

OPTN/UNOS Pediatric Transplantation Committee
Meeting Summary
June 17, 2015
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on June 17, 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. Establish Pediatric Requirements in the Bylaws

The Chair updated the Committee on the status of the "Proposal to Establish Pediatric Training and Experience Requirements in the Bylaws," which was presented to the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors on June 1, 2015. Although the proposal failed to pass by a majority of the Directors (19-Yes, 16-No, 3-Abstain), the Committee achieved consensus on the need to recognize pediatric transplantation as a subspecialty through pediatric membership requirements. After the vote, the President led a discussion to give the Committee guidance on how to revise the proposal. Several Directors, including the ASTS Representative, expressed support for stratifying the surgical case volume requirements. The Board directed the Committee to work with interested stakeholders, including the ASTS, to revise the proposal to include stratified case volume requirements and submit it for public comment in August. The Chair requested volunteers from the Committee for a Joint ASTS-OPTN Working Group, which will meet regularly over the next month to develop modified requirements for the primary pediatric kidney and liver surgeons. She also requested volunteers to review the key personnel requirements for heart and lung.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the stratified case volume requirements that were first proposed in the fall of 2013. The Committee solicited feedback on these initial requirements at the regional meetings but never formally submitted them for public comment. The Committee reviewed an analysis on the impact of these initial requirements on access for pediatric patients, which will be included in the final public comment proposal. Committee members expressed a need to continue to balance the competing interests of quality of care and access to transplantation in the new proposal.

Upcoming Meetings

- July 15, 2015
- August 19, 2015
- September 16, 2015