

OPTN/UNOS Histocompatibility Committee
Meeting Summary
June 21, 2016
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on June 21, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.

Committee Projects

1. Histocompatibility Testing Guidance Document

The Committee received an update on the status of the Histocompatibility Testing Guidance Document. Originally the Committee planned to send the document to the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors for approval during its June meeting. However, Committee leadership and UNOS staff determined there were outstanding issues with the content of the document that should be cleaned up prior to Board approval. The Subcommittee assigned to this project will continue to work on the document over the course of one to two more meetings, and will bring it back to the full Committee for approval. As of June 2016, guidance documents must go out for public comment prior to Executive Committee or Board approval, so once the document is finalized it will be distributed for public comment.

2. KAS: Maintaining Priority Points for Patients Undergoing Desensitization

The Committee previously sent this project to the Policy Oversight Committee (POC) for project approval in May. The POC approved the project and its assignment to OPTN Strategic Goal 3 (Improve waitlisted patient, living donor, and transplant recipient outcomes). However, the Executive Committee reviewed the project during its June meeting and disagreed with the strategic goal assignment. The Executive Committee believes this project best fits in OPTN Strategic Goal 2 (Provide equity in access to transplants). The Executive Committee did not discuss the merits of the project except to the extent necessary to determine whether the strategic goal assignment was correct. It determined that the POC should re-evaluate the strategic goal assignment. In the meantime, the Committee may continue to refine the problem statement to better inform the POC's discussions about the merits and goals of the project.

3. New Project Ideas and Committee Prioritization

The Committee prioritized new project ideas during its May 2, 2016 in-person meeting. The Committee will continue to evaluate the priority of these new project ideas once the Committee rosters turn over on July 1, to make sure everyone on the new roster agrees with the priorities.

Upcoming Meetings

- The full Committee meets via teleconference on the second Tuesday of every month at 12pm Eastern