

**OPTN/UNOS Patient Affairs Committee
Meeting Summary
February 11, 2015
Conference Call**

**Kristie Lemmon, MBA, Chair
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Discussions of the full committee on February 11, 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. Update “What Every Patient Needs to Know” Brochure

Committee members discussed revisions to “What Every Patient Needs to Know,” which mainly included enhancements to the waiting list section. Members revised the waiting time transfer section to more accurately reflect current practice. With input from a working group that included members of the Transplant Coordinators Committee, members also included education regarding inactivity on the waiting list. Finally, the Committee made clarifications to the section regarding multiple listings consistent with OPTN/UNOS policy. In a section that describes social support while on the waiting list, the Committee added the recommendation that patients ask their transplant social workers about hospital and community-based peer mentoring programs or candidate support groups.

Prior to the next meeting, Committee members will complete a final review of the resource and submit any other revisions to the Committee Liaison. The Committee anticipates approving the resource for submission to the UNOS Communications Department on March 11. The Committee is on track to have the updated resource published in June.

Upcoming Meetings

- March 11, 2015
- March 30, 2015