

OPTN/UNOS Transplant Coordinators Committee
Meeting Summary
May 20, 2015
Chicago, IL

Laurie Williams, Chair
Jamie Bucio, Vice Chair

Discussions of the full committee on May 20, 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. Proposal to Notify Patients Having an Extended Inactive Status

Based on public comment feedback for the Proposal to Notify Patients Having an Extended Inactive Status, the Committee formed a Patient Notification Work Group. The goal of this Work Group is to develop effective patient notification and waitlist practices articles and educational materials for professionals and patients. The Work Group created a survey that will be used to study real-world practices, timing, and communication related to listing and managing candidates at an inactive status (Status 7) on the waitlist. The survey was distributed to transplant coordinators on February 20, 2015 and closed on March 13, 2015. The results were reviewed on this call and the Committee suggested that UNOS research review the data to see if there needs to be additional OPTN data reviewed for this project. The survey results will be used to develop effective patient notification and inactive waitlist management practices for the transplant community.

Other Significant Items

2. Overview and updates of the OPTN/UNOS Data Advisory Committee (DAC):

The DAC chair provided an overview of the DAC charge, functions, goals, and projects. The TCC will continue to receive updates on DAC projects when appropriate.

3. TCC Education Work Group

The TCC chair provided an overview of the work group's May 12th conference call discussion. The Work Group is currently working on literature reviews and possible data requests to see average length of time a provisional yes is logged, the average time it takes to allocate organs, and notification times. After the literature and data review, the Work Group will decide what the problem is they want to address and possibly develop some effective practices/guidance document.

The group also discussed writing an article for the NATCO Newsletter to provide an update on the progress of the Proposal to Notify Patients Having an Extended Inactive Status project. This article would include the Committee's responses to the themes identified after public comment (burden, regulatory/compliance, and education).

4. Joint Committee Work Group Updates

Policy Oversight Committee (POC) – The Committee vice-chair provided a high level overview of the following POC activities:

- Review of all committee projects and align them with the OPTN Strategic Plan with increased focus on goal 1 (increase the number of transplants) and goal 2 (provide equity in access to transplants)
- Proposal to increase committee terms to 3 years

Liver & Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee Ad Hoc Subcommittees - The Committee vice-chair provided an update on the Liver Ad Hoc Subcommittee activities to include:

- *Increasing Liver Donation and Utilization*
 - Focus on increasing donation rates, consent rates, organ utilization when organs become available, and the efficiency of that process to develop effective practices
 - Discussing geographic areas that have good donation rates and donation rates in different demographics to develop effective practices
- *Logistics and Transportation*
 - Identifying tools and rules necessary to increase efficiency and facilitate broader sharing
 - Developing guidance on standards for professional conduct in broader sharing including a platform for national case review, DonorNet enhancements, and refining policies relating to liver offers and acceptance

Upcoming Meeting

- July 15, 2015 via web conference.