

**OPTN/UNOS Vascularized Composite Allograft Transplantation Committee
Meeting Summary
September 24, 2014**

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Discussions of the full committee on September 24, 2014 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>.

Other Significant Items

1. VCA Deceased Donor Authorization Guidance Document Feedback

The VCA Committee previously drafted a Guidance Document on VCA Deceased Donor Authorization and requested feedback from seven groups prior to recommendation to the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors. These groups included:

- Association of Organ Procurement Organizations
- OPTN/UNOS Minority Affairs Committee
- OPTN/UNOS Organ Procurement Organization Committee
- OPTN/UNOS Patient Affairs Committee
- OPTN/UNOS Transplant Coordinators Committee
- OPTN/UNOS Ethics Committee
- OPTN/UNOS Living Donor Committee

The Committee discussed the feedback and edits offered by the reviewers. The Committee approved motion to recommend to the Board (9-Support, 0-Oppose, 0-Abstain).

2. VCA in the Context of Living Donors

The Chair provided a synopsis of events and discussions regarding VCA in the context of living donors. Correspondence between the OPTN/UNOS Living Donor Committee and two Catholic healthcare groups over the summer noted that the OPTN definition of "VCA" appeared to include the potential of living VCA donors (it did not expressly apply only to deceased donors). A result of this correspondence, the Living Donor Committee expressed concern about the language in the proposed policy (OPTN Policy 1.2) referencing "all living donors". Communication from the OPTN/UNOS Living Donor Committee shared their willingness to work with the VCA Committee on applicable policies for VCAs. Further, the Chair noted that conversations on the subject need to be centered on a medical and scientific approach.

Upcoming Meetings

- October 15, 2014 (Membership Subcommittee Conference Call)
- October 22, 2014 (Full Committee Conference Call)
- October 31, 2014 (Membership Subcommittee Conference Call)