

OPTN/UNOS Organ Procurement Organization Committee
Meeting Summary
September 5, 2014
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on September 5, 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. HIV Organ Policy Equity (Hope) Act

The Committee reviewed the final policy language for the initial public comment proposal related to the Hope Act. The Committee unanimously supported the language moving forward to public comment on September 29, 2014.

2. Deceased Donor Registration (DDR) Completion Proposal

The Committee reviewed the final policy language for this proposal which will eliminate the requirement to complete the DDR for potential donors who do not proceed to donate any organs. The Committee unanimously supported the language moving forward to public comment on September 29, 2014.

Committee Projects Pending Implementation

Not discussed

Implemented Committee Projects

Not discussed

Review of Public Comment Proposals

3. ABO Verification Proposal

The Operations and Safety Committee leadership requested a final review of this proposal by the OPO Committee. Earlier feedback from the OPO Committee centered around the requirement to perform separate blood draws or send samples to separate labs, with an exception clause for accelerated donors. The Operations and Safety Committee will propose language that eliminates the current option allowing one draw sent to two labs because this option does not align with CMS regulations. The OPO Committee also provided feedback on the ABO verification requirements at organ recovery and situations where the intended recipient is known or unknown. The Operations and Safety Committee will consider language which requires a verification only when the intended recipient is known and look to address the situations where the intended recipient is not known at the time of the recovery with future proposed electronic solutions.

Upcoming Meeting

- September 23, 2014