

OPTN/UNOS Transplant Administrators Committee (TAC)
Meeting Summary
February 25, 2015
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on February 25, 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. Proposal to Improve UNet Reporting of Aborted Procedures and Non-Transplanted Organs (Living Donor Committee (LDC))

The Committee had no comments or concerns regarding this proposal.

2. Clarify Policy Language and Process for Individual Wait Time Transfer (Patient Affairs Committee (PAC))

A committee member requested clarification on multi-listing wait time. The member was unsure if the candidate was multi-listed would he/she lose part of his/her wait time at center B. There was also a question of if wait-time starts with the dialysis date then how do you calculate the wait time if they multi-list?

3. Proposed ABO Blood Type Determination, Reporting, and Verification Policy Modifications (Operations & Safety Committee (OSC))

A committee member commented that it is difficult to document ABO verification to meet both CMS and OPTN regulations and requested a standardized documentation form that fulfills all the requirements that are now being outlined by this proposal.

Significant Items

4. ETT/TransNetSM

The Committee received an update on the ETT/TransNetsm project's progress. A committee member questioned if there has been any concern with putting another armband on the recipient. TransNetsm will not designate where the armband should be placed or the color of the armband. Another concern with the armband is that patients will have multiple armbands and there is the possibility of it being cut off. There was also concern with integrating the system across all OPOs and transplant centers and what the process would be if TransNetsm stopped working. It was explained that OPOs and centers would have to revert back to manual entry until the system could be fixed.

5. Living Donor Committee (LDC) and Operations and Safety Committee (OSC) - Potential New Requirements for the Transport of Living Donor Organs Project

One of the TAC representatives for this project presented an overview of the LDC/OSC transport of living donor organs project to the Committee. This joint project will use Healthcare Failure Mode & Effect Analysis (HFMEA) to evaluate failure modes for the transport of living donor organs. The first call reviewed the HFMEA process and the scope of project. The second call discussed some of the variances in the packaging

processes that were identified during the HFMEA. The TAC representatives will continue to provide progress updates to the full committee on its monthly web conferences and in person meetings.

6. OSC Patient Safety Project Updates

The OSC liaison presented an update on the Using Patient Safety Data to Share Lesson Learned project. Patient safety reporting continues to increase and every six months the OSC produces a formal report that is available on the OPTN website and Transplant Pro. The OSC has also developed criteria to help with defining patient safety trends and prioritizing new situations. The TAC will continue to receive updates on monthly conference calls as appropriate.

7. Minority Affairs Committee (MAC) Guidance on Informed Consent for Living Donors Representing Vulnerable/High Risk Populations Project

The Committee has a representative serving on a MAC Work Group that is currently working on developing a guidance document on informed consent for living donors representing vulnerable/high risk populations. The group conducted a data and literature review and drafted a guidance document that will be finalized at the MAC in-person meeting in March.

Upcoming Meetings

- Standing conference call at 3:00pm ET on the fourth Wednesday of every month through June 2015 with the exception of April, July, and October when the committee meets in person
- July 21-22, 2015 (Chicago, Illinois)