

OPTN/UNOS Transplant Administrators Committee
Meeting Summary
February 24, 2016
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on [Month, Day, Year] are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>.

Committee Projects

1. None

Committee Projects Pending Implementation

2. None

Implemented Committee Projects

3. None

Review of Public Comment Proposals

4. Simultaneous liver-kidney allocation (Kidney Committee)

The Transplant Administrators Committee received a presentation on the Simultaneous Liver-Kidney Allocation Public Comment Proposal. Overall, the Committee supported this proposal.

5. KAS Clarifications (Kidney Committee)

The Transplant Administrators Committee received a presentation on the KAS Clarifications Public Comment Proposal. One committee member stated informed consent for SLK could be done together rather than separate liver consent and kidney consent. The thought is that separate consent is not necessary but it depends on how program functions. Overall, the Committee supported this proposal.

6. Improving post transplant communication of new donor information (Disease Transmission Advisory Committee)

The Transplant Administrators Committee received a presentation on the Improving Post transplant communication of new donor information Public Comment Proposal. The Committee had no questions or concerns regarding the proposal and supports it as written.

Other Significant Items

7. Ethics Committee Feedback Request

The Ethics Committee requested feedback from the Transplant Administrators Committee on the ethical considerations of Imminent Death Donation (IDD). The Ethics work group attempted to identify the ethical and operational concerns that may need to be addressed in order for IDD to be considered as a potential new option for organ donation.

Committee members had some major concerns but applauded the Ethics Committee's efforts on such a controversial topic. Some of those concerns included: how would this effect transplant hospital outcomes, having "living donor" in the name would cause families confusion, the legal implications, and who would approach the families. There was also a concern whether this is the right time to bring this topic to the transplant community and would this really increase the number of transplants or potentially decrease the number due to the possibility of negative media coverage and public confusion. Committee members requests that the Ethics Committee use caution when considering this topic and be sure to weigh the costs with the benefits.

Upcoming Meeting

- March 23, 2016 (Conference Call)