

**OPTN/UNOS Transplant Coordinators Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**August 16, 2016**  
**Conference Call**

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*Discussions of the full committee on August 16, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.*

**Committee Projects**

**1. TCC Learning Series**

The Committee received an update on the progress of the Learning Series project. Increasing the number of transplants is a top priority goal in the OPTN strategic plan. One way to address this goal and other OPTN strategic goals is to provide broader sharing of OPO and transplant center practices. Sharing practices allows transplant professionals to learn strategies that are being utilized in the community to address common issues and barriers to transplant.

This learning series will seek to address processes that aid to mitigate waitlist mortality while increasing the number of transplants performed. The end product of this project will provide transplant professionals with information, tools, and resources they can implement in order to facilitate process changes within their organization.

The Work Group met on August 31<sup>st</sup> to review project background, review Instructional Innovations (II) role, and the role of work group members. The group decided that this would be a four part series for the first year. Tentative topics for the first series are:

1. Transplant Coordinator roles and responsibility video; split into two sections OPO and Transplant Center Coordinator
2. Intro on how to manage patients on waitlist (active and inactive)
3. How to take organ offer calls
4. Coordinator retention

The group will complete a survey to prioritize all topic categories by Sept 19th. The Work Group will review the first video and provide II with feedback.

## **Committee Projects Pending Implementation**

2. None

## **Implemented Committee Projects**

3. None

## **Review of Public Comment Proposals**

4. None

## **Other Significant Items**

### **5. Committee Orientation**

A review of TCC specific information to include roles, responsibilities, expectations, support staff, projects, and work groups was provided.

### **6. System Optimization and Utilization Work Group (OPO Committee)**

The Committee received an update on the OPO Committee System Optimization and Utilization Work Group progress. There are two TCC members participating on this Work Group. Discussion items included:

- Provisional yes and what it should mean
- DonorNet system enhancements to make the organ offer process faster
- Ways to prevent organ discards
- Number of centers that can be notified at once
- The need to decrease time limits for notifications, evaluations, and primary provisional yes to 30 minutes
- Shorter post recovery time limits
- Automated notifications that are specific
- Automated notifications when centers become primary

### **7. Donor Profile Pilot Project**

An update on the Donor Profile Pilot project was provided. The goal of this project is to allow more precise acceptance criteria, increase the number of transplants, decrease the time it takes to place organs, reduce unwanted offers, and speed up the evaluations of offers received. Currently, the group is discussing if the profile criteria should be an inclusive or exclusive selection process. They have also talked about having safe guards in place to make sure transplant programs are aware of offers they would not receive and ways to make sure programs are not being screened off offers they would like to receive. The next call will discuss reporting needs that will need to be used to evaluate the pilot project.

### **8. Policy Oversight Committee (POC) Updates**

The Committee received updates on POC activities. The next POC meeting will be at the end of August to review new OPTN projects.

### **9. UNet<sup>sm</sup> Core Curriculum Feedback**

UNOS Instructional Innovations requested the TCC's help in completing a gap analysis of the trainings offered in UNet. The request was for specific topics that would be appropriate for a 101 core competencies curriculum within Waitlist. The following

suggestions were provided on the conference call and other suggestions were provided via email:

- Interactive trainings
- Examples of source documentation
- How to list/delist patients
- ABO Verification
- How to run reports

### **Upcoming Meeting**

- September 21, 2016 (Chicago, IL)