

**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 April 20, 2010, in Chicago IL.*

- The OPO Performance Metrics Joint Work Group (MPSC and OPO Committees) has collaborated with the SRTR to refine the performance metrics model that identifies donor characteristics that will predict donor yield. An educational conference will be held on May 27, 2010, in Chicago, IL, to educate OPOs about the new metrics. Each OPO will be asked to send 3 staff members. A small work group has met to begin to identify potential flagging thresholds for OPOs and begin to identify how these data will be used in an effective way.
- The proposed labeling system, comprising organ specific labels in a color coded format with matching internal and external label, has been pilot tested in five OPOs. Changes are being made to the labels that reflect the recommendations made by the pilot sites. Additionally, the Committee has distributed for public comment a proposed policy change that would require OPOs and transplant centers to use of the internal label provided by the OPTN Contractor for organs and vessels. Currently, only the external label is required by policy. This proposed change would make labeling practices more consistent throughout the US.
- The Committee considered a proposal to require molecular typing on all deceased donors that the Histocompatibility Committee will distribute for public comment. After consideration, they concluded that the proposed testing will 1) extend the donor workup time from 6 to 20 hours, 2) is very expensive and not all labs currently have the appropriate equipment, and 3) information gained will not be of particular importance of proven use for renal outcomes. As such, the Committee did not support the proposed changes.
- The Multi-system Organ Failure subcommittee is developing criteria that would identify “when an organ is not transplantable” due to certain conditions (i.e. CABG), as opposed to being diagnosed in “organ failure.” This work is being done to create more consistency in how the imminent and eligible data are being reported.
- The Committee reviewed definitions that the DCD Joint Work Group has developed and provided the Work Group with some recommendations. They are also reviewing and revising policies and bylaws that include DCD language (i.e. DCD Model Elements), and once completed will seek public comment for any proposed changes.
- The Abbreviations Subcommittee reported that they are currently reviewing and evaluating a list of abbreviations proposed for DonorNet. Members are ranking each abbreviation to identify which ones are universally understood and which ones are not. This project’s goal is to promote patient safety by enhancing the accuracy of information being communicated in DonorNet. This subcommittee is part of a larger Work Group that is identifying ways to enhance information exchange in DonorNet when donor information changes.
- The Committee will meet by Live Meeting in June, 2010 (date TBD).