

**Interim Report of the  
OPTN/UNOS MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT  
July 24-26, 2012  
Chicago, IL**

The Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) met on July 24-26, 2012, in Chicago, Illinois 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 November 12-13, 2012, meeting:

Existing Membership

- Fully approve 3 new programs in existing transplant hospitals;
- Conditional approval of 6 program components in existing transplant hospitals;
- Grant full approval to 1 program that reactivated.

The Committee discussed an application for a new transplant hospital member and an application for a new program in an existing transplant hospital, and did not approve either application. The applicants have been provided with options for action, and the applications may be discussed again at future meetings.

**II. Old Business**

- Annual Committee Goals: During its July meeting, the Committee was presented with the goals that had been approved for the year and the progress made on those goals that were already in process.
- Program-Related Actions and Personnel Changes: The Committee reviewed and approved 48 transplant program personnel change applications. Additionally, the Committee reviewed and approved four applications for changes in primary laboratory directors; and was notified that the four OPO's had changed either their medical director or executive director. The Committee will also notify the board of directors that 11 programs or living donor program components inactivated and that 4 programs ceased performing organ transplants.
- Due Process Proceedings and Informal Discussions: During the July meeting, the Committee conducted 3 interviews with member transplant hospitals and organ procurement organizations.
- 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 9 reported instances and is not recommending any further action to the Board for 8 of them. The ninth program was permitted to resume performing transplants, and a work group will monitor its compliance with the corrective action plan.

- Modified Flagging Methodology: During the July 2012 meeting, the Committee reviewed and approved proposed bylaw language for the modified flagging methodology. A proposal will be distributed for public comment.
- Composite Pre-Transplant Metric (CPM): The staff presented an overview of the CPM project and progress to date. The CPM is designed as a flagging tool for pre-transplant outcomes and process improvement. Feedback was positive, with many of the new Committee members in vocal support of the concept. Because many CPM work group members have rolled off the Committee, new members were solicited to serve. The work group will reconvene when the analysis of the CPM survey to members is completed.
- Compliance with Requirements for Director of Liver Transplant Anesthesia: On February 1, 2012, each approved liver transplant program (128 programs) was asked to supply the name of an individual who would meet the designation requirements as director of liver transplant anesthesia. The Committee was informed that all liver transplant programs are in compliance.
- Performance Analysis and Improvement Subcommittee (PAIS): The Subcommittee met on May 22, June 14, and July 24, 2012, 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 Committee during the July 24-26, 2012, meeting.
- Policy Compliance Subcommittee Reports: The Policy Compliance Subcommittee (PCSC) met on July 24, 2012. 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 July 25-26, meeting.

### **III. New Business**

- Allocation Analysis: A work group is being formed to assist staff in developing and implementing an improved process for MPSC review of allocation deviations that may involve a potential violation of OPTN policy found through the review of all match runs that result in a transplant.
- Proposal to dissolve heart/lung program requirements: The Committee reviewed a draft public comment document for a proposal that is being jointly sponsored with the Thoracic Organ Transplantation Committee. This proposed change removes an OPTN bylaw for designating a single combined heart-lung transplant program. There are no such bylaws for designating other single combined organ transplant programs.
- Review of Policy Rewrite Project: The staff updated the committee on the status of the policy rewrite project. The proposal was released for public comment July 2 - August 31, 2012. The Committee provided general feedback and will continue to provide comments on assigned sections.

- 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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