not be set to inactive for this reason for more than 5 days.

Number of previous VCA - upper limb transplants: Indicate the candidate's number of previous VCA - upper limb transplants. Enter a number between 0–9. This is a **required** field.

VCA body part(s): Select the VCA organ(s) for the candidate. This field is **required**.

- Bilateral**
- Unilateral: left**
- Unilateral: right**
- No preference_**

Skin type: Select one from the Fitzpatrick Scale as appropriate to indicate the candidate's skin type. The Fitzpatrick Scale (also referred to as the Fitzpatrick skin typing test or Fitzpatrick phototyping scale) is a numerical classification schema for the color of skin.

- Type I:** Pale white skin, blue/green eyes, blond/red hair, always burns, does not tan
- Type II:** Fair skin, blue eyes, burns easily, tans poorly
- Type III:** Darker white skin, tans after initial burn
- Type IV:** Light brown skin, burns minimally, tans easily
- Type V:** Brown skin, rarely burns, tans darkly easily
- Type VI:** Dark brown or black skin, never burns, always tans darkly

The Fitzpatrick scale is only meant to be a preliminary tool to facilitate discussion on skin tone and pigmentation. More information about the Fitzpatrick Scale, a guide to help determine scoring, and some examples can be found at the end of this documentation or at <http://www.arpansa.gov.au/pubs/RadiationProtection/FitzpatrickSkinType.pdf>.

Clinical Data

Blood type: Select the candidate's blood type. This is a **required** field.

Note: A2 is used as shorthand for any blood type A subtype other than A1 (i.e., non-A1, negative for A1). A2B is used as shorthand for any blood type AB subtype other than A1B (i.e., non-A1B, negative for A1B). Policy **requires** at least two (2) separate blood typings prior to listing. Policy also **requires** you to review all known available blood type source documents to verify the candidate's blood type.

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AB

Z (in Utero Only)

Height: Enter the height of the candidate at the time of listing in the appropriate space, in feet and inches or centimeters. The height must fall between 0 and 7 feet 5 inches or 1 and 225 centimeters. This field is **required**.

Weight: Enter the weight of the candidate at the time of listing in the appropriate space, in pounds or kilograms. The weight must fall between 0 and 650 pounds or 0 and 295 kilograms. This field is **required**.

Select any additional organs the candidate may need:

Heart

Heart-lung

Intestine

Kidney

Liver

Lung

Pancreas

Pancreas islets

VCA - abdominal wall

VCA - external male genitalia

VCA - head and neck

VCA - lower limb

VCA - musculoskeletal composite graft segment

VCA - other genitourinary organ

VCA - spleen

VCA - uterus

VCA - vascularized gland

HLA and Unacceptable Antigens

HLA: Indicate the candidate's histocompatibility antigens.

Unacceptable antigens: The unacceptable antigens entered are used to determine the Calculated PRA (CPRA) and to screen candidates from matches for donors with antigens listed as unacceptable.

Select all of the unacceptable antigens and then click the "Calculate" button for the CPRA score.

Calculated Panel Reactive Antibody (CPRA) is the percentage of deceased donors expected to have one or more of the unacceptable antigens indicated on the waiting list for the candidate. The CPRA is derived from HLA antigen, allele, and epitope genotype frequencies for the different populations in proportion to their representation in the national deceased donor population.

CPRA value used for allocation per OPTN policy: The value rounded to the nearest one-hundredth and displayed with a % symbol.

Detailed CPRA value: The value displayed as a decimal to 6 digits of precision.

Select all A unacceptable antigens: Select the candidate's A unacceptable antigens, if applicable.

Select all B unacceptable antigens: Select the candidate's B unacceptable antigens, if applicable.

Select BW unacceptable antigen: Select the candidate's BW unacceptable antigen, if applicable.

Select all C unacceptable antigens: Select the candidate's C unacceptable antigens, if applicable.

Select all DR unacceptable antigens: Select the candidate's DR unacceptable antigens, if applicable.

Select all DR 51/52/53 unacceptable antigens: Select the candidate's DR 51, 52 and 53 unacceptable antigens, if applicable.

Select all DQB1 unacceptable antigens: Select the candidate's DQB1 unacceptable antigens, if applicable.

Select all DQA1 unacceptable antigens: Select the candidate's DQA1 unacceptable antigens, if applicable.

Select all DPB1 unacceptable antigens: Select the candidate's DPB1 unacceptable antigens, if applicable.

Select all DPB1 unacceptable epitopes: Select the candidate's DPB1 unacceptable epitopes, if applicable.

Select all DPA1 unacceptable antigens: Select the candidate's DPA1 unacceptable antigens, if applicable.

Infectious Diseases

Accept a Hepatitis B Core antibody positive donor?: Select **Yes** if the candidate will accept a Hepatitis B core antibody positive donor. If not, select **No**. This field is **required**.

Accept an HBV NAT positive donor?: Select **Yes** if the candidate will accept an HBV NAT positive donor. If not, select **No**. This field is **required**.

Accept an HCV antibody positive donor?: Select **Yes** if the candidate will accept an HCV antibody positive donor. If not, select **No**. This field is **required**.

Accept an HCV NAT positive donor?: Select **Yes** if the candidate will accept an HCV NAT positive donor. If not, select **No**. This field is **required**.

HOPE Act IRB Research

Is the candidate HIV positive and willing to accept an HIV positive VCA - upper limb?:

Select **Yes** if the candidate is HIV positive and willing to accept an HIV positive VCA - upper limb. If not, select **No**. This field is **required**.

Donor Type

Accept DCD donor?: Select **Yes** if the candidate will accept a DCD (Donation after Circulatory Death) donor. If not, select **No**. Donation after Circulatory Death (DCD) describes the organ recovery process that may occur following death by irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory functions. A DCD donor may also be called a non-heartbeating, asystolic, or donation after cardiac death donor. This field is **required**.

Donor Characteristics

Minimum acceptable donor age: Enter the minimum donor age that the candidate can accept. The age must fall between 0 and 99 years. This field is **required**.

Maximum acceptable donor age: Enter the maximum donor age that the candidate can accept. The age must fall between 0 and 99 years. The maximum value must only be entered in months if the minimum value is also entered in months (e.g., you are able enter that you will accept donors from 3 months to 3 years in age, but you may NOT enter that you would accept a donor from 1 year to 36 months in age). This field is **required**.

Minimum acceptable donor height: Enter the minimum donor height that the candidate can accept in inches (in) or centimeters (cm). The height must fall between 0 to 305 inches, or 0 to 305 centimeters. This field is **required**.

Maximum acceptable donor height: Enter the maximum donor height that the candidate can accept in inches (in) or centimeters (cm). The height must fall between 0 to 305 inches, or 0 to 305 centimeters. This field is **required**.

Maximum acceptable donor BMI: Enter maximum donor body mass index (BMI) in kilogram-meter squared (kg/m²) that the candidate can accept. The BMI must fall between 5.0 and 100.0 kg/m².

Acceptable donor birth sex: Select whether the matching donor must be **Male**, **Female**, or **Either** birth sex (male or female).

Additional donor acceptance and/or exclusion criteria to display as informational to OPO: List any additional information for the candidate that will be visible to the OPO, such as if the upper extremities are above/below the elbow, if partial face, skin tone, etc.

Donor Clinical Data

Accept VCA - upper limb if procured by another team?: If the candidate will accept a VCA - upper limb procured by another team, select **Yes**. If not, select **No**. This field is **required**.

Recovery

Maximum nautical miles the organ or recovery team will travel: Enter the maximum miles the candidate's organ or recovery team will travel to obtain an organ. The number must fall between 0 and 9,999 miles. The matching system calculates mileage between the donor hospital and the recipient center based on the hospitals' zip codes. This distance is measured in nautical miles (a measure of flight distance), not in statute miles (a measurement of driving distance). This field is **required**.

Conversion Table for Nautical and Statute Miles

Nautical Miles	Statute Miles
250	287.7
500	575.4
1000	1150.8
1500	1726.2
2000	2301.6
2500	2876.9

Verify ABO

Select the candidate's ABO. Policy **requires** at least two (2) separate blood typings prior to listing. Policy also **requires** you to review all known available blood type source documents to verify the candidate's blood type.

HIV Verification

Policy requires that a second user must verify:

- The HIV status of the candidate
- The willingness of the candidate to accept an HIV positive organ

Is the candidate HIV positive and willing to accept an HIV positive VCA - upper limb?:

Select **Yes** if the candidate is HIV positive and willing to accept an HIV positive VCA - upper limb.

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