

**Interim Report of the
OPTN/UNOS MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
REPORT
March 10-11, 2011
Chicago, IL**

The Membership and Professional Standards committee met on March 10-11, 2011, 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 28–29, 2011, meeting:

- Fully approve 1 new transplant center;
- Fully approve 2 new hospital-based tissue typing laboratories;
- Fully approve 1 new program in a new transplant center;
- Fully approve 3 new programs in existing transplant centers;
- Conditionally approve 2 transplant programs for 12 months;
- Fully approve 3 reactivated programs
- Approve changes in program status in existing transplant centers;
 - Approve 4 programs to reactivate.
 - The committee will also notify the board of directors that 12 programs inactivated and that three additional programs temporarily ceased performing living donor kidney or liver transplants.

- Recommendation to Change Committee Appointment Terms: The committee discussed the terms of its at large members and is recommending to the Board of Directors that the bylaws be amended to describe the terms of at large members as three, rather than two years.

- Qualifications for Directors, Liver Transplant Program Anesthesiology: The committee discussed the regional and other public comments received for the proposal to amend the bylaws introducing qualifications for directors of liver transplant anesthesia. This proposal was developed by an MPSC work group based on recommendations from the American Society of Anesthesiology (ASA). The committee will ask the Board of Directors to approve the proposed changes to the bylaws.

- Living Donor Related Bylaws: The committee discussed the regional and other public comments received for the proposal to modify the requirements for surgeons who perform living donor kidney recoveries. The committee agreed to a minor modification that will acknowledge kidney paired donation and will ask the Board of Directors to approve the proposed changes to the bylaws.

II. Old Business

- Annual Committee Goals: The committee reviewed the activities presently underway and the progress made on each.
- Program-Related Actions and Personnel Changes: The committee reviewed 60 and approved 56 personnel change applications.
- Due Process Proceedings and Informal Discussions: The committee conducted four interviews and one informal discussion with member transplant centers.
- 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 one reported instance and is not recommending any further action to the Board.
- Input on Public Comment Item – Living Donor Responsibilities: The Committee listened to a presentation on the “Proposal to Clarify which Transplant Program has Responsibility for Elements of the Living Donation Process and to Reassign Reporting Responsibility for Living Donation from the Recipient Transplant Program to the Transplant Program Performing the Living Donor Nephrectomy or Hepatectomy.” The Living Donor Committee (LDC) and the MPSC jointly sponsored this proposal, with the lead taken by the LDC. The Committee supported the proposal as presented and agreed that it should be forwarded to the board of directors for approval.
- Composite Pre-Transplant Metric (CPM): The work group chair summarized the CPM work group report from its January 2011 meeting. During that meeting, the work group recommended a proposal for a pilot study of the metric that was approved by the MPSC in March.
- Bylaws Rewrite Project: The work group chair and the staff updated the status of the bylaws rewrite project from its last report at the October 2010 MPSC meeting, and asked the committee to approve the plain language versions of Article I - XI for public comment. The committee discussed proposals for enhancing the public comment process for this project.
- Issue Investigation Process Training: The staff presented an overview of its available investigation processes and their legal background and presented a summary of the process outlined in the bylaws for expedited investigations of the most serious matters.

- Performance Analysis and Improvement Subcommittee (PAIS) Report: The PAIS met on February 10th, 28th, and March 1st to continue 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 March 2011, meeting.
- Policy Compliance Subcommittee Reports: The Policy Compliance Subcommittee (PCSC) met telephonically on February 18, 2011 and again on March 9, 2011. 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. The PCSC made its recommendations to the full MPSC during the March 10-11, 2011 meeting.

III. New Business

- 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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