Proposal to Clarify Reporting of Living Donor Disease or Malignancy

Sponsoring Committee: Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee

Policy/Bylaws Affected: Policy 15.6.A: Living Donor Recovery Hospital Requirements for Reporting Post-Donation Discovery of Living Donor Disease or Malignancy


Effective Date: September 1, 2016

Problem Statement

Language to clarify living donor disease or malignancy reporting requirement timeframes, including the time frame to report within seven days, was developed, approved by the Committee, and included in all proposal presentations including those given to OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors. The clause specifying a seven day time frame was inadvertently omitted from Policy 15.6.A in the version of language that was approved at the June 2016 OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors meeting.

Summary of Changes

This policy change inserts the seven-day reporting clause as originally intended and communicated to the community.

What Members Need to Do

Living donor recovery hospitals will need to report new information about a living donor that indicates risk of potential transmission of disease or malignancy through the OPTN Improving Patient Safety Portal as soon as possible but no more than seven days after receipt of the new information.

Affected Policy/Bylaw Language:

New language is underlined and language that will be deleted is struck through.

15.6.A Living Donor Recovery Hospital Requirements for Reporting Post-Donation Discovery of Living Donor Disease or Malignancy

If a living donor recovery hospital learns new information about a living donor during the first two years post donation that indicates risk of potential transmission of disease or malignancy, then the living donor recovery hospital must do all of the following:

1. Disclose to the living donor that the potential disease transmission or malignancy will be reported to the receiving transplant program and the OPTN Improving Patient Safety Portal.
2. Notify the receiving transplant program.
3. Report the potential transmission through the OPTN Improving Patient Safety Portal as soon as possible but no more than seven days after receipt of the new information.