

**OPTN/UNOS Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee (DTAC)  
Meeting Summary  
September 9, 2014  
Citrix Teleconference**

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*Discussions of the full committee on September 9, 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>.*

**Committee Projects**

**1. Living Donor Screening Guidance for Seasonal and Geographically Endemic Infectious Disease Screening**

The Committee reviewed a final plain language draft of a guidance document developed to complement proposed changes to living donor infectious disease testing requirements that the Board of Directors will consider in November 2014. The Living Donor Committee and DTAC favored a requirement for living donor recovery centers to develop a written protocol for identifying and testing potential donors at risk for transmissible seasonal or geographically defined endemic disease as part of their medical evaluation process rather than specifying a handful of specific diseases as required in current policy. Committee members recognized that these and other diseases must be considered as a potential risk factor in some living donors. Developing internal policy on how to address these concerns will give living donor centers more flexibility in how they want to incorporate this important process into evaluation and make compliance monitoring more straightforward for OPTN staff. The policy, if passed, will not require everyone to be tested, but rather will require transplant centers to have a protocol in place to recognize when testing is appropriate and important to enhance patient safety.

This guidance document was developed to provide living donor recovery programs direction on what might be helpful to consider or include when developing this written protocol for evaluation for these types of diseases. Additional information regarding the Committee's case review experience is meant to enhance, but not be the focal point of the document. The document was crafted to provide an easy to understand, practical resource that will be helpful at the physician and living donor coordinator level. Raising awareness is critical.

The Committee is awaiting permissions from a publishing company to include maps and tables referenced from other publications. Upon receipt of these permissions, the document will be complete. The Committee received a report of updates made to the document since it was last reviewed during its August 14, 2014 in-person meeting in Chicago. After this review, members voted unanimously in support of submitting the document to the Board of Directors for consideration during its November 13-14, 2014, meeting (12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained).

**2. Aligning OPTN Policy with the 2013 PHS Guideline for Reducing Transmission of HIV, HBV, and HCV through Solid Organ Transplantation**

The Committee's recommended policy additions and modifications related to the 2013 *PHS Guideline for Reducing Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Through Organ Transplantation* were released for public comment from March 14 to June 13, 2014. Final policy language review, to incorporate the proposed language into existing policy effective as of September 1, 2014, will be complete within the next week. Additionally, the briefing paper outlining this proposal is nearly complete. The Committee will reconvene later this month to vote upon taking this proposal to the Board for consideration during its November 13-14, 2014, meeting.

**Other Significant Items**

**3. Ongoing 2014 Potential Donor-Derived Disease Transmission Event Review**

The Committee reviewed and classified one case investigated by the CDC. Committee also reviewed and classified eight additional staff-led cases before time constraints led to ending the call. The remaining ten potential transmission events will be classified during a follow-up case review teleconference later in September.

**Upcoming Meeting(s)**

- September, 23 2014 TENTATIVE teleconference (4:00pm ET)
- The Committee has a standing call on the second Tuesday of every month at 4:00pm ET