

**OPTN/UNOS Kidney Transplantation Committee
Meeting Minutes
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Chicago, IL**

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Introduction

The Kidney Transplantation Committee met via teleconference on 4/19/2017 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Improving En Bloc Kidney Allocation Project Update & Vote
2. Two-Year Post-KAS Monitoring Report

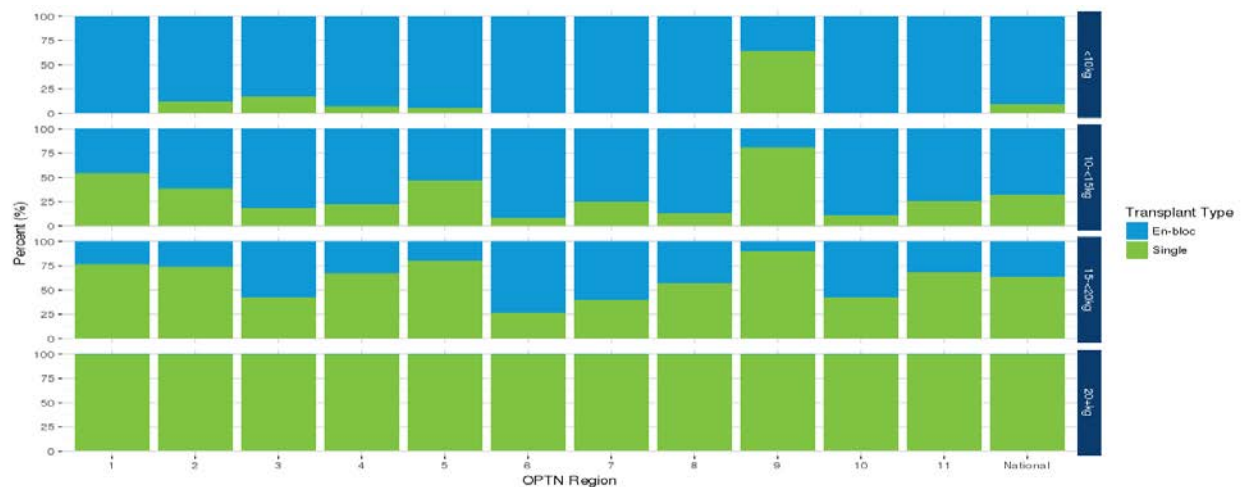
The following is a summary of the Committee's discussions.

1. Improving En Bloc Kidney Allocation Project Update & Vote

At the close of the spring public comment period, the En Bloc Allocation project had received a total of 26 comments. The strongest themes pertain to splitting kidneys, the weight thresholds, and removing the proposed weight range for optional en bloc allocation, favoring instead a mandatory cutoff weight to provide OPOs with explicit instruction. Several members of the community expressed concern about the split kidneys provision included in the proposal. The community is concerned the second rereleased kidney will be vulnerable to increased cold ischemic time and is at risk of being discarded. There were also several comments supporting the proposal as written.

The Work Group also reviewed new data analysis available from the OPTN during their March meeting.

Percent En Bloc by Region and Donor Weight



This new analysis showed:

- All OPTN regions (except 9), and nationally, had more en-bloc vs. single deceased donor kidney transplants with donor weight < 10kg and 10-<15kg (Region 1 was almost balanced in numbers).
- Across most (7/11) OPTN regions, and nationally, a higher percent of transplants were single vs. en-bloc for donor weights 15-<20kg.
- A higher percent of transplants were single vs. en-bloc for donor weights 20+kg for all OPTN regions.

Thus, the Work Group recommended the following to the Kidney Committee:

- Keep the provision mandating programs release the second kidney from a split en bloc according to Policy 5.9
- Eliminate the option for OPOs to allocate kidneys from donors 15-25 kg as singles or as en bloc
- Raise the weight threshold for mandatory en bloc kidney allocation from 15 kg to 20 kg
- Recommended against requiring programs obtain special informed consent from candidates for en bloc kidneys

Due to an insufficient number of attendees on the teleconference, a voice vote could not be held. The Chair moved to an email vote so that all members of the Committee could vote electronically. On April 20th, 2017, with 100% of members voting, the Committee voted in support of the Work Group's recommendations and approved the language for review by the Board of Directors.

2. Two-Year Post-KAS Monitoring Report

UNOS staff presented the Two-Year Post-KAS Monitoring Report. Following the presentation, members asked whether UNOS Research staff had additional analysis by the following stratifications:

- Influence from the new crossmatch policy on transplants by CPRA;
- Donor transplants by cause of death – drug overdose;
- Discard reasons (various analyses)

Members were notified that additional analyses are available via the data request process on the OPTN Web site.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 15, 2017
- June 12, 2017
- July 10, 2017