

**INTERIM REPORT OF THE
OPTN/UNOS AD HOC DISEASE TRANSMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

October 13, 2011

The OPTN/UNOS Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee (DTAC) met via teleconference on October 13, 2011, and considered the following items.

1. The Committee received an update from the Malignancy Subcommittee Chair on a recent conference call held by this group. Subcommittee members continue to review and revise the classifications for reported potential malignancy transmissions, and also plan an abstract for the American Transplant Congress related to aggregate data on renal cell carcinoma reports.
2. The Committee voted in support of modifications recommended for the potential donor-derived disease transmission reporting page on the Improving Patient Safety portal in Secure Enterprise. These changes will be combined into a larger programming project to update the living donor adverse event and patient safety event reporting pages housed in this portal.
3. The Committee reviewed its discussion related to the Living Donor Committee's three public comment proposals currently out for public comment. A vote count was taken during the Committee's September 14, 2011 committee meeting on one proposal, but the committee voted via LiveMeeting after further discussion on the remaining two proposals.
4. The Committee briefly discussed the issue of repeat testing, specifically when and if repeat donor sample testing by the recipient transplant program is appropriate or necessary prior to transplant. It appears that some transplant centers are using blood sent for the purposes of typing for repeat serology testing. The Committee believes that this could result in increased potential for false positive test results since some centers may be using diagnostic testing rather than screening tests that are used by OPOs for this purpose. The Committee discussed developing a short survey to be circulated on the Transplant Administrators list serve to determine how common the practice of re-testing is in the transplant community.
5. The Committee reviewed 5 potential donor-derived disease transmission events reported to the OPTN. Ten cases were held over due to time constraints for review during the November conference call due to the volume of committee business discussed during this call.

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