

**Interim Report of the
OPTN/UNOS MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
REPORT
June 8, 2010
Conference call and Live Meeting**

The Membership and Professional Standards Committee met on June 8, 2010, and considered the following items:

I. Action Items for Board Consideration:

The Committee will ask the Board of Directors to approve designated program status for one new transplant program in an existing member center when it meets on November 8-9, 2010.

II. Old Business

During the meeting, the Committee also discussed and acted on the following matters:

- Program-Related Actions and Personnel Changes: The Committee reviewed and approved a key personnel change for a primary heart physician.
- Qualifications for Directors, Liver Transplant Program Anesthesiology: The Committee discussed the proposal to add qualifications for the directors of liver transplant anesthesia to the bylaws. The Committee agreed to submit the proposal for public comment, and at the same time solicit input from the thoracic community to gauge whether or not a similar modification is needed in the heart and lung requirements.
- MPSC- Living Donor Issues Joint Work Group – Responsibilities: The Committee was given a status report on the Work Groups efforts to amend the Bylaws to change the responsibility for the living donation process, including follow up, from the transplant program that operates on the recipient to the transplant program that operates on the living donor. The Committee supported the proposal as presented and agreed that it should move forward to public comment.
- Requirements for Living Donor Surgeons: The Committee was given a status report of the Work Group that has been developing a proposal to amend the bylaws pertaining to living donor kidney and liver transplantation. The field has continued to evolve since the time the current requirements were first developed so the proposal would align the bylaws with current practice. The Committee that the Work Group chair should work with staff to incorporate suggestions made during the call and the proposed language should be circulated for review.

- Definition of Transplant Hospital: The Committee briefly discussed how “transplant hospital” is defined in the bylaws and the Final Rule. The Committee agreed to continue this discussion at a future meeting pending the collection of additional information.

Members Specific Issues:

The Committee discussed and took action on transplant hospital and OPO matters, including programs under review by the Performance Analysis Improvement Subcommittee (PAIS) and Policy Compliance Subcommittee (PSCS).

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.

The Committee considered the following items, which were distributed for public comment on March 19, 2010.

- Proposal 8: Placement of Non-directed Living Donor Kidneys: This proposal would establish procedures for the placement of non-directed living donor kidneys. Under the proposal, transplant centers would select the recipient of non-directed living donor kidneys based on a match run. No policy currently directs the placement of these organs. The Committee discussed whether or not the policy itself needs to indicate that it does not apply to kidney paired donation (KPD) or it is sufficient for that explanation to be offered in the proposal.
- Proposal 9: Require Reporting on Non-Utilized and Redirected Living Donor Organs: These proposals require that the organ recovery center report all instances of: living donor organs recovered but not utilized for transplant; living donor organs recovered but then redirected and transplanted into a recipient other than the intended recipient.
These events would be reported through the UNetSM Patient Safety System. If a living donor organ is transplanted into a recipient other than the intended recipient, all required donor and recipient information must still be submitted through Teidi. The Committee unanimously agreed to support this proposal as presented.
- Proposal 10: Modify 5.0 (labeling and packaging): Current OPTN policy only requires that the external label distributed by the OPTN contractor be used for transporting organs and vessels. This proposed policy change would require OPOs and transplant centers to also use standardized, internal labels that are distributed by the OPTN contractor for organ and vessel transport and for vessel storage. This change will make both internal and external labeling consistent throughout the U.S.

The Committee discussed this proposal and unanimously agreed to support the proposal.

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