

**OPTN/UNOS Pancreas Transplantation Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**November, 28 2016**  
**Teleconference**

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*Discussions of the full committee on November, 28 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.*

### **Committee Projects**

#### **1. Maximum Allowable BMI for KP Waiting Time**

The Committee discussed the current status of this recently approved project. The goal of this project is to modify the current policy regarding maximum allowable BMI for KP waiting time. Current policy states that a candidate who is on insulin with a C-peptide greater than 2 ng/mL, must have a BMI less than or equal to the maximum allowable BMI. The max BMI is updated every 6 months, currently it is 30 but policy will not allow it to be raised above 30. The Committee had previously discussed possible changes to the policy including raising the maximum BMI threshold, or removing the BMI policy completely from the criteria to accrue KP waiting time.

On the call, the Committee considered whether it was necessary for there to be qualifying criteria in general for KP candidates. Committee members commented that any potential change to the current qualifying criteria may need to be changed again in the near future due to changing donor and candidate demographics. The Committee agreed that the focus of the project will now consider the need for qualifying criteria, beyond the original focus of the maximum BMI threshold.

### **Other Significant Items**

#### **2. Discussion of Multi-organ Policies**

The Committee discussed the current issue regarding confusion over current multi-organ policy. The topic was suggested by a committee member following a situation they encountered in the previous week. Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) representation on the Committee stated that the current policy leads to confusion over how to allocate kidneys to several multi-organ candidates. The Committee reviewed the previous conversations related to a UNOS multi-organ project and the need for clarity on the subject in the future.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- January, 9 2017 – Teleconference
- February, 22 2017 – Teleconference