

OPTN/UNOS Histocompatibility Committee
Meeting Summary
December 17, 2014
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on December 17, 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. KAS Desensitization

The Histocompatibility Committee (the "Committee") held a conference call to review the KAS Desensitization Survey and provide recommendations to the KAS Desensitization Workgroup (the "Workgroup"). The Workgroup continues to discuss CPRA prioritization points for kidney candidates undergoing desensitization and is developing a survey for eventual distribution to transplant hospitals and histocompatibility laboratories. During the course of discussion, members made recommendations and suggestions which will be incorporated into the survey. Notably, the Committee revised a few existing questions and added a free text question to understand why responders may oppose their patients maintaining points.

2. Histocompatibility Bylaws Rewrite Phase II

The Histocompatibility Bylaws Rewrite Phase II proposal is currently in the post public comment stage (public comment closed December 5, 2014). UNOS staff reported that regions 8, 9, 6, and 1 are in support of the proposal, while regions 7 and 2 did not support the proposal citing concerns with the addition of general supervisor as laboratory key personnel. The Bylaws Rewrite Subcommittee will hold a conference call to review all post public comment recommendations. The Committee intends to submit this proposal to the Board of Directors in June 2015; however, this is contingent upon the extent of post public comment changes (if any).

3. Histocompatibility Guidance Document

In an effort to update the histocompatibility policies, the Committee proposed numerous changes to Policy 4. In June 2014, the Board of Directors approved the Histocompatibility Comprehensive Policy Rewrite proposal. As part of this rewrite, the Board of Directors voted to move numerous sections of policy to a guidance document. Although these sections do not contain member requirements, the Committee determined they were nonetheless useful to members for conversion into a guidance document. The Guidance Document Subcommittee met in early December to review sections identified for placement in a guidance document. Currently, the subcommittee is

reviewing a draft version. This proposal is a voting item for the Committee's in-person meeting in March.

4. Discrepant HLA Typing Subcommittee

OPTN/UNOS Policy requires the Committee to review, at least every three months, any outstanding discrepant typing in Discrepant Donor and Recipient HLA Typing reports in UNetSM. Subcommittee members decided on their last call to utilize a rotation system to review the quarterly reports agreeing to have one member review each report and summarize the review. The Committee had concerns with the rotating system. Specifically, that a different standard might apply since a different member will review each quarter. Moving forward, the subcommittee will develop a standard protocol for review. Once a standard is developed, the subcommittee will report to the full Committee.

Upcoming Meetings

- The full Histocompatibility Committee will meet by teleconference on January 21, 2015, from 2:00PM-3:00PM EST
- The full Histocompatibility Committee will meet by teleconference on February 18, 2015, from 2:00PM-3:00PM EST
- The full Histocompatibility Committee will meet in-person on March 30, 2015, in Chicago, IL.