

National Heart Review Board for Pediatrics

OPTN Thoracic Transplantation Committee

Purpose of the Proposal

- Address increase in pediatric heart Status 1A exceptions since criteria were updated
- Address variation in regional review board (RRB) members' pediatric expertise

Proposal

- Create a national review board for pediatric exceptions
 - To review all pediatric heart 1A and 1B exception requests
- Proposed components
 - Address representation of pediatric programs
 - Establish voting process
 - Establish appeals process

Representation

- Comprised of representatives from pediatric heart programs
- Each case randomly assigned to a group of 9 reviewers

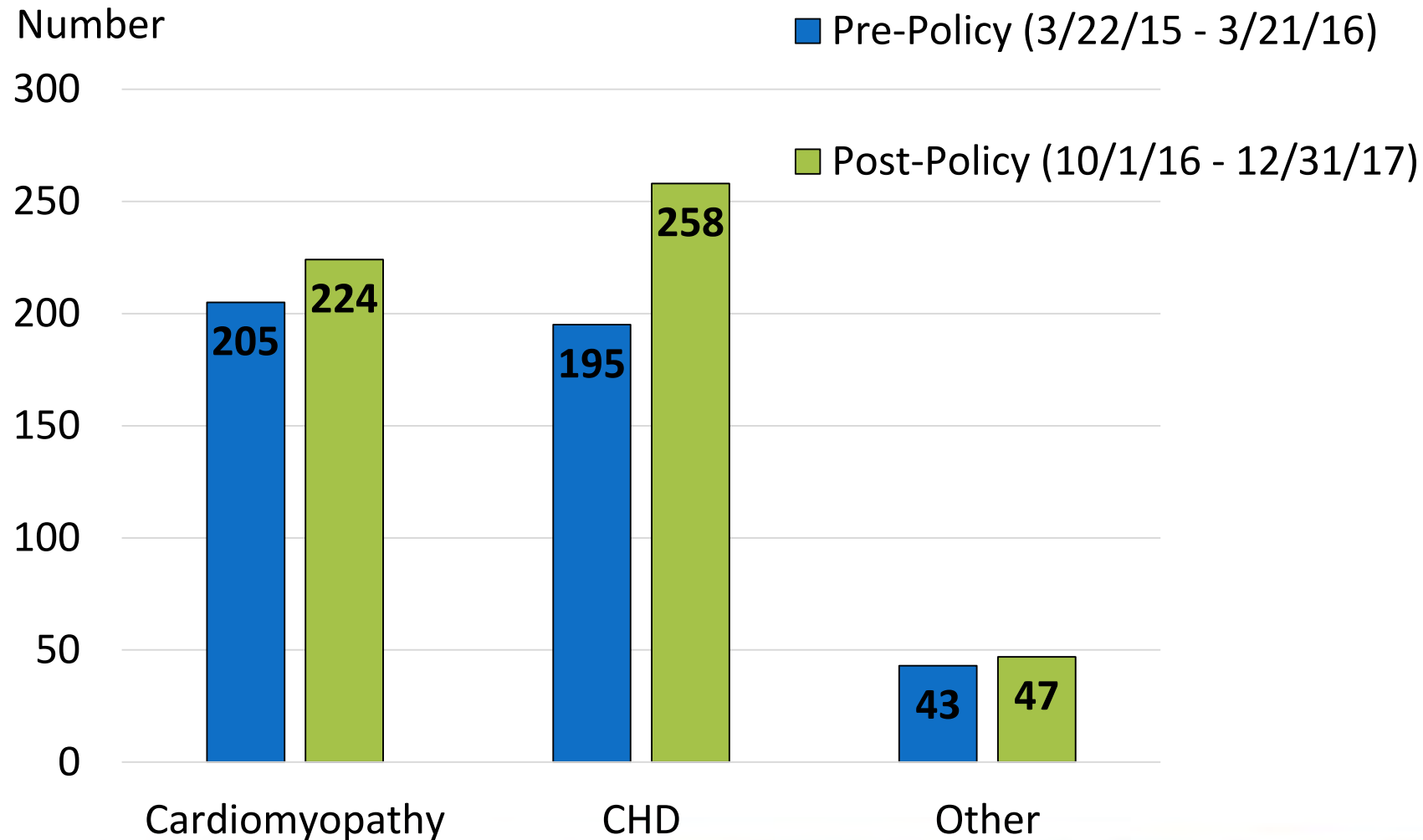
Voting

- Retrospective
- Reviewers have 3 days to vote or case is reassigned
- If no resolution within 6 days, the decision is based on votes cast to date
- Will use a new system in UNetSM (similar to National Liver Review Board)

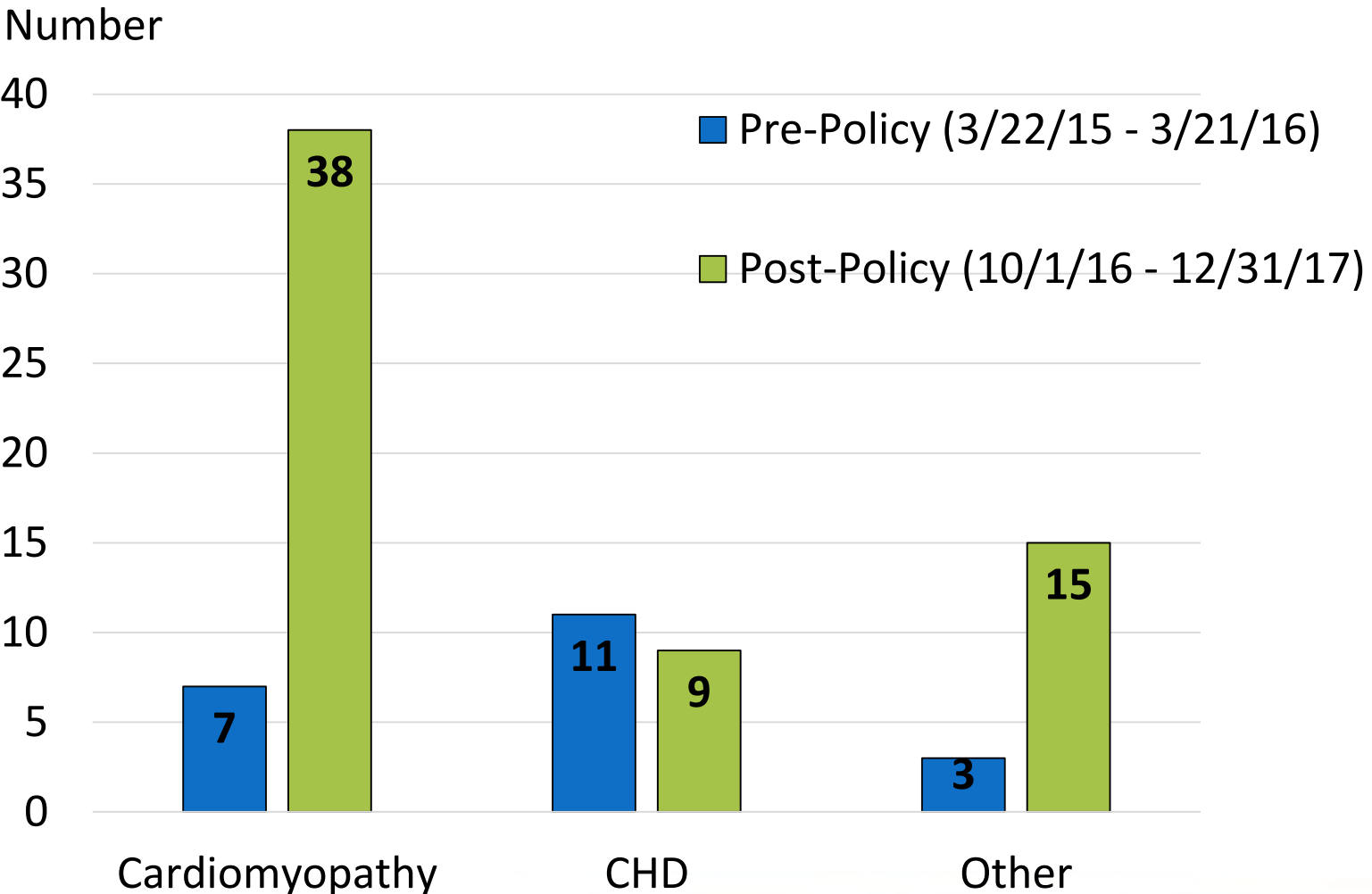
Appeals

- First appeal is to the same group of reviewers
- Final appeal is to a workgroup of OPTN Pediatric and Thoracic Committee members

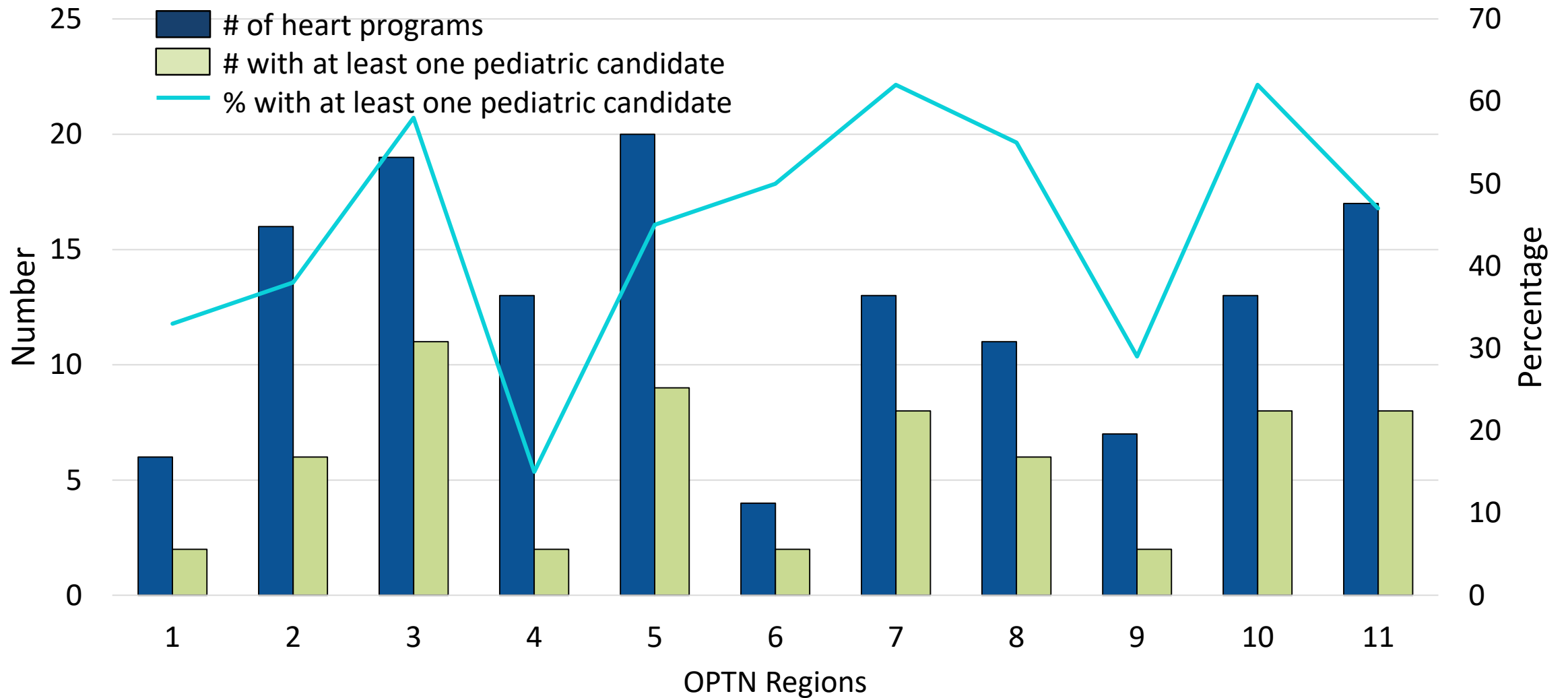
Pediatric Heart Transplants at All Statuses by Diagnosis



Pediatric Heart Transplants at Status 1A by Exception and Diagnosis



Heart Programs With at Least One Pediatric Candidate



Data represent 1/1/2018 through 6/30/2019

Feedback from XXXX Breakout

Discussion

National Heart Review Board for Pediatrics

- Create a national review board for pediatric Status 1A and 1B heart exceptions
- Reviewers from pediatric heart programs
- Cases assigned to a random group of nine reviewers
- Appeals decided by a workgroup with representatives from the Pediatric and Thoracic Committees