

**OPTN Transplant Administrators Committee
Meeting Summary
July 27, 2022
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Transplant Administrators Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoTo teleconference on 07/27/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment Preview
3. Committee Orientation
4. Closing remarks and adjournment

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Committee members introduced themselves.

Summary of discussion:

There was no further discussion by the Committee.

2. Public comment Preview,

UNOS Staff gave an overview of public comment proposals for Summer 2022. UNOS staff noted the proposals that the Committee plans to review. The Committee will review three proposals in August and three proposals in September.

Proposal:

- Redefining Provisional Yes and the Approach to Organ Offers

UNOS staff highlighted that the Operations and Safety Committee seeks to develop a solution that includes a tiered framework that will standardize organ offer review and acceptance practices, and outline associated member responsibilities on the OPO and Transplant Center side.

- The Committee will review and discuss this proposal.
- Optimizing Usage of Kidney Organ Offer Filters Concept Paper

UNOS staff explained that this concept paper provides an overview of the offer filters concept, some data from the pilot program, and the voluntary rollout. It will solicit feedback from the community to increase the usage of offer filters across the country.

- The Committee will review and discuss this proposal.
- Update on Continuous Distribution of Kidneys and Pancreata

UNOS staff explained that this paper builds on the 2021 concept paper and the 2022 request for feedback and contains the most recent discussions and decisions regarding attributes and their associated rating scales.

- The Committee will review and discuss this proposal.
- Transparency in Program Selection

UNOS staff explained the purpose of this paper is to better understand how equity in organ allocation can be improved by considering the beginning of the transplant process when patients are pursuing evaluation and registration on the waitlist.

- The Committee will review and discuss this proposal.
- Update Multi-Organ Allocation for Continuous Distribution of Lungs

UNOS Staff explained the purpose of this proposal is to update the lung composite allocation score threshold for multi-organ allocation, specifically the combinations of lung-liver, lung-kidney, and heart-lung.

- The Committee will not review and discuss this proposal.
- Lung Allocation Score (LAS) Refinements and Cleanup (Phase 2)

UNOS staff explained this proposal aims to update the data collection on disease severity which includes removing, revising, and adding data collection.

- The Committee will not review and discuss this proposal.
- Revise Lung Review Board Guidelines, Guidance, and Policy for Continuous Distribution

UNOS Staff explained this proposal will establish operational guidelines for the Lung Review Board when reviewing candidate request for exceptions to the components of the LAS. It will also establish some clinical guidelines for transplant programs who wish to submit an exception request, as well as for Lung Review Board members when they are reviewing this request.

- The Committee will review and discuss this proposal.
- Continued Review of National Liver Review Board (NLRB) Guidance

UNOS staff explained this proposal is creating guidance for pediatric candidates with cystic fibrosis, as well as updating guidance for adult candidates with Budd Chiari syndrome and hepatic adenomas.

- The Committee will not review and discuss this proposal.
- Continuous Distribution of Liver and Intestines Concept Paper

UNOS staff explained this proposal is intended to educate and inform the community about continuous distribution, as well as progress that the committee has made in developing continuous distribution framework for liver and intestine. It will also solicit feedback on the OPTN Liver Committee's progress to date.

- The Committee will not review and discuss this proposal.
- Review of Liver and Intestines Variances in OPTN Policy

UNOS staff explained this proposal aims to align the expiration dates of the four variances to expire upon implementation of continuous distribution.

- The Committee will not review and discuss this proposal.
- Modify Heart Policy to Address Patient Safety Following Device Recall

UNOS staff noted this is a retrospective proposal for a policy change that was implemented under the Emergency Pathways Action pathway.

- The Committee will not review and discuss this proposal.
- Update Kidney Paired Donation Policy

UNOS staff explained this proposal contains a series of minor modifications to KPD policy to align policy language with other OPTN policy and improve efficiency of the KPD program.

- The Committee will not review and discuss this proposal.
- Modify Waiting Time for Candidates Affected by Race-Inclusive Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR) Calculations

UNOS staff noted this proposal will address waiting time modification for black kidney candidates who have been potentially affected by inclusive eGFR calculations.

- The Committee will review and discuss this proposal.
- Enhancements to OPTN Donor Data and Matching System Clinical Data Collection

UNOS staff explained the OPTN OPO committee proposes the addition of several DCD specific data fields to improve communication of donor information to evaluating transplant hospitals.

- The Committee will not review and discuss this proposal.
- Apply Transplant Notification Requirements for VCA Program Inactivation

UNOS staff noted this proposal from the OPTN VCA Committee removes the exclusion of VCA programs from the requirement to notify their waitlisted patients if a transplant program is placed under short or long-term inactive status or can no longer transplant a subset of their patients. This proposal also aims to correct the bylaws to update the reference of the number of VCA program types from eight to ten.

- The Committee will not review and discuss this proposal.

Summary of discussion:

There was no further discussion by the Committee.

3. Committee Orientation

UNOS Staff explained the role of the Committee, staff and resources that support the Committee, and the expectations of Committee members.

Summary of discussion:

There was no further discussion by the Committee.

4. Closing remarks and adjournment

The Chair, Vice Chair, and UNOS staff thanked the Committee members for their time and updated the Committee on in-person meeting dates in Richmond, Va.

Summary of discussion:

There was no further discussion by the Committee.

Upcoming Meetings

- September 28, 2022: 4PM-5PM ET
- October 11, 2022: 8AM-4PM ET, in-person

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Christopher Wood
 - Jason Huff
 - John Gutowski
 - Joshua Gossett
 - Megan Fairbank
 - Melissa Roberts
 - Michelle James
 - Nancy Metzler
 - Rachel Detweiler
 - Sara Geatrakas
 - Sarah Madgwick
 - Susan Zylicz
 - Deb Maurer
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Alex Carmack
 - Angel Carroll
 - Kristina Hogan
 - Matt Belton
 - Robert Hunter
 - Taylor Livelli