

OPTN/UNOS Pancreas Transplantation Committee
Meeting Summary
August 1, 2016
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on August, 1, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.

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/m² for over a year now and policy states that the maximum allowable BMI cannot exceed 30 kg/m². The Committee continued their discussion on the relevancy of this policy and the potential to explore a project that would examine modifying the current policy. UNOS staff presented the results of a preliminary data analysis requested by the Committee during their June conference call.

The Committee reviewed data on the number of candidates who are currently not accruing waiting time due to their BMI, as well as candidates who qualified after being listed for a transplant. The Committee also reviewed two year pancreas graft outcomes stratified by candidate BMI for pancreas-alone transplants, simultaneous pancreas-kidney transplants, and pancreas after kidney transplants. The Committee felt that the data shows evidence that a BMI threshold may limit access to transplants for individuals who have comparable graft outcomes to those below the maximum BMI for accruing waiting time. The Committee would like to perform additional data analyses and decided to send this project idea for review by the Policy Oversight Committee during their August meeting to approve new projects.

Upcoming Meetings

- September 12, 2016 - Teleconference
- October 28, 2016 - Chicago