

OPTN/UNOS Pancreas Transplantation Committee
Meeting Summary
September 12, 2016
Teleconference

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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>.

Review of Public Comment Proposals

1. Redesigning Liver Distribution

The OPTN/UNOS Pancreas Transplantation Committee opposed this proposal (9-Oppose, 0-Support, 1-Abstention).

The Committee expressed concern over how this proposal will relate with the recent board approved changes to Simultaneous Liver Kidney (SLK) allocation. It appears that with redistricting, it's likely that the number of SLK transplants will increase with broader regional sharing of livers. The Committee believed that this will have a deleterious impact on Simultaneous Pancreas Kidney (SPK) transplantation.

The Committee discussed the idea of achieving homogeneity in access to liver transplantation. The Committee noted that there is variation across the nation among organ transplantation and questioned if the ultimate goal of this proposal is worth the disruption to the current liver allocation system, increased costs, and deleterious effect to other organ types.

2. Infectious Disease Verification to Enhance Patient Safety

The OPTN/UNOS Pancreas Transplantation Committee was presented this proposal by the Chair of the Operations and Safety Committee. The Committee supported the proposal with no additional comments.

Upcoming Meetings

- October 28, 2016 – Chicago, IL
- November 28th, 2016 – Teleconference
- January 9th, 2016 - Teleconference