

**OPTN/UNOS Ethics Committee  
Meeting Summary  
September 12, 2016  
Chicago, IL**

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*Discussions of the full committee on September 12, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.*

**Committee Projects**

**1. White Papers Distributed for Public Comment**

The Committee received an update on three white papers distributed for public comment:

- Ethics of Deceased Donor Organ Recovery with Requirement of Explicit Consent or Authorization
- Ethical Implications of Imminent Death Donation
- Split Versus Whole Liver Transplantation

These white papers are on the consent agenda at regional meetings and will be presented during two national webinars. The Committee may revise the white papers in response to public comment. The white papers should be considered by the Executive Committee of the Board in November.

**2. White Papers in Development**

The Committee is developing three white papers for public comment to address:

- Honoring First Person Consent and Extending First Person Consent to Include DCD
- Financial Incentives for Organ Donation
- Guidance Regarding Organ Donation by Competent Terminally Ill Donors

**3. Potential New Projects**

The Committee had a preliminary discussion regarding a potential new project entitled: Ethical Consideration for Experimental Manipulations of Organs Recovered from Deceased Donors.

**4. New Business**

The Committee discussed:

- A memorandum from the Membership and Professional Standards Committee regarding the use of social media.
- The development of voucher programs for living kidney donation
- The potential use of deceased donor chains in kidney paired donation

## **5. Review of Public Comment Proposals**

The Committee considered the proposal to redesign liver distribution. The Committee heard presentations in support and in opposition to the proposal. The Committee will submit a comment through the public comment process.

### **Other Significant Items**

## **6. Report on Non-US Resident /Citizen Transplant Activity**

The Chair of the Ad Hoc International Relations Committee joined the meeting by web conference and provided an overview of a report entitled: Report of Non US Transplant Activity.

### **Upcoming Meeting**

- April 2017 – Full Committee Meeting