

OPTN/UNOS Transplant Administrators Committee (TAC)
Meeting Minutes
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Conference Call

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Introduction

The Transplant Administrators Committee met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 08/28/2017 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Responses to Public Comment Proposals

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

1. Responses to Public Comment Proposals

Enhancing Liver Distribution (Liver & Intestinal Organ Committee)

The OPTN/UNOS Transplant Administrators Committee (TAC) received a presentation and provided feedback on the Liver & Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee's public comment proposal (Enhancing Liver Distribution). The Committee was divided with regards to supporting or opposing this proposal. Those for the proposal cited the need to make a change in order to ensure fair and equitable distribution of livers in our country and the importance of taking an opportunity to begin to reduce the disparity. Those who were opposed shared a multitude of concerns, many of which have already been shared in the proposals' public comment section. From a financial and operational perspective, there were concerns about an increase in the cost of organ recovery if more flights are required and the operational aspects of having teams out of the hospital more frequently to participate in out of the area organ recoveries.

Improving the Efficiency of Organ Placement (OPO Committee)

The TAC received a presentation and provided feedback on the OPO Committee's public comment proposal (Improving the Efficiency of Organ Placement). In general, the Committee supported this proposal and the suggested organ offer timelines. The only concern expressed was only being able to accept 2 offers and the impact that would have on daily practice especially with extreme outliers. In the case of fulminant liver failure, centers would want to receive as many offers as possible. The presenter stated that the work group discussed this issue and explained that centers will be able to see other offers but will not be able to accept more than two offers at a time. When unique cases occur, dialog needs to occur between OPO and transplant center to discuss offer progress to prevent discards.

Committee members suggested that there should be exceptions for the unique circumstances associated with kidney and liver. The Committee agreed that this proposal is a good first step to improving the organ placement process.

Upcoming Meeting

- September 28, 2017 (conference call)