

**OPTN/UNOS Transplant Coordinators Committee  
Meeting Summary  
January 19, 2016  
Conference Call**

**Jamie Bucio, EMT-P, CPTC, Chair  
Sarah Nicholas, BSN, RN, CCTC, Vice Chair**

*Discussions of the full committee on January 19, 2016 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/>.*

**Committee Projects**

1. None

**Committee Projects Pending Implementation**

2. None

**Implemented Committee Projects**

3. None

**Review of Public Comment Proposals**

4. None

**Other Significant Items**

5. **Request for Feedback - Report on Ethical Considerations of Imminent Death Donation (IDD) (Ethics Committee)**

The Ethics Committee requested that the Transplant Coordinators Committee (TCC) review the draft IDD report and provide formal comments either in support of the report or outlining any specific questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding this analysis.

The TCC Chair requested that the Ethics Committee present this request to the Committee via conference call so the full committee could provide direct comment and discussion. Some committee members also commented via email prior to the call.

Committee members were divided on supporting this issue. Several people stated that this would create a mistrust in the public and with hospital staff as this is a very difficult concept for those that work in transplant to understand much less for those not working in transplant on a daily basis. Concerns about how this would effect transplant hospital outcomes were also mentioned. Some members also mentioned including living donor in the name would cause families confusion. However, there were members who thought that if OPOs/transplant center staff received proper education and training on how to discuss this with families and how the process would work then this could be one way to increase the number of transplants.

6. **DonorNet® Enhancements IT Project Updates**

UNOS staff provided an update on the progress of the DonorNet enhancement project. Some of the updates include:

- Ability to view attachments on mobile devices
- Larger files can be uploaded and will work with EMR vendors for DonorNet and Tiedi®
- Dissemination of a UNet Usability Survey to determine what types of codes would make it easier to make organ offer decisions
- Weight modifications to allow members to enter weights up to 650 lbs. in DonorNet
- Security administration does not work in Chrome. UNOS IT is working to correct this issue by June or July

## **7. TCC Effective Practices Discussion**

Sharon Klarman, RN, provided a presentation on Yale New Haven Transplantation Center's waitlist management effective practices. She described how they manage patient information, engage the patient and support team, manage the patients' medical updates and education. She reviewed the center's process to ensure candidate readiness and waitlist management challenges for transplant centers. Advantages of a systematic approach to waitlist management and waitlist management resources were also described.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

- February 16, 2016 (conference call)
- March 8, 2016 (Richmond, VA in-person meeting)