

**OPTN/UNOS Patient Affairs Committee
Meeting Summary
April 13, 2016
Conference Call**

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Discussions of the full committee on April 13, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>.

Committee Projects

1. Pediatric Priority for Kidney Candidates Registered after Turning 18 Years Old

From September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015, there were 48 first-time kidney transplant registrations who were eighteen years old at listing. Of those 48, nineteen began dialysis prior to their eighteenth birthdays. Under current policy, these candidates do not receive pediatric priority if registered on or after their 18th birthday. The Patient Affairs Committee (Committee) has deliberated this issue over the past several months.

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of two possible solutions: education versus a policy change. They also discussed whether it is feasible to pursue both solutions in tandem. In a straw poll, the Committee voted to continue discussions on the next committee conference call before making a final decision.

Other Significant Items

2. New Projects Approved by the Policy Oversight Committee (POC) and Executive Committee

The Committee briefly discussed five projects approved by the Executive Committee in December and one project approved by the Policy Oversight Committee (POC) in January.

Two projects were of interest to Committee members: “Removing Disincentives for Candidates to Consider Living Donation,” sponsored by the Living Donor Committee, and “Guidance on Explaining Risk Related to Use of Increased Risk Donor Organs When Considering Organ Offers,” sponsored by the Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee (DTAC). UNOS staff requested volunteers to serve on those workgroups.

Upcoming Meetings

- May, 2016
- June, 2016