

# Clarifying Definition of Organ Transplant and Transplant Date

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## Problem Statement

UNOS staff routinely receives questions from OPTN/UNOS members about the definition of organ transplant, including what they should report as the transplant date, especially in regards to meeting reporting requirements in UNet<sup>SM</sup>. Members report a disconnect between current definitions and actual clinical practices. These proposed definitions will help bridge the disconnect and clarify the policy requirements.

## Summary of Changes

We have updated and clarified the definitions for both Organ Transplant and Transplant Date so that they more closely align with clinical practice.

## What Members Need to Do

You will be expected to accurately report data based on the proposed language. Although the proposed language will not change the fields routinely monitored, you are expected to apply the new definitions of organ transplant and transplant date when you report in UNet<sup>SM</sup>. Any data you enter in UNet<sup>SM</sup> may be subject to OPTN review, and our site surveyors may ask you to provide documentation.

## Affected Policy/Bylaw Language:

### 1.2 Definitions

#### Organ transplant

Organ transplants include solid organ transplants and islet infusions. An organ transplant begins at the start of once any initiation of organ anastomosis has taken place during the intended transplant or the start of an islet cell infusion.

An organ transplant procedure is complete when ~~either~~ any of the following occurs:

- The chest or abdominal cavity is closed and the final skin stitch or staple is applied.
- The transplant recipient leaves the operating room, even if the chest or abdominal cavity cannot be closed.
- The islet cell infusion is complete.

#### Transplant date

Determined by the start of the organ anastomosis during transplant or the start of the islet infusion. beginning of organ anastomosis. For a multi-organ transplant procedure, the transplant date for each organ is determined by the transplant date of the first organ transplanted.