

OPTN/UNOS Patient Affairs Committee
Meeting Summary
January 21, 2015
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on January 21, 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>.

Review of Public Comment Proposals

1. Establish Pediatric Training and Experience Bylaws Requirements

The Chair of the Pediatric Transplantation Committee presented the proposal currently out for public comment to establish pediatric training and experience requirements in the OPTN/UNOS Bylaws and solicited the Committee's feedback. Two transplant coordinators expressed interest in discussing the proposal with surgeons and physicians at their respective institutions before commenting. The Liaison will provide Committee members with the full proposal and presentation for their further consideration and welcomes feedback at any time, which she will share with the Pediatric Transplantation Committee.

Committee Projects

1. Clarify Policy Language and Process for Individual Wait Time Transfer

The Policy Oversight Committee (POC) and the Executive Committee approved the proposal to clarify the policy language and process for individual wait time transfer for public comment, which will begin January 27. It is on the consent agenda at the regional meetings, which means the Committee representatives will not be responsible for presenting the proposal during their meetings. Instead the Vice Chair will present the proposal on two national webinars, February 2 and February 23. The Liaison presented the national webinar slides to the Committee. She encouraged Committee members to share the OPTN public comment website with others so they may comment on the proposals. UNOS hopes that new interactive features on the website will increase participation in public comment.

2. Update "What Every Patient Needs to Know" Brochure

The Liaison summarized the remaining tasks required to update the "What Every Patient Needs to Know" educational resource. The Committee rewrote the content in 2010, and currently it is the most popular educational resource UNOS distributes. The Liaison presented a list of tasks and timeline for completion of the resource by mid-March for presentation at the June Board meeting. Committee members volunteered to complete tasks and submit revisions to the Liaison prior to the February 18 meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

- February 18, 2015
- March 11, 2015
- March 30, 2015