

OPTN/UNOS VCA Transplantation Committee
Meeting Summary
July 8, 2016
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on July 8, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.

Committee Projects Pending Implementation

1. List Covered Body Parts Pertaining to VCA

In June 2016, the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors (Board) approved a proposal from the Committee to list Covered Body Parts that would be considered VCAs. As a result of this proposal, one of the implementation changes that needs to be addressed is the VCA organ packaging and shipping labels. The current VCA labels were created in the spring of 2014 in preparation for the July 3, 2014 implementation of VCA under the OPTN.

UNOS staff shared draft labels with the Committee, explaining what content needed to be updated. The Committee discussed and supported the updates offered by UNOS staff. UNOS staff will share the proposed updates with the OPTN/UNOS Operations and Safety and Organ Procurement Organization Committees in August and September 2016. The VCA Committee will be consulted again in October 2016 to approve any changes the other committees suggest.

Other Significant Items

2. Discussion – Next Committee Projects

The Committee discussed several new ideas for project work, as well as those ideas previously identified. These included:

- Deceased VCA donor data collection
- Guidance on Optimizing VCA Authorization and Recovery from Deceased Donors
- Potential for collaborative effort with external stakeholders re: increasing awareness of VCA donation & transplantation
- Alignment of VCA membership requirements with membership requirements of solid organ transplant programs
- Clinical criteria for VCA donors
- Discuss new technology to help with VCA donor evaluations
- Collaborate with OPTN/UNOS Living Donor Committee on guidelines for VCA living donors
- Guidance on Pediatrics in VCA transplantation
- (primary VCA recipient and wellness of children born to uterus transplant recipients)
- Revisit graft failure/function discussion
- VCA Allocation
- Role OPTN plays in payer landscape for VCA transplantation
- Integration of VCA into OPTN Electronic Systems

- VCA Donation Collaborative Seminar/VCA Consensus Conference

The Committee will continue to discuss these projects during future calls/meetings to identify the key problems, alignment with the OPTN Strategic Plan, and the sequence of work.

Upcoming Meetings

- 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)