

**OPTN/UNOS Executive Committee
Meeting Summary
March 14, 2016
Conference Call**

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Discussions of the full committee on March 14, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>.

Approval of Changes to OPTN Policy

1. Request from the Living Donor Committee

The Committee approved clarifying changes in Policy 3.4.C to make clear that transplant programs performing a liver donor transplant must register the recipient on the waiting list at their hospital.

2. Request from the Operations and Safety Committee

The Committee approved clarifying changes to Policy 16.6.B to make clear that transplant hospitals must not store vessels positive with hepatitis B or hepatitis C.

Other Significant Items

3. Request from the Thoracic Committee

The Committee approved a communication to the thoracic transplantation community interpreting policy 6.1.A and status 1A by exception.

4. Request for Approval on New Committee Projects

The Policy Oversight Committee (POC) recommended approval of 11 new committee projects, listed below according to the primary strategic goal the project is intended to impact:

Goal 1 (Increase the Number of Transplants)

- Removing Disincentives for Candidates to Consider Living Donation (Living Donor)
- Clarifications to Blood Type for Kidney-Pancreas Transplants
- Clinical Thresholds for Transplant Program Outcome Reviews (MPSC)

Goal 2 (Equity in Access)

- Ethical Implications of Multi-Organ Transplant (Ethics)
- Broader Sharing of Adult Donor Lungs (Thoracic)

Goal 3 (Improve Outcomes)

None

Goal 4 (Patient and Living Donor Safety)

- Consider Primary Surgeon Qualifications – Primary or First Assistant on Transplant Cases (MPSC)

Goal 5: Efficiency in the OPTN

- Primary Physician Specialty/Subspecialty Board Certifications (MPSC)
- Approved Transplant Fellowship Training Programs (MPSC)
- Updating Bylaw's Primary Kidney Transplant Physician Requirements (MPSC)
- OPTN Data Vision Statement (DAC)
- Clarifications to Multi-Organ Allocation Policy (OPO)

After reviewing how the current project portfolio is aligning with the benchmarks for resources allocated in the OPTN strategic plan, the Executive Committee concluded that there are significant gaps in the amount of resources going to goals #1 and #3 and the benchmark that the Board approved in June 2015. Therefore, the Committee decided to approve three projects in goal #1 and directed the POC to focus on bringing forward more goal #1 and #3 projects at their March in-person meeting. The Executive Committee also approved the three MPSC projects in goal #5 because those projects could be completed by December 2016, and do not require IT programming as part of implementation. The Committee deferred a decision on the other 5 projects until after the March POC meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

- April 11, 2016
- May 16, 2016
- June 6, 2016