

**OPTN/UNOS Executive Committee
Meeting Summary
June 29, 2015
Conference Call**

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Discussions of the full committee on June 29, 2015 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 project portfolio review

The Committee met to consider recommendations from the Policy Oversight Committee (POC) regarding the committee project portfolio for the upcoming year and how those projects aligned with the resource allocation benchmarks in the OPTN strategic plan. Because there was a new 2015-2018 OPTN strategic plan and new resource allocation benchmarks, the POC recommended that 12 committee projects be put "on hold" to free up some resources for projects intended to impact the strategic goal to increase the number of transplants.

The Committee voted unanimously to place the following 11 committee projects on hold:

- Consider if living donor recovery hospitals should be responsible for providing care for post-operative complications (Ethics Committee)
- Enhancing priority for DR matching in kidney allocation (Histocompatibility Committee)
- New requirements for the transport of living donor organs (Living Donor Committee)
- Consider primary surgeon qualifications-primary or first assistant on transplant cases (MPSC)
- Define working knowledge for primary physician qualification pathways (MPSC)
- Reassess currency requirements for primary surgeons and primary physicians (MPSC)
- Approved transplant fellowship training programs (MPSC)
- Consider requirement for primary physician observation of procurements (MPSC)
- Composite pre-transplant metrics (MPSC)
- Proposal to notify patients with extended inactive status (Transplant Coordinators Committee)

In addition, the Committee provided direction that the project, "Changes to KAS CPRA priority for kidney candidates undergoing desensitization" from the Histocompatibility Committee should be broken into two phases. The project is in the first phase of collecting data on how any changes being contemplated might impact candidate order and allocation. The Committee directed the second phase (policy development) be put on hold until this data has been collected.

Request from Pancreas Committee

In June 2015, the Board approved changes to OPTN policy regarding the definition of pancreas graft failure. The resolution approved by the Board contained an incorrect effective date of September 1, 2015. The proposal requires form approval by the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The change also involves computer programming. Therefore, the resolution should have said that it was effective pending programming and notice to the OPTN membership.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved a resolution correcting this drafting error.

UNOS IT related requests

The Executive Committee also endorsed the following presented by UNOS IT staff:

- The IT strategic plan for the year, which will be submitted to HRSA.
- The IT project portfolio for the upcoming year (includes policies approved by the Board at the June 2015 meeting).
- A change to computer programming that will require UNet users to re-enter the social security number and date of birth for candidates when adding or editing a candidate record. This is to help prevent inaccurate data entry that affects candidate allocation order.

Upcoming Meetings

- August 11, 2015
- September 21, 2015