

**OPTN/UNOS ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE
INTERIM REPORT**

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The following is a summary of selected topics from the OPO Committee meeting held on September 22, 2010, in Chicago IL.

- The OPO Performance Metrics Joint Work Group (MPSC and OPO Committees) has approved a performance metrics model that can predict expected donor yield based on donor characteristics. The Work Group is currently identifying a flagging methodology for OPOs and identifying how these data can be effective in evaluating OPO performance.
- A new labeling system is available to OPTN members. OPOs can use the new system beginning October 1, 2010, and will be required to use it on January 1, 2011. The Committee sponsored four Live Meeting training sessions to teach members about the appropriate use of the system and to review appropriate packaging techniques. The new organ specific, color-coded labels have matching internal and external labels. Approximately 397 Live Meeting ports were open.
- The Imminent and Eligible Subcommittee (formerly the Multi-system Organ Failure Subcommittee) sought Committee support for some basic concepts to guide their deliberations. The Committee agreed that:
 - The multi system organ failure exclusion should be removed entirely from the definition as it is inconsistently applied and the Committee will develop “rule out” criteria for each individual organ system.
 - The age range for pediatric donors should be replaced with a minimum weight range. The members agreed that size is a more appropriate consideration when evaluating the pediatric population, and will seek guidance from the Pediatric Committee regarding the weight ranges. The Subcommittee also requested data regarding the donors over 70 to determine the effectiveness of the organs procured from that age group.
- The Committee reviewed the definitions that the DCD Joint Work Group has developed and provided the Work Group with some recommended changes. They are also reviewing and revising policies and bylaws that include DCD language (i.e. DCD Model Elements), and will seek public comment for the proposed changes in the spring 2011.
- The Abbreviations Subcommittee reported that they have provided a final list of abbreviations proposed for DonorNet[®]. This project’s goal is to promote patient safety by enhancing the accuracy of information that OPOs communicate in DonorNet[®]. The Subcommittee will evaluate opportunities for distributing the information to the community.
- The Living Donor Committee sought input from the Committee about a requirement for OPOs to package and label all living donor organs. The Committee did not feel that every OPO would be able to comply if required and agreed that this should be a contractual agreement between the OPO and transplant center.
- The Committee will meet on March 8, 2011, and September 13, 2011.