

OPTN/UNOS Pediatric Transplantation Committee
Meeting Summary
August 17, 2016
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on August 17, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.

Review of Public Comment Proposals

1. Modify Adult Heart Allocation, Round II

The Pediatric Committee heard a presentation on the Thoracic Committee's proposal during the conference call. The Pediatric Committee previously had concerns during the first round of public comment regarding the potential impact on transplantation access for pediatric status 1B and adult congenital heart disease candidates. The Committee appreciates the modifications to the proposal to address the earlier access concerns and unanimously supports the proposal as written.

2. Liver Distribution Re-design Modeling

The Pediatric Committee understands that the scope of this proposal is to affect liver distribution (decrease geographic disparities) and not liver allocation. As a result, there may be a small increase in pediatric liver transplantation. The Committee supports the proposal in general and believes the proposal is an important step forward for liver transplantation.

The Committee noted that this proposal does not, nor was intended to, address current problems in waiting time disparities for pediatric candidates or waiting list mortality for very young candidates. Thus, a future proposal from the OPTN is needed to address these gaps; to improve long term outcomes in children due to time-limited opportunity for growth and development, as well as the need to maximize life benefit post transplantation (OPTN/UNOS White Paper-General Principles for Pediatric Allocation, 2014).

Upcoming Meetings

- September 21, 2016 4:00-5:00 PM Eastern (conference call)
- October 19, 2016 10:00 AM-4:00 PM Eastern (Chicago, IL)
- November 16, 2016 4:00-5:00 PM Eastern (conference call)
- December 21, 2016 4:00-5:00 PM Eastern (conference call)
- January 18, 2017 4:00-5:00 PM Eastern (conference call)
- February 15, 2017 4:00-5:00 PM Eastern (conference call)