

OPTN/UNOS Thoracic Organ Transplantation Committee
Meeting Minutes
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Conference Call

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Introduction

The Thoracic Committee met via teleconference on 09/13/2018 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Eliminate the Use of Donation Service Areas (DSAs) in Thoracic Distribution

The following is a summary of the Committee's discussions.

1. Eliminate the Use of Donation Service Areas (DSAs) in Thoracic Distribution

The Committee reviewed other thoracic policies that may be impacted by this project.

5.10.C Other Multi-Organ Combinations

UNOS staff advised the Committee that *Policy 5.10.C* will be modified and sent out for public comment with the liver proposal, because it references DSA and impacts liver allocation. As the language will still contain DSA for hearts, the Committee will further modify the language and send out for public comment in spring 2019.

6.4.B Exceptions to Allocation for Sensitized Patients

UNOS staff reminded the Committee that the policy for sensitized lung candidates was approved by the OPTN Board of Directors in June 2018. The Committee considered multiple policy options in how to accommodate these special cases, including striking the policy entirely, create a pathway for programs to request an exception through the National Lung Review Board or a third option, which maintained the spirit of the current policy and the center wanting to accept an organ and transplant it to a candidate out of sequence would have to ask for permission. The Board ultimately approved a version of the third option for sensitized lung candidates.

As the original policy language for sensitized lung and heart language was identical; the sensitized heart exception policy faces the same challenges. The Committee considered the same options and opted to strike policy for the same reasons it determined the lung policy should be struck.

6.6.F Allocation of Heart-Lungs

Once a determination is made on circle sizes for allocation, the heart policy will have to be cross-referenced with the soon-to-be-implemented heart-lung policy to make sure things line up and changes do not need to be made. This will be revisited at the November meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

- September 27, 2018