

**OPTN/UNOS Kidney Transplantation Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**November 17, 2014**  
**Conference Call**

**Richard Formica, MD, Chair**  
**Mark Aeder, MD, Vice-Chair**

*Discussions of the full committee on November 17, 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>.*

**Review of Public Comment Proposals**

**1. Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee-Addressing the Requirements Outlined in the HIV Organ Policy Equity (HOPE) Act**

The Committee had several questions about the implications of the HOPE Act and changes to OPTN policy to implement it.

The Committee members inquired about the specifics of donor screening criteria. The OPO Committee representative responded that the National Institute of Health (NIH) is still finalizing the screening criteria. One member asked how many donors this change might yield. The OPO Committee representative reported that the literature estimates somewhere around 500 donors, but the HOPE Act working group believes that number may be a little high. A member inquired whether the OPO Committee had considered that HIV positive transplant candidates tend to be well informed and the effect this might have on the consent rate among this candidate population. The OPO Committee representative responded that the OPO Committee had not considered this.

The Committee also inquired whether the changes would apply to living donors. The OPO Committee representative reported that the issue of applicability to living donors is still an outstanding question and they are awaiting feedback and guidance from the NIH. There was some disagreement among the Committee about whether application to living donors would be a positive or negative change. Some members voiced the opinion that most transplant programs probably shouldn't and likely wouldn't consider an HIV positive living donor, while others thought that there might be a high percentage of people in this category who might be willing to donate to an HIV positive candidate. The Committee asked that the OPO Committee continue to update them on the inclusion of living donors in this policy.

The Committee members voiced concern about the possibility that these transplants might be considered in the SRTR's outcome calculations. A member of the SRTR staff reported that the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) will make a decision about whether these transplants should be included in the overall outcomes assessment, but the SRTR tends to lean toward not excluding any transplants in public reporting. SRTR staff suggested adjusting the models for this consideration instead.

**Upcoming Meeting(s)**

- January 26, 2015
- February 23, 2015
- March 9, 2015