

**Interim Report of the
OPTN/UNOS MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
REPORT
December 9-10, 2009
Chicago, IL**

The Membership and Professional Standards Committee met on December 9-10, 2009, and considered the following items:

I. Action Items for Board Consideration:

The Committee will ask the Board of Directors to approve the following recommendations during the June 21-22, 2010, meeting:

- Fully approve 7 new programs in existing transplant centers;
- Renew terms for 9 non-institutional members; and
- Approve changes in program status:
 - Approve 8 programs to reactivate.
 - Approve 1 twelve-month conditional extension
 - Change 3 fully approved program to conditional status.
 - Full Approval to 4 conditional programs.

The Committee will also notify the Board that 3 programs inactivated and 5 members/programs withdrew from membership.

II. Old Business

- Annual Committee Goals: The Committee reviewed the goals approved for the year, and the progress made on those goals that were underway from the previous year.
- Program-Related Actions and Personnel Changes: The Committee reviewed 85 and approved 83 personnel change applications.
- Due Process Proceedings and Informal Discussions: The Committee conducted seven interviews with member transplant centers and organ procurement organizations.
- Living Donor Related Bylaws: The Committee was updated on the plans to review the bylaws related to living donor transplantation. A joint work group comprised of members from the MPSC, Living Donor Committee, Pediatric Transplantation Committee, Kidney Transplantation Committee, and the Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee was formed to discuss this issue. The Committee also reviewed preliminary feedback from the Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee on some questions regarding potential changes that were discussed at a previous meeting, and its status of developing requirements for intestinal transplant programs.

- Live Donor Adverse Events Reporting: As required in Policy 12.8.4 (Submission of Living Donor Death and Organ Failure Data), transplant programs must report all instances of live donor deaths and failure of the live donor's native organ function within 72 hours after the program becomes aware of the live donor death or failure of the live donors' native organ function. The Committee reviewed four reported instances.
- OPO Performance Metrics: The Committee was updated on the work of the OPO Performance Metrics Work Group, which is comprised of members of the OPO Committee and the MPSC. The Work Group is tasked with developing performance metrics to maximize the utilization of organs.
- Modified Flagging Methodology: UNOS staff presented a retrospective analysis of the modified flagging criteria proposed by the SRTR. In summary, the analysis showed that using the proposed method, the MPSC would flag fewer programs overall, while flagging more medium and high volume programs. The analysis also showed that the proposed method would flag > 80% of the programs considered "true positives" using the current flagging method and would flag fewer of the current false positives. The MPSC recommended conducting a simulation to determine an appropriate flagging methodology to capture the small volume programs that might be missed if the modified flag is adopted as the only flagging mechanism for one-year post-transplant outcomes.
- Composite Pre-Transplant Metric (CPM): The MPSC was apprised of the CPM Work Group progress.
- Data Coordination Responsibilities and Guidelines: The Committee reviewed responses from the OPO, Histocompatibility, Transplant Administrators, and Transplant Coordinators committees on the necessity for codifying the responsibilities and expectations for primary data coordinators in the bylaws. Additionally, the MPSC was made aware of UNOS staff projects relating to data submission.
- Voting Status of Hospital Based OPOs and Laboratories: The Committee discussed a request that hospital based OPOs be granted OPTN voting rights as a part of their membership under the parent transplant center. A work group previously tasked with considering this issue reported on the results of its first meeting. The Committee asked the work group to develop a cost assessment for changing the voting status.
- Performance Analysis and Improvement Subcommittee (PAIS) Report: The PAIS met on November 13 and December 3, 2009, and continued its review of transplant programs that exhibited lower than expected patient and/or graft survival rates; small volume programs that experienced at least one death and/or graft failure within one year of transplant; and functionally inactive programs. The Subcommittee made its recommendations to the full MPSC during the December 9-10, 2009, meeting.

- Policy Compliance Subcommittee Report: The Policy Compliance Subcommittee (PCSC) met on December 8, 2009. The PCSC discussed general issues as well as standard, periodic site surveys; member complaints; observed or reported potential policy violations, and organ specific committee referrals. In addition, the PCSC received updates on members that are continuing in monitoring.

III. New Business

- Proposal to Add Valuable Consideration Disclosure to Bylaws: Under this proposal, distributed for public comment in November 2009, transplant centers would be required to document that potential living organ donors have been informed that the sale or purchase of human organs (kidney, liver, heart, lung, pancreas and any other human organ) is a federal crime. The MPSC reviewed this proposal but did not agree to support it.
- Qualifications for Directors, Liver Transplant Program Anesthesiology: The Committee discussed a memorandum from the American Society of Anesthesiology, which has suggested qualifications for the directors of liver transplant anesthesia. The Committee asked staff to mock up the qualifications into bylaw format and to develop an implementation resource analysis for review during its next meeting.
- UNOS Actions: The Committee members agreed that actions regarding Bylaws and Policy, and program-specific decisions made during the OPTN session would be accepted as UNOS actions.

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