

OPTN/UNOS Living Donor Committee
Meeting Summary
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Web Conference

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Discussions of the full committee on [November 11, 2013] 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. Proposal to Improve UNet Reporting of Aborted Procedures and Non-Transplanted Organs

Under this proposal living donor recovery hospitals would be required to contact the OPTN to report aborted living donor organ recovery procedures and living donor organs that are recovered but not transplanted into any recipient. A quorum of the Committee reviewed draft policy language and supported sending the proposal for public comment.

2. New Requirements for the Transport of Living Donor Organs

This is a joint project for the Living Donor and the Operations and Safety Committees. The Committee discussed preliminary plans for using the Healthcare Failure Mode Effects Analysis (HFMEA) methodology to investigate if new requirements for the transport of living donor organs may be needed.

Review of Public Comment Proposals

3. Proposal to Implement the OPTN's Oversight of Vascularized Composite Allografts (VCAs)

The Committee would support this proposal if amended to not explicitly include potential living VCA donors. The Committee believes that the current policy requires further clarification, discussion, and deliberation and that many elements are unclear and may not have received adequate attention by the transplant community. A detailed response regarding this policy will be submitted during the public comment period.

The Committee is interested in being part of the discussions and deliberations needed in order to eventually include living donor VCA in policies so that the safety of such individuals is preserved and the public trust is not damaged. The Committee hopes to work with the VCA committee or other entities on these issues.

4. Proposal to Improve the OPTN Policy Development Process.

The Committee would support this proposal if amended to require that emergency actions need to be considered at regional meetings during the public comment process.

A detailed response regarding this policy proposal will be submitted during the public comment period.

Upcoming Meeting(s)

- April 20, 2015 – Full Committee Meeting