

**OPTN/UNOS Histocompatibility Committee
Meeting Summary
January 10, 2017
Conference Call**

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Discussions of the full committee on January 10, 2017 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.

Committee Projects

1. Guidance Document

The Committee heard a brief update on the status of the guidance document proposal. It will next go before the Policy Oversight Committee and then the Executive Committee for approval to be posted for public comment.

Committee Projects Pending Implementation

2. DQA1 and Annual Update to Equivalency Tables (2015)

The Committee was updated on the status of these two projects. Both projects will be combined into one implementation effort by IT. This will streamline the effort by IT and make the transition easier internally and for members. There is a project kick off meeting scheduled for January 16, 2017.

Other Significant Items

3. Back Up Director

The Committee reviewed current OPTN bylaws addressing laboratory coverage plans. Committee leadership had some concerns about the current OPTN bylaws concerning laboratory coverage plans for lab directors after a conversation with UNOS staff. The Committee discussed whether the current language addressed appropriate qualifications needed for those who may be designated as a “back up director,” or someone temporarily filling in for a lab director. There was concern that clarification may be needed. The Committee liaison will review language with other UNOS staff and provide feedback to the Committee.

4. CPRA: Two Decimal Places and Thoracic

The Committee discussed the merits of displaying CPRA to two decimal places in Waitlist and on the match run. Currently, CPRA is listed as a whole percent. Committee members cited times they were asked by clinicians and staff for a more detailed percentage for highly sensitized candidates. The Committee also discussed displaying CPRA for thoracic candidates in Waitlist. CPRA is currently not listed or calculated in the system for thoracic candidates, but there was interest in displaying CPRA to two decimal places for these candidates as well.

Upcoming Meetings

- February 14, 2017
- In Person Meeting: March 21, 2017 in Chicago, IL