OPTN/UNOS Transplant Administrators Committee (TAC) Meeting Summary September 28, 2016 Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on September 28, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <u>https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov</u>.

Committee Projects

1. None

Committee Projects Pending Implementation

2. None

Implemented Committee Projects

3. None

Review of Public Comment Proposals

1. Changes to informed consent requirements for potential living donors (LDC)

The Committee reviewed this proposal and requested that UNOS create an informed consent template with standardized language centers can use. The Committee also requested the development of more patient educational materials on informed consent as it is very difficult for patients to understand all the information in the consent form.

2. Redesigning liver distribution (Liver & Intestine Committee)

The Committee reviewed the proposal and asked if the neighborhood model had been considered. A committee member also requested an explaination as to why the end result of the proposed modeling showed a decrease in the number of transplants.

4. Transplant program outcomes review system changes (MPSC)

After receiving a presentation on this proposal, some committee members voiced concern that small volume programs, pediatric, pancreas, and intestine programs might be flagged quicker because of smaller volumes. It was also questioned if this proposal would better align MPSC and CMS requirements.

3. Transplant program performance outcome measures (MPSC)

After receiving a presentation on this proposal, a committee member asked if there was any consideration or discussion about the transition from the previous nomenclature for the expanded criteria donor kidney, which was qualitative, to becoming more quantitative and actually assigning a score with the KDPI and then looking at that as one of the reasons for the increase in organ discards? It seems the timing of the KAS and the increase in discards are somewhat correlated.

Other Significant Items

5. None

Upcoming Meeting

• October 20, 2016 (Chicago, IL)