

**OPTN/UNOS Organ Procurement Organization Committee
Meeting Summary
March 1, 2017
Conference Call**

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Discussions of the full committee on March 1, 2017 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.

Committee Projects

Not discussed

Committee Projects Pending Implementation

Not discussed

Implemented Committee Projects

Not discussed

Review of Public Comment Proposals

The Committee reviewed 2 of the 6 proposals released for public comment from January 23 – March 24, 2017.

1. Improving En Bloc Kidney Allocation (Kidney Transplantation Committee)

The OPO Committee reviewed the proposal and expressed concerns about the “optional” weight range recommendation. The Committee agreed that allowing OPOs to have an option based on donor weight could lead to inconsistencies. The Committee recommends that the Kidney Committee consider a different weight recommendation such as less than 15 kg must be offered as en bloc and 15 kg or greater must be offered individually. The OPO Committee briefly discussed organ acquisition charges and agreed that most OPOs charge a single OAC for en bloc kidneys.

2. Dual Kidney Concept Paper (Kidney Transplantation Committee)

The OPO Committee reviewed the concept paper and preferred Option #1, which is the two-tier allocation in which both pre and post recovery criteria to define which kidneys are offered as duals and when dual placement should begin. The Committee expressed concerns about the 8 hour cutoff time included as part of the post-recovery criteria and recommended not including it as part of the criteria. The OPO Committee briefly discussed organ acquisition charges and agreed that most OPOs charge a single OAC for dual kidneys.

Other Business

None

Upcoming Meeting

April 19, 2017 in Chicago, IL