

OPTN/UNOS Transplant Administrators Committee (TAC)
Meeting Summary
January 28, 2015
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on January 28, 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>.

Significant Items

1. Policy Oversight Committee (POC) Update

The Committee Vice-Chair reviewed the new committee projects that were approved at the POC's October meeting.

2. Ethics Committee Request

The Committee received a presentation from the Ethics Committee liaison requesting feedback on a recently proposed project that would consider if living donor recovery hospitals should be responsible for providing care for post-operative complications. The Committee agreed this project should result in a white paper and not additional policy. Several committee members commented that the challenge for most centers is obtaining reimbursement for post-operative complications. It was also suggested this project re-evaluate donor follow-up data points to make sure accurate data is being collected regarding donor related complications.

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

The LDC liaison 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. Two TAC members have volunteered to participate in this project and will provide progress updates to the full committee on its monthly web conferences and in person meetings.

4. OPTN Fiscal Impact

A working group that includes members of the TAC, OPO Committee, UNOS staff, and HRSA was formed to establish a model that will effectively evaluate the impact OPTN proposed policy changes or new policy implementation have on transplant centers and OPOs. The TAC has four members on this working group and one of those members is the working group chair. The full committee will receive progress updates during its monthly web conferences and in person meetings.

5. Educational Work Group Update

The Committee received an update on the Education Work Group's progress. TAC Work Group representatives participated in a conference call with representatives from AST Transplant Administrators CoP, The Alliance, and The National Foundation for Donation and Transplantation to discuss possible collaboration efforts. Some ideas for collaboration included:

- Jointly sponsoring a symposium for transplant administrators at the 2016 American Transplant Congress meeting in Boston
- Possible webinars that provide an understanding of policies and how proposed policies impact centers from an administrators perspective
- Develop a repository of training materials to house training documents

The Work Group will continue to provide educational feedback to other OPTN/UNOS committees upon request and also discuss collaborative educational efforts with other organizations.

6. UNOS Research Update

The UNOS Director of Research requested the Committee's feedback on what type of data, data reports, and analytic services the research department could provide that would be useful for administrators. The Committee agreed a service that assisted administrators with interpreting and formatting data would be beneficial.

Upcoming Meetings

- Standing conference call at 3:00pm ET on the fourth Wednesday of every month through June 2015
- July 21-22, 2015 (Chicago, Illinois)