

**OPTN Ethics Committee
Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) Workgroup
Meeting Summary
January 26, 2023
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) Workgroup (the Workgroup) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 01/26/23 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Outline
2. Identified questions and areas of note
3. Closing remarks

The following is a summary of the Workgroup's discussions.

1. Outline

The Chair provided an overview of the outline of the white paper.

Summary of discussion:

A member suggested re-ordering some of the items in the outline and stated that the section on respect for persons should be first. Members discussed the order of the outline and how to best make the white paper flow. The Workgroup decided to come back to the question of topic order once individual sections are drafted.

2. Identified questions and areas of note

The Chair explained some important questions and considerations that have been identified throughout the course of Workgroup discussion. One such consideration is ensuring a thorough overview of the process of NRP and variation in protocols, consent, and authorization in the paper.

Summary of discussion:

A member asked if any reference to NRP usage in other countries will be referenced. Experience of NRP in other countries will be included in the draft. Members discussed the principles of do no harm and respect for persons as they relate to NRP and how to present these in the paper. Some operational considerations related to NRP that are outside the scope of the current white paper were identified and added to the list of topics to consider for the future directions section. Members also discussed NRP research protocols and consent protocols and how they relate to the current state of NRP in the US.

The Workgroup discussed the appropriate amount of information to provide families about NRP and differences between standard donation after cardiac death (DCD) and NRP and the need for development of resources appropriate for families. Members also discussed considerations about utility in transplant.

3. Closing remarks

The Chair and staff recapped the white paper timeline and noted that a draft will soon be available for review.

Upcoming Meetings

- February 9, 2023
- March 9, 2023

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Amy Friedman
 - Andy Flescher
 - Carrie Thiessen
 - Glenn Cohen
 - Jonathan Fisher
 - Julie Spear
 - Keren Ladin
 - Lainie Ross
 - Sena Wilson-Sheehan
 - Sophoclis Alexopolous
- **SRTR Representatives**
 - Bryn Thompson
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Cole Fox
 - James Alcorn
 - Kristina Hogan
 - Kim Uccellini
 - Laura Schmitt
 - Krissy Laurie
 - Michelle Rabold
- **Other Attendees**
 - Matthew Hartwig