

**OPTN/UNOS Pancreas Transplantation Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**July 29, 2015**  
**Teleconference**

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*Discussions of the full committee on July 29, 2015 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. Pancreas Underutilization**

This was the first meeting for the new committee members that joined on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The chair of the Underutilization Subcommittee gave a quick review of the history of the subcommittee and the work that led to the Proposal to Revise Facilitated Pancreas Allocation. The proposal will go out for public comment on August 14<sup>th</sup> 2015. The subcommittee chair also reviewed the progress of the accompanying Underutilization Manuscript. This manuscript will speak to perceived challenges and opportunities regarding pancreata and their successful/unsuccessful transplantation. This manuscript is expected to be completed before the end of the year.

**2. Pancreas/Kidney Pancreas Post Implementation Clarifications**

During the implementation of the changes to the pancreas allocation system in 2014 there were areas of the pancreas and kidney-pancreas policy identified for needing clarification. Staff at UNOS presented the work of the Implementation Subcommittee thus far and outlined the plan for this project moving forward. In addition to UNOS programming a change in the pancreas allocation system, the new kidney allocation system (KAS) was implemented only about a month after the pancreas system, on December 4, 2014. The pancreas committee decided to wait until 6 months after KAS was implemented, rather than 6 months after the pancreas allocation system was implemented, to begin assessing the data associated with the allocation change. The subcommittee will be meeting in early August to review the evaluation plan put forth by the Pancreas Committee in 2010 and to finalize a data request based upon the acquired 6-month data.

**Upcoming Meeting**

- October 8, 2015 in Chicago, Illinois (in-person)