

**OPTN/UNOS Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) Transplantation Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**September 12, 2016**  
**Conference Call**

**L. Scott Levin, M.D., FACS, Chair**  
**Linda C. Cendales, M.D., Vice Chair**

*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 Pending Implementation**

#### **1. List Covered Body Parts Pertaining to VCA**

UNOS staff updated the Committee on correspondence received from HRSA regarding delays in the OMB review process. In the response, HRSA indicated the commitment to facilitating the implementation of the membership requirements as quickly as possible. An expedited review pathway is being considered that may shorten the review timeline. The Chair asked that a call with HRSA and Committee leadership take place in the next few weeks to have an update on this process.

### **Review of Public Comment Proposals**

#### **2. Infectious Disease Verification to Enhance Patient Safety**

The VCA Committee heard the presentation during the conference call on September 12, 2016. There was some discussion whether verification of Cytomegalovirus (CMV) test results should be required prior to VCA recovery and transplants, in addition to intestine donors and transplants. Based on the comments of the Committee members, infectious disease test results that were pertinent to VCA cases vary across different VCA types. There is also variation based on institution-specific protocols. There was not consensus from the VCA Committee to ask the sponsoring committee to alter the proposal at this time. Members of the Committee discussed the importance of verifying pertinent infectious disease test results prior to a VCA procurement and immediately prior to a VCA transplant. Specifically, donor HIV, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C results. The Committee unanimously supported the proposal as written.

### **Other Significant Items**

#### **3. Discussion – Next Committee Projects**

The Committee continued discussions on several ideas for project work and began to identify the core issues. The Chair asked each Committee member review the list of projects and send what they believe are the priority projects to UNOS staff. The priority projects and central problems of each will be discussed at future conference calls/meetings.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- October 14, 2016 (conference call)
- November 21, 2016 (meeting in Chicago, IL)
- December 9, 2016 (conference call)
- January 13, 2017 (conference call)

- February 10, 2017 (conference call)
- March 10, 2017 (conference call)
- April 7, 2017 (meeting in Chicago, IL)
- May 12, 2017 (conference call)
- June 9, 2017 (conference call)