

**OPTN/UNOS Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee (DTAC)
Meeting Summary
November 25, 2014
Conference Call**

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Discussions of the full committee on November 25, 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>.

Review of Public Comment Proposals

1. Proposal to Address the Requirements Outlined in the HIV Organ Policy Equity Act (Organ Procurement Organization Committee)

The Committee is excited about the removal of this prohibition, allowing for the exploration of this new opportunity for expanding the donor pool, and appreciates that this is a multi-step policy development process due to the need for more information from the National Institutes of Health regarding the research protocol and its implications on OPTN functions.

The Committee supports the language as written with one comment. It was noted that an organ or vessel itself is not HIV positive, but rather recovered from an HIV positive donor. The Committee requests that the OPO Committee consider revisions to clarify this point in Policy 16.7.B. The DTAC's proposal to align OPTN Policy with the new 2013 PHS Guideline also touched this section of policy, so this issue may already be resolved. Language proposed to the Board by DTAC included:

"Transplant hospitals may not store for later use any extra vessels from donors who are hepatitis C antibody positive (HCV), hepatitis C (HCV) nucleic acid test (NAT) positive, or hepatitis B surface antigen positive (HBsAg), or hepatitis B (HBV) NAT positive extra vessels."

Other Significant Items

The Committee reviewed and classified three potential donor-derived disease transmission cases investigated by the CDC. Members also reviewed and classified ten additional staff-led cases. This brings the total number of classified cases for this year to 141.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Committee has a standing call on the second Tuesday of every month at 4:00pm ET
- A tentative second standing call for the fourth Tuesday of the month is scheduled to allow for other committee business or case overflow as needed.