

**OPTN/UNOS Histocompatibility Committee  
Meeting Summary  
March 8, 2016  
Conference Call**

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*Discussions of the full committee on March 8, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>.*

### **Committee Projects**

#### **1. Histocompatibility Testing Guidance Document.**

The Histocompatibility Testing Guidance Document Subcommittee presented two versions of a final draft of the guidance document to the full committee for their consideration. The full committee reviewed the guidance documents and asked that several changes be made. The first change was to change the wording on Table 3 from “evaluate data” to “consider the elements” in the table. Another was changing language regarding assays from “should” to “could” and adding “clinical supervisor” to the recommended list of people to interpret a virtual crossmatch.

*The committee voted to accept these changes and submit the Version 2 document to the Board of Directors.*

The committee then considered a proposed amendment to the second version of the document that changed the language of the guidance for section *4.7 Blood Type Determination*.

*The committee voted to adopt the proposed amendment into Version 2, and the document will be submitted to the Board of Directors of the OPTN for consideration at the June 2016 Board Meeting.*

### **Review of Public Comment Proposals**

#### **1. Modifications to the Adult Heart Allocation System**

Dr. Joe Rogers of the Thoracic Committee presented their heart allocation proposal to the Histocompatibility Committee. Following the presentation, a committee member asked how pump thrombosis was defined and also where re-transplants fall in the new allocation system. Discussion had to end after the question was answered due to time constraints, and members of the Histocompatibility Committee were encouraged to make comments via email and/or the public comment page of the OPTN website.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- April 12, 2016 via GoToTraining and Teleconference
- May 2, 2016 – in-person meeting in Chicago, IL.