

OPTN Ad Hoc International Relations Committee

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Conference Call

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Introduction

The OPTN Ad Hoc International Relations Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 07/30/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Guidance Document Update

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The Committee reviewed a revised *Guidance for Data Collection Regarding Classification of Citizenship Status* document.

Summary of Discussion:

Based on review from the OPTN Policy Oversight Committee & HRSA, the following revisions to the Committee's guidance document were made:

- Addition of introductory paragraph stating that throughout the document, the term 'citizenship status' refers to the OPTN citizenship status data collection element.
- Deletion of a sentence that inaccurately referenced data.
- Deletion of a paragraph suggesting various documentations to confirm citizenship status, as it is outside of the OPTN's function to recommend this.
- Deletion of paragraph suggesting transplant programs & organ procurement organizations to develop internal policies and practices, as it was considered best practices rather than guidance.

Upon review, the Committee agreed with the proposed revisions and recommended additional edits:

- Addition of non-U.S. citizen/non-U.S. resident and non-U.S. citizen/U.S. resident to sentence for clarification.
- Clarification of the 2012 citizenship status data element changes.
- Clarification that concern over cost for travelling is for those patients who do not have access to follow-up care in the country of origin.

The Committee will discuss any additional revisions during public comment. The Committee supported the revisions to the guidance document and unanimously voted to submit *Guidance for Data Collection Regarding Classification of Citizenship Status* document to Summer 2021 Public Comment.

Upcoming Meetings

- August 24, 2021 (teleconference)
- September 28, 2021 (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Barry Friedman
 - Chang Liu
 - Min Zhou
 - Peter Stock
 - Sylvia Villalon
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Vanessa Arriola
- **UNOS**
 - Betsy Gans
 - Elizabeth Miller
 - Jennifer Wainright
 - Matt Prentice
 - Meghan McDermott
 - Rebecca Murdock
 - Robert Hunter
 - Supraja Malladi