

**OPTN/UNOS Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) Transplantation Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**October 14, 2016**  
**Conference Call**

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*Discussions of the full committee on October 14, 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 previously shared draft updates to the VCA organ shipping and packaging labels during the July 8, 2016 conference call. Since that time, the draft labels were reviewed by the OPTN/UNOS Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) and Operations and Safety Committees. Both committees supported the changes with one minor revision. The VCA Committee reviewed the proposed change and unanimously approved the final labels. UNOS staff will hand-off the labels for production and make the labels available in the UNOS store for purchase in the months ahead.

### **Other Significant Items**

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

The Committee continued discussions on several ideas for project work. Since the last conference call, UNOS staff coordinated a survey of committee members to identify what new project ideas were priorities. The top four projects from the survey were:

- Increasing public awareness of VCA donation & transplantation
- Guidance to OPOs on optimizing VCA donation
- Clinical criteria for VCA donors
- Consensus conference on VCA donation & transplantation

A lengthy discussion was held on the results of the survey, noting that some of these concepts appeared to be linked. The Committee will continue the new project discussion during the in-person meeting in November 2016.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- 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)