

OPTN/UNOS Vascularized Composite Allograft Transplantation Committee
Meeting Summary
May 9, 2014
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on May 9, 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>.

Committee Projects

1. VCA Allocation

The VCA Committee ("Committee") discussed the subject of VCA allocation considering the approaching regulatory change on July 3, 2014. The Committee agreed that a basic allocation policy is prudent with further enhancement in the future.

The Committee discussed the following allocation issues:

- The definition of waiting time for a VCA organ
- Whether to prioritize ABO identical versus ABO compatible match between a donor and a potential recipient
- Whether to prioritize 0-ABDR mismatches or sensitized candidates
- Whether to prioritize candidates in need of bilateral limbs over candidates in need of a unilateral limb
- The role of geographic parameters in allocation

The Committee approved the policy language detailing VCA organ allocation in OPTN Policies 12.1 and 12.2 (14 - support, 0 - oppose, 0 - abstentions).

The committee agreed to recommend that VCA allocation proceed by waiting time, that blood type identical not be prioritized over blood type compatible, and that the first level of allocation should be regional, then national. The Committee decided not to include any prioritization by 0-ABDR mismatch or sensitization, since it would be challenging to do at this time.

2. Other Policy Modifications

The Committee reviewed a set of policy changes that UNOS staff identified as necessary to amend, either to clarify the application to VCA programs or allocation, or specify that the policy was not applicable to either at this time. The policy and bylaw exemptions will be removed, where applicable, as programing enhancements are made to incorporate VCA into Wait ListSM, DonorNet[®], and Tiedi[®].

These include:

- OPTN Policy 1.2 (Definitions)
- OPTN Policy 2.2 (OPO Responsibilities)
- OPTN Policy 2.12.C (Authorization Requirement)
- OPTN Policy 5.2 (Maximum Mismatched Antigens)
- OPTN Policy 5.4.B (Order of Allocation)
- OPTN Policy 5.5.A (Receiving and Reviewing Organ Offers)
- OPTN Policy 5.5.B (Time Limit for Acceptance)
- OPTN Policy 12.1 (Waiting Time)
- OPTN Policy 12.2 (VCA Allocation)
- OPTN Policy 14.6 (Registration and Blood Type Verification of Living Donors before Donation)
- OPTN Policy 18.1 (Data Submission Requirements)
- OPTN Policy 18.2 (Timely Collection of Data)
- OPTN Policy 18.3 (Recording and Reporting the Outcomes of Organ Offers)

- OPTN Bylaws, Appendix D (Membership Requirements for Transplant Hospitals and Transplant Programs) and D.2 (Designated Transplant Program Requirement)
- OPTN Bylaws, Appendix J (Membership Requirements for Vascularized Composite (VCA) Transplant Programs)
- OPTN Bylaws, Appendix K (Transplant Program Inactivity, Withdrawal, and Termination)
- OPTN Bylaws, Appendix M (Definitions)

The Committee approved the identified changes (14 - support, 0 - oppose, 0 - abstentions).

Upcoming Meeting(s)

- May 28, 2014 (conference call)
- June 12, 2014 (conference call)
- July 9, 2014 (conference call)
- July 15, 2014 (meeting – Chicago)