

OPTN ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

INTERIM REPORT

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The following is a summary of topics discussed during the OPO Committee meeting held by Live Meeting teleconference on January 18, 2011.

- The Committee sought pre-proposal input from other Committees and organizations for the proposed changes to the Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD) Model Elements, (Attachment III to Appendix B of the OPTN By Laws). Members considered each response received and made appropriate changes to the Model Elements. The proposed changes will clarify and update language for the donation and transplantation community. These Model Elements identify specific requirements that OPOs and transplant centers must include in their DCD policies. As such, the title “Model Elements” has been changed to “Requirements.” DCD is redefined as Donation after Circulatory Death (DCD) in order to accurately reflect the definition of death determined by cardio-pulmonary criteria. The Committee unanimously agreed to distribute the proposed changes for public comment in March.
- The Committee finalized the changes to Policy 5.0 (Standardized Packaging, Labeling and Transporting of Organs, Vessels and Tissue Typing Materials) and agreed that in order to standardize labeling practices; the rigid vessel container does not require a label for storage. The rigid container must be part of a triple sterile barrier with the OPTN distributed label affixed to the outmost barrier and the vessels must be stored with the triple sterile barrier intact. This proposed change will be distributed for public comment in March.
- The Committee had a brief discussion about the benefits of requiring zip codes for all reported Imminent and Eligible deaths. The DNR has a place to record the zip codes for a patient’s residence; however, it is not currently required so data is incomplete. The Committee will discuss this further at the March meeting.