

**OPTN/UNOS Operations and Safety Committee
Meeting Summary
March 24, 2015
Conference Call**

**Theresa Daly, Chair
David Marshman, Vice Chair**

Discussions of the full committee on March 24, 2015 are summarized below and will be reflected in the committee's next report to the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors. Meeting summaries and reports to the Board are available at <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.

Committee Projects

1. TransNetsm/Electronic Tracking and Transport Project

Twenty OPOs have signed up for TransNetsm through July 2015. Along with the eight OPOs currently using the system, half of all OPOs will be using TransNet to some degree by mid-2015.

The first of ten OPO train-the-trainer sessions was held at UNOS in March 2015. All five OPOs successfully completed the training with all attendees (15) passing the required proficiency testing. These OPOs will go back and train and certify their own staffs. This training launched the nationwide voluntary OPO deployment of TransNet.

An iOS version of TransNet is being developed and it is anticipated that this will be available in summer 2015. This version may be limited to tablets versus iPhones.

2. Proposal to Allow Collective Patient and Wait Time Transfers

The Committee reviewed all public comments to date (including regional and committee feedback). This proposal was widely supported in public comment. The Committee is considering how to address questions regarding changing patient status to inactive prior to a collective transfer. The Committee will finish deliberations on proposed language at their April 14, 2015 in-person meeting.

3. Proposal to Modify Sterile Internal Vessels Label

The Committee reviewed all public comments to date (including regional and committee feedback). This proposal was widely supported in public comment. The Committee is considering how to address requests to delineate Hepatitis B results. Committee members will be provided several options to consider. The Committee will finish deliberations on proposed language at their April 14, 2015 in-person meeting.

4. Proposal to Modify ABO Determination, Reporting, and Verification Requirements

The Committee reviewed all public comments to date (including regional and committee feedback). This proposal was widely debated in public comment. The Committee is considering how to address comments related to recovery verifications and organ check-in proposed sections. The Committee will finish deliberations on proposed language at their April 14, 2015 in-person meeting.

Collaborative Committee Projects

5. Marking Kidney Laterality

The Kidney Committee has drafted guidance for this issue. While many OSC members did express concerns with the document as written, some members expressed a desire for the guidance to be more specific as the draft guidance does not limit recommendations to one laterality (e.g. mark the left kidney). It was noted that this will be increasingly important as shipping kidneys outside of DSAs is rising under the new kidney allocation system (KAS). A memo will be drafted to the Kidney Committee as they will vote on April 13, 2015 to send this document to the UNOS/OPTN Board of Directors.

Review of Public Comment Proposals

6. Clarify Policy Language and Process for Individual Wait Time Transfer

The Operations and Safety Committee supports this proposal. The Committee did ask for clarification on some questions related to waiting time and the new KAS rules.

7. Addressing the Requirements Outlined in the HIV Organ Policy Equity Act

Committee representatives participated in the HOPE Act work group. Research protocols have not yet been released for public comment. Once these are published there may be an additional public comment session. This proposal does address the HIV positive donation for living donors. The Operations and Safety Committee supports several safety measures including double verification for candidates willing to accept positive organs and requiring all allocations to be conducted from a match run.

Upcoming Meeting

- April 14, 2015 in-person meeting, Chicago,IL