

OPTN/UNOS 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 July 22, 2010.

- The Committee discussed each of the responses to the proposed changes to Policy 5.0 (Packaging and Labeling) that had been distributed for public comment. The proposed changes focused on the requirement for OPOs and transplant centers to use the internal label that is provided by the OPTN contractor and the requirement that transplant centers must notify the recovering OPO when an organ is repackaged. The proposed changes received widespread acceptance from individuals, regions and OPTN Committees. The Committee unanimously agreed to seek approval from the OPTN Board of Directors during their November 2010 meeting.
- The Committee will provide four Labeling and Packaging training sessions that will provide guidance in the use of the new label system. This new system is a color-coded system with matching internal and external organ specific labels and is designed to reduce the number of labeling errors. OPOs and transplant centers can begin using the new labels on October 1, 2010, and must use them on and after January 1, 2011.
- The Committee reviewed the final changes to the DCD Model Elements (Attachment III to Appendix B of the OPTN By Laws) and DCD Definitions (References in the Deceased Donor Registration Form and Help documentation) as prepared by the joint OAC/OPO DCD Work Group. The Committee agreed with the proposed changes to the Model Elements and voted unanimously to distribute them for public comment. One significant proposed change to the Model Elements is the name “Donation after Cardiac Death,” which was changed to “Donation after Circulatory Determination of Death.”