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Abstract

Background: Waitlist mortality among children listed for primary heart transplant (HTx) has been well characterized, while limited data exist for cardiac re-transplantation (CRTx) after pediatric primary HTx. We sought to characterize the population listed for CRTx and to determine the factors that affect waitlist mortality.

Methods: All individuals listed for CRTx >1 year after pediatric primary HTx between 10/01/87-10/14/12 were identified in the OPTN Database. Baseline characteristics and waitlist mortality were compared between different age groups (<11 years; 11-18 years; >18 years) and over three successive eras (1987-

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