

**OPTN/UNOS Pancreas Transplantation Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**June 20, 2016**  
**Teleconference**

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*Discussions of the full committee on June, 20, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.*

**Committee Projects**

**1. Broadened Allocation of Pancreas Transplants Across Compatible ABO Blood Types**

The Committee discussed the current state of this project approved by the Executive Committee on March 14, 2016. The Committee had previously submitted a data request to the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) in February, 2016. On the May 23, 2016 call, SRTR representatives presented their results to the committee. The Committee noted that it would be beneficial to modify one of the Kidney-Pancreas Simulated Allocation Model (KPSAM) requests slightly. The request involved an allocation classification that incorporated prioritization for ABO identical candidates above ABO compatible candidates. The Committee stated that the request needed to be altered to achieve their true intention. The Committee decided to revisit the data request at the June 20<sup>th</sup> call.

On this call, the Committee discussed the previous requests and their intention to perform an additional KPSAM request. The Committee emphasized their intention to see simulation data regarding an allocation model that prioritized ABO identical candidates above ABO compatible candidates. Committee members stated that the intention of the requests, and the potential policy changes, is to expand ABO compatibility to increase kidney-pancreas transplants while not disadvantaging any specific ABO group, and/or kidney-alone candidates. The SRTR will be performing an additional KPSAM request.

**2. Guidance on Increasing Pancreas After Kidney (PAK) Transplants**

The Committee discussed the current state of this project approved by the Executive Committee on April 11, 2016. UNOS staff are currently performing a data request from the Committee focused on the current data regarding PAK transplants. The Committee discussed the selection criteria and measurement to be used for the analysis. UNOS staff will provide data results for this analysis during the in-person meeting in Chicago in October, 2016.

**Other Significant Items**

**1. New Project Idea**

Current OPTN/UNOS policy states that a kidney-pancreas candidate who is on insulin with C-peptide greater than 2 ng/mL, must have a body mass index (BMI) less than or equal to the maximum allowable BMI in order to accrue waiting time. UNOS reviews data every 6 months to determine if the maximum allowable BMI should be increased or decreased. The maximum allowable BMI has been at 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> for over a year now and policy states that the maximum allowable BMI cannot exceed 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. The Committee

discussed the relevancy of this policy and the potential to explore a project that would examine modifying the current policy. Committee members stated that they were unsure whether it was necessary to have a maximum allowable BMI. UNOS staff will perform a preliminary data analysis for this project idea, in anticipation for the Committee to submit the idea to the Policy Oversight Committee for project approval.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- August 1, 2016
- September 12, 2016