

OPTN/UNOS Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) Transplantation Committee
Meeting Summary
June 17, 2016
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on June 17, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.

Other Significant Items

1. Future Projects Discussion

The Committee discussed the current project plan, as well as new project ideas, in light of the information learned from the recent Survey to Identify Barriers to VCA Authorization and Recovery. This included:

- Funding barriers for VCA transplantation
- Collaboration with other groups to increase awareness of VCA transplantation
- Clinical criteria for VCA donors
- New technologies to help with VCA donor evaluations
- Establish guidelines for living VCA donation
- Definition of graft function and failure
- Pediatric VCA transplantation
- Health and well-being of children born to uterus transplant recipients
- Revisiting VCA allocation

The Committee will continue to discuss these new ideas, as well as those ideas previously shared, during future calls and meetings in order to identify the next project(s) for the Committee. Additionally, the Committee hoped to reserve time at future calls/meeting to discuss:

- Potential for a VCA Consensus Conference
- What research has been published in solid organ transplantation that could impact VCA transplantation
- Emerging clinical practices in VCA transplantation

2. Committee Membership Changes

The Chair expressed her appreciation to the members of the Committee for their diligent work and support during her tenure. Additionally, she recognized the members whose terms were concluding at the end of this month, and introduced the new members who will be starting three-year terms on July 1, 2016.

Upcoming Meetings

- July 8, 2016 (conference call)
- August 12, 2016 (conference call)
- September 9, 2016 (conference call)
- October 14, 2016 (conference call)
- November 21, 2016 (meeting in Chicago, IL)

- December 9, 2016 (conference call)
- January 13, 2017 (conference call)
- February 10, 2017 (conference call)
- March 10, 2017 (conference call)
- April 7, 2017 (meeting in Chicago, IL)
- May 12, 2017 (conference call)
- June 9, 2017 (conference call)