

OPTN/UNOS Pancreas Transplantation Committee
Meeting Summary
November 18, 2014
Teleconference

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Discussions of the full committee on November 18, 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>.

Other Significant Items

1. Update on November OPTN Board of Director's Meeting

OPTN support staff and the Chair provided an update on pertinent decisions from the November 2014 Board of Directors meeting. Notably, the Committee's Proposal to Require the Collection of Serum Lipase for all Pancreas Donors passed and will become effective pending implementation. In addition, the Pancreas Committee gave an update on the Pancreas Underutilization project as well as the Definition of Pancreas Graft Failure project. Both of these project presentations were well received by the Board of Directors.

As a refresher to Committee members, OPTN support staff showed members where to access Policy Notices and news articles, about the Board meeting, on the OPTN website.

2. Update from the Pediatric Committee on the Pediatric Pancreas Bylaws

The Pediatric Committee Chair provided an update, on its Pediatric Bylaws project, to the Pancreas Committee since the last Pediatric Committee presentation to the Pancreas Committee on October 14, 2014. During the October 14 meeting, Pancreas Committee members recommended that the Pediatric Committee include pediatric pancreas requirements in the Bylaws.

On October 15, 2014, the Pediatric Committee discussed and approved the Pancreas Committee's recommendation. The current draft language for the pediatric pancreas section of the Bylaws strikes sections G.2.C and G.3.C, Primary Surgeon and Primary Physician Alternate Pathways for Predominately Pediatric Programs. In addition, the draft language includes the same requirements for pediatric pancreas key personnel as the same as designated pancreas program key personnel (for adults).

The Pancreas Committee members supported the Pediatric Committee's efforts thus far on the pediatric pancreas portion of the Bylaws and appreciated the quick turn-around and update.

3. Presentation from the Thoracic Committee to solicit feedback on EVLP Data Collection project

The Thoracic Committee sought feedback from the Pancreas Committee on the EVLP Data Collection Project regarding whether the Pancreas Committee may want to include information on the OPTN Data Collection Forms for pancreas perfusion.

The Thoracic Committee's support staff explained that EVLP is currently not reported to the OPTN, and the OPTN cannot determine how many lungs have been perfused or transplanted. As such, changes to the data collection on the Tiedi forms have been approved by the OPTN Board of Directors and are scheduled to be implemented by April 2015.

In an effort to be as efficient as possible, the Thoracic Committee is taking the opportunity to ask each organ-specific committee if they would be interested in including a perfusion section on their respective organs' Tiedi forms. If so, then during implementation of the Thoracic Committee's project, the Thoracic Committee's support staff will work to design a perfusion section on the forms that applies to those organs that may seek perfusion data in the future.

The Pancreas Committee members did not believe the perfusion data is needed on the pancreas Tiedi forms. The Pancreas Committee said they would defer to the Kidney Committee on decisions regarding kidney perfusion and the forms, as applicable to the kidney-pancreas OPTN Data Collection Forms.

Upcoming Meeting(s)

- January, 2015
- March, 2015
- May, 2015