

**Interim Report of the  
OPTN/UNOS MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
REPORT  
July 28-29, 2010  
Chicago, IL**

The Membership and Professional Standards committee met on July 28-29, 2010, 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 8-9, 2010, meeting:

- Fully approve eleven (11) new programs in existing transplant centers;
- Fully approve two (2) new living donor kidney component programs in existing approved kidney transplant centers;
- Conditionally approve (12 months) one (1) pancreas transplant program;
- Approve one new individual and one new business for two-year terms of membership;
- Approve changes in program status:
  - Approve two (2) programs to reactivate.
  - Change five (5) conditional programs to fully approved programs.
  - Approved one (1) 6 month inactivation extension for a lung transplant program.

The committee will also notify the board of directors that eleven (11) programs inactivated and six members/programs withdrew from membership.

**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 seventy eight (78) and approved sixty seven (67) personnel change applications.
- Due Process Proceedings and Informal Discussions: The committee conducted six 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 four reported instances.

- OPO Performance Metrics: OPO performance: While the work group continues to work to identify potential flagging mechanisms for use by the MPSC, the committee recommended the bylaw language codifying the expectation for OPTN review of OPO performance be distributed for public comment in October. Once the flagging mechanism has been identified, the MPSC will distribute for public comment as well. The MPSC recommended the specific parameters that trigger committee review not be defined within the bylaws, but be detailed within the OPTN Evaluation Plan.
- Composite Pre-Transplant Metric (CPM): Work continues on assessing the value of using data from the SRTR organ and offer acceptance analysis, in conjunction with published transplant program waitlist mortality and transplant rate, to craft a useful pre-transplant performance metric which can be used to identify transplant programs not transplanting at expected rates. If identified, further review of the programs practices will occur with improvement assistance provided when necessary. During the July 2010 MPSC meeting, the committee recommended piloting CPM; the work group will meet in the coming months to discuss the pilot.
- Performance Flagging Methods: During its July meeting, the MPSC recommended that the specific parameters regarding the evaluation of transplant program survival rates be removed from the bylaws to allow for improved modification and implementation timeliness. Additionally, the committee recommended that all performance flagging triggers be distributed for public comment prior to adoption, regardless of having the metrics defined within the bylaw language.
- Qualifications for Directors, Liver Transplant Program Anesthesiology: The committee discussed the proposal to amend the bylaws to introduce 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 MPSC endorsed the proposed changes to the bylaws and agreed to submit the proposal for public comment in October 2010.
- Criteria for Intestinal Transplant Programs: The Liver committee developed draft bylaw language proposing qualifications for intestinal transplant programs and requested input from the MPSC prior to finalizing the proposal for public comment.
- Living Donor Related Bylaws: The committee was updated on the plans to propose amendments to the bylaws pertaining 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 agreed to submit the proposal to amend the requirements for transplant hospitals that perform living donor kidney recoveries. That proposal will be distributed for public comment in October 2010. The committee will continue to work on a similar proposal for living donor liver transplantation.

- Site Survey and Allocation Analysis patterns and trends: Staff presented a summary of policy violations found on site surveys and types of allocation deviations found during allocation analysis. In addition, staff introduced to the committee other ways in which potential policy violations are reported to UNOS; as well as committee actions on past potential policy violations. Staff presented a possible path for future trend analysis to the committee.
- Living Donor Pilot Program: The committee was given an update on the DEQ pilot survey of five living kidney donor programs that was conducted in February and March 2010. DEQ staff used a newly developed survey plan including review of the programs' living donor protocols and compliance with the same, review of data, staff interviews, and tracer methodology to verify awareness of program protocols.
- Separate Transplant Hospitals Seeking Single Program Approval Together: Staff reported to the committee that several inquiries had been received for two separate transplant hospitals to be recognized as single OPTN/UNOS members rather than two. During the July meeting, a work group was asked to review this issue and develop a proposal for the committee's consideration.
- Performance Analysis and Improvement Subcommittee (PAIS) Report: The PAIS met on July 27, 2010, 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 July 28-29, 2010 meeting.
- Policy Compliance Subcommittee Report: The Policy Compliance Subcommittee (PCSC) met on July 27, 2010. 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 Subcommittee made its recommendations to the full MPSC during the July 28-29, 2010 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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