

OPTN/UNOS Policy Notice

Delayed Implementation Date of OPO Requirement to Use TransNet for Vascularized Composite Allografts (VCAs)

Sponsoring Committee: Operations and Safety
Policy/Bylaws Affected: Policy 16: Organ and Vessel Packaging, Labeling, Shipping, and Storage
Public Comment: None
Effective Date: June 1, 2017 and November 1, 2017

Problem Statement

In June 2016, the OPTN/UNOS Board approved a proposal that requires OPOs to use TransNetsm for packaging and labeling organs, and any materials accompanying the organs, with an effective date of June 1, 2017. However, programming will not be completed for TransNet use with Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) organs until November 1, 2017. As a result, this policy change exempts OPOs from the requirement to use TransNet to package and label VCA organs and any materials accompanying VCA organs until programming for VCAs is completed in November 2017.

OPOs must use TransNet to package and label all other organ types and accompanying materials, including any tissue typing specimens, vessels, or documentation, starting June 1, 2017.

Summary of Changes

This change is necessary to delay the requirement for mandatory OPO use of TransNet to package and label VCA organs and materials accompanying VCA organs as follows:

- **Effective June 1, 2017:** Mandatory TransNet use is required for all organ types and accompanying materials, *other than* VCAs.
- **Effective November 1, 2017:** Mandatory TransNet use is required for all organ types and accompanying materials, *including* VCAs.

What Members Need to Do

OPOs need to continue to use their current packaging and labeling process for VCA organs and materials accompanying VCA organs until November 1, 2017, when the requirement to use TransNet for all organ types is in effect.

Affected Policy Language:

New language is underlined (example) and language that is removed is struck through (~~example~~).

1 **Policy 16: Organ and Vessel Packaging, Labeling,**
2 **Shipping, and Storage**

3 The requirement to use the OPTN organ tracking system according to *Policy 16: Organ and Vessel*
4 *Packaging, Labeling, Shipping, and Storage* does not apply to VCA organs, and any tissue typing
5 specimens, vessels, or documentation accompanying VCA organs.

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