

## **OPTN Operations & Safety Committee**

### **Meeting Summary**

**July 28, 2022**

**Conference Call**

**Alden Doyle, MD, MPH, Chair**

**Kimberly Koontz, MPH, Vice-Chair**

### **Introduction**

The Operations & Safety Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 07/28/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Project Updates: Redefining Provisional Yes and the Approach to Organ Offers
2. Project Updates: Optimizing Usage of Offer Filters
3. Update: NASEM Report
4. Patient Safety Portal Training

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

### **1. Project Updates: Redefining Provisional Yes and the Approach to Organ Offers**

The Committee received an update from the Chair on the progress of the Match Run Rules Workgroup.

#### Summary of discussion:

The Committee reviewed the tiered framework and the policy expectations. Feedback was specifically requested on the assumptions related to Tier III; how far should organ alerts be allowed to be sent, and what should be the time limits for reviewing alerts?

A member replied that they felt there were not enough stipulations for OPO actions during allocation, as, especially requirements like time limits, impacted only transplant programs. The Chair responded that there would be tools available to facilitate a program's evaluation of a donor which would reduce the amount of time needed for their evaluations. They felt that, while there may be increased responsibility, there will also be more information available for programs to thoroughly evaluate the offer. The member added that they did not feel like this system would perform well in instances where there is a rapid shift from a program being tier III to becoming tier I. The ex officio noted that part of the goal for this project was to reduce the number of times when a program declines from Tier I close to the OPO's operating room timing; with more information, provisional interest will be more solid. The member suggested that if the timing of a program rapidly becoming tier I could be slowed down, it would benefit the entire system.

A second member said that information should not just exist in donor attachments, as that is one of the areas that slows down a program's evaluation. They suggested having required information for evaluation that must exist within the donor's profile outside of attachments prior to the OPO being allowed to make offers. The ex officio responded that there are some requirements, but agreed that this information may need to be revisited or made more readily available in the donor's profile.

#### Next steps:

Staff will incorporate the Committee's decisions into the concept paper.

## **2. Project Updates: Optimizing Usage of Offer Filters**

The Committee received an update from the Chair on the progress of the Match Run Rules Workgroup.

### Data summary:

Offer filters is a tool that allows a programs to specify which types of offers they do not want their program to receive. The Committee is drafting a concept paper to gather feedback from the community on the potential for these filters to be optimized.

### Summary of discussion:

There was no discussion surrounding this item.

### Next steps:

## **3. Update: NASEM Report**

### Data summary:

The Committee reviewed the NASEM report in the context of the Committee's charge to improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of the transplant network. The Committee also reviewed the alignment of the report's recommendations with the current projects of the Committee, as well as future projects for the Committee.

### Summary of discussion:

The Chair noted that much of the work currently being done by the Committee is directly supported by the report's recommendations. They added that the report specifically calls out the usage of offer filters to increase the efficiency of allocation, which could help back up a future policy proposal to make them mandatory.

A member stated that, at their organization, this report will likely inform their roadmap for improvement.

### Next steps:

## **4. Patient Safety Portal Training**

This agenda item was not discussed.

## **Upcoming Meeting**

- August 25, 2022

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Alden Doyle
  - Kim Koontz
  - Gregory Abrahamian
  - Katie Audette
  - Julie Bergin
  - Andrew Bonham
  - Jill Campbell
  - Chris Curran
  - Jami Gleason
  - Laura Huckestein
  - Audrey Kleet
  - Sarah Koohmaraie
  - Stephanie Little
  - Renee Morgan
  - Paige Oberle
  - Norihisa Shigemura
  - Jillian Wojtowicz
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Jim Bowman
  - Marilyn Levi
  - Raelene Skerda
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Matt Belton
  - Betsy Gans
  - Isaac Hager
  - Lauren Mauk
  - Sharon Shepherd
  - Joann White
  - Emily Womble