

**OPTN/UNOS Transplant Coordinators Committee
Meeting Summary
January 21, 2015
Conference Call**

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Discussions of the full committee on January 21, 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>.

Committee Collaborations

1. Ethics Committee Request for Feedback

The Ethics Committee requested the TCC's feedback on if living donor recovery hospitals should be responsible for the providing care for post-operative complications. Currently OPTN policy does not address responsibility for potential post-operative complications in living donors. As currently envisioned, this proposed project could lead to the development of a white paper or some other type of voluntary guidance resource. This proposed project will not result in proposed policy to require that living donor recovery hospitals provide care for post-operative complications.

TCC members agreed to talk with the living donor coordinators at their centers about the number of live donor complications they have had and their follow up procedures. All responses received will be communicated to the Ethics Committee liaison.

2. Living Donor Committee (LDC)/Operations and Safety Committee (OSC) Transport of Living Donor Organs Project

The LDC liaison provided an overview of the LDC and OSC Potential New Requirements for the Transport of Living Donor Organs - Healthcare Failure Mode and Effect Analysis (HFMEA) Model project. Two TCC members will participate on this work group and will report the work group's progress to the Committee during monthly meetings.

TCC Working Group Updates

3. Education

The TCC Education Work Group approved the work group's role to work with UNOS Instructional Innovations to provide input and feedback on OPTN/UNOS instructional efforts. It will also discuss educational requests brought forth by other OPTN Committees. The group reviewed the UNOS Instructional Innovations 2015 instructional plan and thought the MPSC post-transplant outcomes monitoring would require more educational efforts. The Work Group also responded on December 17, 2014 to the Patient Affairs Committee's (PAC) request to provide feedback on how transplant centers education candidates about the waiting list.

4. Patient Notification

The Work Group discussed the development of a Patient Notification and Waitlist Survey. This survey will ask centers about their current practices on notifying patients of their inactive waitlist status and how they track inactive patients. The intent of the survey is to use the information collected in effective patient notification and waitlist practice articles and to assist with revising the Proposal to Notify Patients Having an Extended Waitlist Status, if appropriate. The group drafted survey questions and decided the survey audience would be transplant coordinators. The plan is to disseminate the survey by the end of February.

5. Organ Offers Discussion

This Work Group had a discussion of some of the concerns/challenges faced during the organ offer process since the institution of DonorNet[®] and ways to better the process. The main problem identified was the amount of time it takes to complete the organ placement process in DonorNet[®]. The extended amount of time it takes to complete the process can lead to organ wastage. The group was informed that UNOS staff is in the process of developing a DonorNet[®] discussion forum that would allow members to discuss concerns with the system in real time. UNOS staff will continue to update the Work Group on their progress with developing the discussion forum. Jamie Bucio, TCC vice-chair, will also participate with the Liver and Intestine Committee's Ad Hoc Subcommittee on DonorNet[®] enhancements. The Work Group will continue to discuss their DonorNet[®] concerns.

6. *What Every Patient Needs to Know (WEP) Brochure Revisions*

Three TCC members volunteered to work with the PAC on revising the waitlist section of the WEP brochure. The group had its first meeting on January 21, 2015. Information on what it means to be on the inactive waitlist will be included in the waitlist section of the brochure.

Other Significant Items

7. Regional Meetings

TCC regional meeting slides were reviewed. The slides will be posted to Transplant Pro for attendees to review.

Upcoming Meetings

- Standing conference call at 3:00 pm ET on the third Wednesday of every month through June 2015
- March 5, 2015 (Chicago, Illinois)