

OPTN/UNOS Pediatric Transplantation Committee
Meeting Summary
February 17, 2016
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on February 17, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>.

Review of Public Comment Proposals

1. Kidney Allocation System (KAS) Clarifications

Mark Aeder, M.D. (OPTN/UNOS Kidney Transplantation Committee) shared that committee's proposal for clarifications to the Kidney Allocation System. The Kidney Committee previously requested feedback on the question, should informed consent be required for a kidney with a KDPI >85% in the setting of a multi-organ transplant?

The Pediatric Committee supported the component of the proposal to obtain informed consent for multi-organ grafts that included a kidney with a KDPI >85%. The Committee did not think this would occur in pediatric transplantation on a frequent basis and there would be sufficient time in the transplant admission process to obtain informed consent.

2. Adult Heart Allocation Changes 2016

Joseph Rogers, M.D. (OPTN/UNOS Thoracic Transplantation Committee) shared that committee's proposal to Modify the Adult Heart Allocation System. The Pediatric Committee noted the impact of the proposal on pediatric candidates appeared equitable. The greatest risk of mortality exists in the very young children who are not really competing with adults.

The Committee requested pediatric-specific data on the proposal from the Scientific Registry for Transplant Recipients (SRTR). Thoracic representatives from the Pediatric Committee will review this data and submit a response to the proposal.

3. National Liver Review Board (NLRB)

Julie Heimback (OPTN/UNOS Liver and Intestine Transplantation Committee) shared that committee's proposal to establish a National Liver Review Board. The Pediatric Committee supported the proposal and the development of operational guidance for MELD/PELD exceptions. The Committee was encouraged that the Pediatric NLRB would be composed of pediatric liver disease specialists who understood the complexities of this type of patient.

Upcoming Meetings

- March 30, 2016 (Chicago, IL)
- April 20, 2016 (conference call)
- May 18, 2016 (conference call)
- June 15, 2016 (conference call)