

**OPTN/UNOS Transplant Administrators Committee (TAC)
Meeting Summary
May 25, 2016
Conference Call**

**Amy Peele, RN, Chair
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Discussions of the full committee on May 25, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://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. Data Quality Improvement Opportunities Discussion

UNOS Research and SRTR staff requested the TAC's feedback on ways to improve OPTN data integrity, timeliness of submission, and reliability of data. There is lack of trust in accuracy and completeness of OPTN data that is used for decision-making purposes. UNOS staff and SRTR staff are working on ways to address this issue.

Committee members had several questions and comments for UNOS staff and SRTR. It was noted that all centers are very focused on their observed to expected outcomes and are more alert to the fact that data accuracy is very important. Source documentation, field definitions, and changing the cohorts are some of the main issues mentioned with collecting accurate data. Other issues discussed were the amount of time and staffing resources it takes to ensure the data is entered accurately and timely. A member also commented that discrete data fields are much easier to identify, find, and enter while abstract data fields require staff to be educated, knowledgeable, familiar, and trained which take time and resources.

Upcoming Meeting

July 20-21, 2016 (Chicago, IL)