

**OPTN/UNOS Patient Affairs Committee
Meeting Summary
January 17, 2017
Conference Call**

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Discussions of the full committee on January 17, 2017 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.

Other Significant Items

1. Report on Equity in Access

UNOS staff presented findings of a study meant to develop an analytical methodology for quantifying and tracking equity in access to transplantation (OPTN Strategic Goal two) to the Patient Affairs Committee (Committee). The Committee was particularly interested in the remaining disparities in access: designated service area (DSA), calculated panel reactive antibodies (CPRA) and blood type, especially DSA. They would appreciate continued updates.

2. Managing the WaitlistSM

Committee leadership requested more education on OPTN policies for PAC members. As a result, the Committee is engaged in a monthly policy learning series to ensure they are comfortable with OPTN policies and are able to contribute informed feedback when reviewing other OPTN Committee proposals. The Committee is considering an educational initiative for patients on the Waitlist. To better understand the process themselves, they already received an introductory overview of the Waitlist from UNOS staff. During this meeting, a member of the Transplant Coordinators Committee presented the transplant center's experience, perspective and management of the Waitlist.

Upcoming Meeting

- February 21, 2017