

OPTN/UNOS Living Donor Committee
Meeting Minutes
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Conference Call

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Introduction

The Living Donor Committee met via Citrix GoToTraining 08/09/2017 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Regional Meeting Update
2. Current Projects

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

1. Regional Meeting Update

The Committee liaison reviewed the PowerPoint slides that will be included in the meeting materials for upcoming regional meetings. Due to time constraints, regional representatives will not present these slides at their regional meeting but should be prepared to answer questions about the current work of the Committee.

Summary of discussion:

This update will consist of two slides highlighting some recent Committee projects. One of the living donors serving on the Committee shared that she recently attended a regional meeting and found that it helped her better understand the policy development process.

Next steps:

The Committee Chair asked members to talk about some of the Committee's recent projects when possible at regional meetings.

2. Current Projects

A work group of members has been revising a living donor brochure that is available through the OPTN website.

Summary of discussion:

The lead author for the revised brochure explained that it will provide basic information regarding living donation. The brochure is intentionally not comprehensive because there is great variability in practice among living donor hospitals. Providing basic information should make the brochure more applicable to all living donor programs. The brochure is a resource for lay persons, and encourages potential donors to request additional information from the transplant center.

The Committee discussed some options for final edits for the brochure which included:

- Level of detail needed to describe potential risks, e.g. kidney failure, dialysis, and transplant
- How to address insurance coverage of living donor, when donation may be considered a pre-existing condition

- Removing content on what costs the recipient's insurance can cover for a donor. CMS has declared that donor follow-up cannot be billed to the transplant recipient's cost report.

Next steps:

Members were invited to review the brochure and send any suggestions, questions or concerns to the Committee liaison.

Upcoming Meeting

- August 9, 2017