

**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 in Chicago on March 10, 2011.*

- The Committee has distributed proposed changes to the Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD) Model Elements, (Attachment III to Appendix B of the OPTN Bylaws) for public comment. The proposed changes update terminology (i.e. the term “circulatory” replaces the term “cardiac”) and clarify current DCD practices.
- The Committee has distributed proposed changes to Policy 5.0 (Standardized Packaging, Labeling and Transporting of Organs, Vessels and Tissue Typing Materials) for public comment. The proposed changes eliminate the requirement that a label be placed on the rigid container when vessels are stored. This proposed change makes the requirements for vessel storage consistent with those of vessel transport, which requires that the vessel container be stored in a triple sterile barrier with the OPTN distributed label affixed to the outmost barrier.
- Current OPTN Policy 5.0 (Standardized Packaging, Labeling and Transporting of Organs, Vessels and Tissue Typing Materials) allows OPOs to label perfusion machines with an “alternate label.” The Committee agrees with the Living Donor Committee that this practice makes labeling inconsistent and will propose that this provision for an alternate label be eliminated. As such, the Committee will recommend creating a smaller label that will fit on a perfusion machine.
- The Committee will propose changes to the imminent and eligible death definitions to promote more consistent data collection. The Committee will propose that “multi system organ failure” be eliminated from the definition (as an exclusionary criteria), and the minimum weight, BMI and organ specific criteria for exclusion be added. The Committee is currently considering the terms “exhausting the list” as a potential exclusionary criteria.
- The Committee will serve on the newly formed Patient Information Sharing Task Force that the Transplant Coordinators Committee is coordinating. This Task Force will develop recommendations regarding the sharing of donor and recipient information.
- The Labeling and Packaging Subcommittee is considering the feasibility of electronic tracking of organs (i.e. bar coding, GPS, etc.) to help reduce the possibility of organs being lost while in transit. As there are various technologies available, the Subcommittee will consider each and make recommendations to the Committee.
- The next “in person” Committee meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2011, in Chicago.