

OPTN/UNOS Transplant Administrators Committee (TAC)
Meeting Summary
May 28, 2014
Web Conference

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Discussions of the full committee on May 28, 2014 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>.

Spring Public Comment Presentations

The Committee reviewed, discussed, and voted on the following public comment proposals.

1. Proposal to Modify Existing or Establish New Requirements for the Informed Consent of all Living Donors

Committee comments: The Committee received a presentation on the proposal and supports it as written.

Committee Vote: 12 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstentions

2. Proposal to Modify Existing or Establish New Requirements for the Psychosocial and Medical Evaluation of all Living Donors

Committee comments: The Committee received a presentation on the proposal and supports it as written.

Committee Vote: 12 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstentions

3. Proposed ABO Blood Type Determination, Reporting, and Verification Policy

Committee comments: The TAC suggested that the Operations and Safety Committee (OSC) develop an optional standardized ABO form, template or checklist that transplant hospitals can use and/or reference. The Committee is not requesting the OPTN to be more prescriptive with policy but if the policy is requirement specific, then the OPTN needs to also provide the necessary tools and resources to maintain compliance with the policy.

Committee Vote: 0 in favor, 12 oppose, 0 abstentions

4. Proposal to Notify Patients Having an Extended Inactive Status

Committee comment: The Committee appreciates the TCC's efforts to increase patient awareness of their inactive status with this proposal and agrees that better patient education is needed. However, the Committee does not support the proposal due to the added burden this proposal will impose on transplant hospitals. The following comments/suggestions were also made:

- The OPTN should not impose more regulations but possibly use Transplant Pro/OPTN website to highlight effective practices
- Allow telephone contact and provide documentation in the medical record instead of requiring another letter
- Post-pone the proposal until after KAS has been implemented to see if it has any effect on the inactive waitlist issue
- Requiring written notification and being able to maintain compliance according to the requirements set forth in this proposal would be a resource and cost burden on transplant hospitals
- If this proposal is approved, then consider modifying it to require written notification at the time of status change not at 90 again at 365 consecutive days and annually. This notification should include the reason of the status change and what is required to be reactivated
- The Committee would like the opportunity to collaborate with the TCC on any future inactive waitlist projects

Committee vote: 0 in favor, 13 oppose, 0 abstentions

Electronic Labeling and Tracking Project Discussion/Update

The Committee received a presentation on the OPTN Electronic Tracking and Transport (ETT) project outlining the project goals and phases 1 and 2. The Committee had no questions/comments regarding the project.

Collaboration on Other Committee's Projects

5. Disease Transmission Advisory Committee (DTAC) Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FEMA) Project

The Committee has two representatives assigned to the DTAC FEMA project. One of those representatives reviewed the project's background information on the call. The Committee will continue to receive updates on the project's progress during full committee meetings.

6. Kidney Allocation System (KAS) Implementation

The Committee was reminded of past KAS webinars, e-learning modules, and tools that are available for viewing and use. It was also noted that the Kidney Transplantation Committee continues to work on developing language that will assist transplant hospitals with explaining the new KAS to patients.

Instructional Innovations Update

OPTN/UNOS instructional offerings were reviewed with the Committee. Several members requested the following additional information on the UNOS Primer:

- Location – Richmond, VA
- Dates – October 27-28, 2014
- Registration opens – June 12
- Maximum number of participants – 140
- More information at <http://transplantpro.org/education/unos-primer/>

SharePoint Update

The Committee was notified that UNOS is upgrading their Committee sites to a new version of SharePoint. The transition will take place during the weekend of May 31st and all sites are targeted to be launched on June 2nd. The new sites will offer more chances to collaborate within the Committee and with and other committees. Information on how to access the new site was reviewed on the call and a short demonstration of the site will take place during the July in-person meeting.

Upcoming Meeting(s)

- July 21-22, 2014 (Chicago, Illinois)