

OPTN/UNOS Kidney Transplantation Committee
Meeting Summary
August 4, 2014
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on August 4, 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. KPD Informed Consent Policy

In November 2012 the OPTN/UNOS Board approved a number of new KPD policies, but some sections were withheld for further development. The KPD informed consent guidelines for candidates and for donors were one of those sections.

Since that time, the Joint Societies appointed a Joint Societies Workgroup (JSWG) to make recommendations on the informed consent policy. The workgroup met throughout 2013 and sent their recommendation to the Joint Societies' parent organizations. The recommendation is largely similar to the proposal released for public comment in 2012 with one notable exception. The 2012 public comment proposal focused on participants in the OPTN KPD program whereas the 2013 JSWG proposal is expanded to all KPD programs.

The Committee voted (10-support, 0-oppose, 0-abstentions) to distribute a proposal for public comment that contains the following elements:

- Requires transplant programs registering paired candidates and donors to inform KPD participants of the risks and benefits of participating in the KPD program and the logistics of the KPD program's matching process, including prioritization information and consequences of shipping kidneys.
- Requires informed consent for non-directed donors (NDDs) and bridge donors participating in any KPD program.

These informed consent requirements are intended to be supplemental and additional to the requirements required in Policy 14.3: Informed Consent Requirements.

2. All Other KPD Guidelines to Policy

The Committee continues to transition sections of the KPD operational guidelines into OPTN policy. The Committee voted (10-support, 0-oppose, 0-abstentions) to distribute for public comment a proposal that contains new requirements for the donor pre-select tool and certain responsibilities for the KPD contact.

Upcoming Meeting(s)

- September 29, 2014