

**OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee
Performance Monitoring Enhancement Subcommittee
Meeting Summary
March 8, 2022
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Performance Monitoring Enhancement Subcommittee of the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) met virtually via Citrix GoToTraining on March 8, 2022, to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Welcome and agenda
2. Revised tools for post-transplant graft survival reviews
3. Professional communication, education and resources
4. Next Steps

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

1. Welcome and Agenda

A staff member provided introductory remarks and reviewed the agenda.

2. Revised Tools for Post-Transplant Graft Survival Reviews

Prior to the meeting subcommittee members completed a survey to provide feedback on the current initial and expanded outcomes questionnaires. During this meeting, a staff member reviewed the results of the survey.

The Subcommittee members first discussed questions contained in the initial outcomes questionnaire:

- *Section I: Administration/Institutional Support:* Some subcommittee members supported removal of questions 2 and 4 from the questionnaire. Others supported keeping question 4, but removing question 2. Subcommittee members noted that question 4 is important because hospital administration should be aware of the support given to their transplant programs.
- *Section II: Transplant Program Staff:* A subcommittee member stated that asking information about transplant program staff (administrative support, surgeons, and physicians) on the questionnaire is important. The MPSC Chair noted the importance of requesting information on whether there have been any changes in personnel during the period under review.
- *Section III: Support Services:* A subcommittee member stated that capturing information on support services might be relevant if the program has been identified. She also noted that there should be more detail requested about the support services. The MPSC Chair suggested that the information is important to capture in order to understand if these support services have accountability to the transplant program.

The Subcommittee discussed other suggestions for additions to the initial outcomes questionnaire.

The Subcommittee discussed questions contained in the expanded outcomes questionnaire as summarized below:

- *Section II: Facilities:* Subcommittee members stated that question 4 on the expanded outcomes survey is not needed.
- *Section III: Transplant Program Staff:* A subcommittee member noted that some of the questions in this section are redundant with the initial outcomes questionnaire; and therefore, should be removed from the expanded outcomes questionnaire.
- *Section IV: Support Services:* The subcommittee chair mentioned that question 1 should be in the initial survey and should include “associate coordinators.”
- *Section VI: ICU and Initial Hospital Stay:* The subcommittee supported removing question 5. Subcommittee members stated that question 5 is context specific and would need additional data for the question to become meaningful.
- *Section IX: Donor Services:* A subcommittee member mentioned that question 3 is becoming less relevant to all programs as allocation policies have moved away from reliance on Donation Service Areas (DSAs).
- *Section X: Patient Referral and Evaluation:* A few subcommittee members stated that question 8 is irrelevant and supported removal. Subcommittee members also supported removal of questions 9 and 10.

Subcommittee members had no other questions or suggestions. Staff will develop a draft of the revised questionnaires based on the feedback. The subcommittee will review the drafts during its next meeting.

3. Professional Communication, Education, and Resources

Staff reviewed the communication and education efforts for the new OPTN Transplant Performance Monitoring Metrics implementation. Staff requested feedback from the subcommittee on the Frequently Asked Questions document that will be made available in the OPTN Transplant Performance Monitoring toolkit on the OPTN website. Subcommittee members had no feedback or questions at this time.

4. Next Steps

Staff mentioned that the subcommittee would continue to review the tools and review process for post-transplant graft survival metrics during the next subcommittee meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

March 25, 2022: MPSC meeting, 1 – 3:00 pm, ET

April 19, 2022: Performance Monitoring Enhancement (PME) Subcommittee, 3 – 5:00 pm, ET

April 22, 2022: MPSC meeting, 1 – 4:00 pm, ET

May 4, 2022: Performance Monitoring Enhancement (PME) Subcommittee, 3 – 5:00, pm ET

May 31, 2022: MPSC meeting, 3 – 5:00 pm, ET

June 24, 2022: Performance Monitoring Enhancement (PME) Subcommittee, 2 – 4:00 pm ET

June 29, 2022: MPSC meeting, 1 – 3:00 pm, ET

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Richard N. Formica Jr (Subcommittee Chair)
 - Amit Mathur (Subcommittee Co-chair)
 - Emily Blumberg
 - Todd Dardas
 - Catherine Frenette
 - Alice L. Gray
 - John R. Gutowski
 - Ian R. Jamieson
 - Christy Keahey
 - Mary T. Killackey
 - Jules Lin
 - Scott Lindberg
 - Jerry McCauley
 - Kenneth McCurry
 - Michael Pham
 - Steven R. Potter
 - Sara Rasmussen
 - Pooja Singh
 - Zoe Stewart-Lewis
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Marilyn Levi
 - Raelene Skerda
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Jonathan Miller
 - Jon J. Snyder
 - Bryn Thompson
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Sally Aungier
 - Tameka Bland
 - Robyn DiSalvo
 - Nadine Drumn
 - Katie Favaro
 - Michelle Furjes
 - Kay Lagana
 - Ann-Marie Leary
 - Amy Minkler
 - Samantha Noreen
 - Sharon Shepherd
 - Stephon Thelwell
 - Betsy Warnick
 - Karen Wooten
 - Amanda Young
- **Other Attendees**
 - None