

**OPTN/UNOS Vascularized Composite Allograft Transplantation Committee**  
**Conference Call Summary**  
**March 17, 2015**

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*Discussions of the full committee on [November 11, 2013] 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. VCA Data Collection and Submission (public comment review)**

The VCA Data Collection and Submission proposal was out for public comment from September 29, 2014 to December 5, 2014. The proposal included amendments to OPTN Policies 18.1 and 18.2, as well as new data collection forms for VCA transplant recipients. The Committee discussed the public comments received in response to the proposal. The Committee unanimously approved the final proposal and recommended it to the Board (Yes – 10, No – 0, Abstain – 0).

**2. Guidance Document for VCAs from Living Donors**

Public comments received in response to the VCA Implementation proposal noted opposition based on the inclusion of possible living VCA donors. The Committee considered these comments very seriously, and has been collaborating with the OPTN/UNOS Living Donor and Ethics Committees on the development of a Guidance Document. This working group was designed to create public transparency about what an OPTN members' intentions would become, and the associated risks to a living donor for VCA. The intention of such a guidance document is that it may lay the ground work for future policy/bylaw language on membership, informed consent, and medical and psychosocial evaluation requirements. This is similar to the development of current policy requirements for living kidney donation. The goal of this working group is to present the Board with a final document at their June 1, 2015 meeting.

**Implemented Committee Projects**

**3. VCA Implementation (public comment review)**

VCA Implementation was approved by the Board in June 2014, and public comment on the proposal was sought from September 29, 2014 to December 5, 2014. The Committee discussed amendments policy/bylaw language and the implications of the sunset provision approved by the Board in June 2014. The Committee unanimously approved the final proposal and recommended it to the Board (Yes – 10, No – 0, Abstain – 0).

**Upcoming Meeting(s)**

- April 24, 2015 (in-person meeting, Chicago, IL)
- May 19, 2015 (conference call)
- June 16, 2015 (conference call)
- October 1, 2015 (in-person meeting, Chicago, IL)