

**OPTN/UNOS Executive Committee
Meeting Summary
September 18, 2017
Web Conference**

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Discussions of the full committee on September 18, 2017 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.

Committee Projects

1. Pancreas Committee project

The Policy Oversight Committee presented recommendations on a request from the Pancreas Committee to conclude work on the Pancreas Bylaws project. This project, which was previously reviewed by a joint societies working group (JSWG), addressing some inconsistencies that currently exist in pancreas transplant programs and examines whether surgeons that qualify to be the primary pancreas transplant surgeon through a clinical experience pathway should be allowed to count procurements from their fellowship toward the required amount of transplants. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to advance the project to the next stage.

Requests for Policy Clarifications

The Living Donor Committee requested a clarification to remove the term “adverse” from the events that are required to be reported to UNOS under OPTN policy 18.6 (Reporting of Living Donor Adverse Events).

The concern was that the word “adverse” has a specific connotation in healthcare, while instances that are expected to be reported are more accurately described as “unanticipated” rather than “adverse”.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the language clarification.

Update on Proposal

2. UNOS CEO Brian Shepard gave an update on the proposal to “Enhance Liver Distribution.” He reviewed some major themes that had already emerged from public comment and the timeline for key decision points before the December Board meeting. The Board of Directors will receive an update on the public comment proposal on the October 3, 2017 Web conference.

Upcoming Meeting(s)

- October 15, 2017