

**OPTN/UNOS Pancreas Transplantation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 14, 2017**  
**Conference Call**

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**Introduction**

The Pancreas Transplantation Committee (hereafter, the Committee) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 08/14/2017 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Public Comment Regional Slides
2. Updates:
  - a. Pancreas Oversight Committee (POC)
  - b. Pancreas Graft Failure
  - c. Islet/Pancreas Bylaws Project

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

**1. Public Comment Regional Slides**

The Committee reviewed public comment regional slides for the Broadened Allocation Across Compatible ABO Blood Types proposal and provided feedback to the policy liaison.

Summary of discussion:

The policy liaison went through the slides as if presenting at a regional meeting. Committee members asked that the current and projected allocation be clearly labeled to indicate what changes will occur. The policy liaison will also add a slide, on Committee members' request, to show current restrictions and current programming.

A Committee member asked a question about whether titer thresholds would be different for kidney-pancreas or pancreas transplants compared to kidney transplants. This is something the Committee is asking for feedback on. Another Committee member suggested that titer thresholds will likely be different because kidneys can have longer cold ischemia times than pancreata; however, centers can decide on titer thresholds for each organ according to their own policies. A Committee member noted that although few members may opt to take advantage of this change, it would still provide an opportunity to the few who choose to do so, and that restriction shouldn't keep members from pursuing this option if the member decides it is the option they want to pursue.

A Committee member asked for information on discard rates for simultaneous pancreas kidney (SPK) candidates according to blood type and for KDPI (Kidney Donor Profile Index) 0-20%, as well as SPK median time to transplant by blood type. The policy liaison will follow up on getting this information to the Committee member.

Next steps:

The policy liaison will update the regional slides for the Broadened Allocation Across Compatible ABO Blood Types proposal based on Committee feedback and questions. The liaison will recirculate the slides to the Committee and to the regional administrators.

## **2. Updates**

### *POC*

The Vice-Chair gave a brief overview of the POC's current efforts and reviewed the responsibilities of the POC. The Vice-Chair will periodically present brief updates to the Committee on the POC to keep the Committee informed of the POC's work. Committee members had no questions.

### *Pancreas Graft Failure*

The policy liaison informed the Committee that the project to create a pancreas graft failure definition had been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and would now be implemented. This project passed the Board in 2014. The policy liaison will keep the Committee up to date on any changes and progress due to implementation, which is scheduled to happen early next year.

### *Pancreas/Islet Bylaws Project*

The Committee is pursuing a project to update pancreas program and islet program requirements in the Bylaws. These Bylaws don't reflect the need for islet transplantation expertise in awarding primary surgeon or primary physician status for islet program positions. The Committee previously (in 2013 and 2014) looked into this project and made great progress before the progress was put on hold. The Chair asked Committee members to volunteer to be on a subcommittee to examine the previous work the Committee had accomplished on this project and to put forward a proposal that would make the Bylaws current and appropriate. The policy liaison asked that Committee members email if they were interested in serving on the subcommittee.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

- September 20, 2017
- October 11, 2017
- November 2, 2017