

**OPTN/UNOS Vascularized Composite Allograft Transplantation Committee  
Conference Call Summary  
January 20, 2015**

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*Discussions of the full committee on January 20, 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>.*

**Implemented Committee Projects**

**1. VCA Implementation (public comment review)**

VCA Implementation was approved by the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors (Board) in June 2014, and public comment on the proposal was sought from September 29, 2014 to December 5, 2014. The Committee discussed at length the common themes that were identified in the public comment submissions. These centered on:

- Concerns based on the potential for living VCA donors
- Concerns based on the allowance of “authorization”, and not “informed consent” for VCA donation
- Concerns regarding potential risks, needed safeguards, and impact of donation on a living VCA donor

Alternative policy language was also discussed during the conference call. UNOS staff will generate a draft of the response for the Committee to review. Additional discussion will be held during the February 2015 conference call.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- February 17, 2015 (conference call)
- March 17, 2015 (conference call)
- April 24, 2015 (in-person meeting, Chicago, IL)
- May 19, 2015 (conference call)
- June 16, 2015 (conference call)