

**OPTN/UNOS Operations and Safety Committee
Monthly Meeting
Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2017
Conference Call**

**David Marshman, CPTC, BS, Chair
Michael Marvin, MD, Vice Chair**

Introduction

The Operations and Safety Committee met via Citrix GoTo Training teleconference on 07/27/2017 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Introductions and Announcements
2. Demonstration of Post-Transplant Results Reporting Pilot
3. Information Technology Follow Up: Making TransNet Transplant Functionality Work for Transplant Hospitals
4. Other Business

The following is a summary of the work group's discussions.

1. Introductions and Announcements

Summary of discussion:

New members to the Operations and Safety Committee (OSC) were introduced. New members began their terms on July 1, 2017 and, as such, this monthly meetings marks their first OSC monthly teleconference meeting. These new members include Edward Hollinger, MD, PhD; Chandrasekar Santhanakrishnan, MD; Luis Mayen, BS; Alden Doyle, MD, MS, MPH, TM; Eugenia Steffens, RN, MSN, CNN, CCTC; Karlie Wipperling, MBA, CMPE; Jennifer Reese, RN, BSN, MSN, NP-C; and Ben Keebler, EMT-P.

Results from the Policy Oversight Committee (POC) were also announced. OSC had two new projects, both of which were approved. These projects are the *Update Guidance for ABO Subtyping Organ Donors for Blood Groups A and AB* and *Extra Vessels: Reducing Reporting Burdens and Clarifying Policies*. The Executive Committee (ExCom) will vote after this monthly meeting to finalize the approval of these projects.

Three work groups are included in the OSC. These include the TransNet Work Group, the Patient Safety Advisory Group (PSAG), and the ABO Subtyping Guidance Rewrite Work Group. The TransNet Work Group will largely focus on the *Extra Vessels* project. PSAG mainly works with safety data and its transformation into shareable information and education modules on best practices. The ABO Subtyping Guidance Rewrite Group mainly will work on updating the 2011 subtyping guidance. All new members are asked to join at least one of these working groups. Preference in one of these working groups can be brought to Susan Tlusty, the UNOS policy liaison for OSC.

2. Demonstration of Post-Transplant Results Reporting Pilot

Summary of discussion:

Amy Putnam, Director of UNOS Information Technology Customer Advocacy, gave a brief introduction to and demonstration of the pilot Post-Transplant Results Reporting system along with Chris Curran, Director of Organ Operations and Surgical Recovery for New England Donor Services. The purpose of this project is to allow organ procurement organizations (OPOs) the

ability to send electronic notifications to transplant centers (TxC) when any laboratory test results come back positive post-recovery.

Currently, the patient safety sheet is a PDF of a Microsoft Excel worksheet that can only be updated by UNOS staff. Efforts are being placed on making this more dynamic. This would include having a drop down option to choose whichever OPO or TxC and automatically see relevant information, such as up-to-date patient safety contacts. Five OPOs will be participating in the pilot launch of this program, and these OPOs will be able to use the pilot program to notify any TxCs within their DSAs. It is worth noting that if any pilot program OPO must notify a TxC outside of the participating DSAs, the OPO will need to revert to the original, manual system. Following the pilot, information will be collected and changes will be made as necessary.

3. Information Technology Follow-Up: Making TransNet Transplant Functionality Work for Transplant Hospitals

Summary of discussion:

Amy Putnam also discussed the directions being taken to address issues within TransNet directed at transplant centers. For example, many voiced that it would be ideal to be able to access TransNet from the same location as DonorNet and Waitlist. As such, TransNet access would be possible via the Secure Enterprise page. Another example includes TransNet permissions in which one's UNet site administration would be able to give access through Secure Enterprise.

If OSC would seek to make TransNet mandatory for transplant centers, some question could arise. Does it include check-in for both living and deceased donors? Does it include ABO verification prior to implant for both living and deceased donors? Does it include packaging and labeling of all organs?

Currently, TransNet allows organ check-in for both deceased and living donors. It also allows pre-recovery verifications on DonorNet and TIEDI, pre-transplant verification prior to organ receipt on DonorNet and Waitlist, and pre-transplant verification upon organ receipt on TransNet for deceased donors. It is proposed that the latter three on TIEDI, Waitlist, and TransNet will allow living donors moving forward potentially. These TxC functionality changes will be rolled out in phases.

Next steps:

The following next steps will be taken:

- Contact Susan Tlusty by e-mail with your preferences for which OSC work group you would like to be included.
- Late September 2017 is the proposed finish date for the Post-Transplant Results pilot programming with a proposed pilot start date of early 2018.

Upcoming Meeting

- TBD

Attendance

- **OSC Members**
 - David Marshman, CPTC, BS (Chair)
 - Michael Marvin, MD (Vice Chair)
 - Bridgette Diedrich
 - Viken Douzajian
 - Ben Keebler
 - Luis Mayen
 - Laura O'Melia
 - Jennifer Reese
 - Chandrasekar Santhanakrishnan
 - Eugenia Steffens
 - Mark Wakefield
 - Celeste Williams
 - Karlie Wipperling
 - Shylah Haldeman
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Raelene Skerda
- **OPTN/UNOS Staff**
 - Susan Tlusty
 - Amy Putnam
 - Elizabeth Miller
 - Leah Slife
 - Rob Patterson
 - John Archer
 - Read Urban
 - Justin Moore