

**OPTN/UNOS Minority Affairs Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2017  
Teleconference**

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**Introduction**

The Minority Affairs Committee met via Teleconference on 11/20/2017 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Opening Remarks and Welcome
2. Update: MAC Board Proposal
3. Presentation: Resource Effective Implementation of nonA1 to B Program (Georgetown Medstar)
4. Active Project Update
5. Feedback on Update to ABO Guidance (January 2018 Public Comment)

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

**1. Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Summary:

The Committee Chair welcomed all attendees and reviewed the agenda.

The Chair reported that she spoke at the Second Annual Texas Medical Center Hispanic Transplant Symposium in Houston in September. The talk included discussion of the non A2 Guidance being submitted to the Board for approval and the general work of the Minority Affairs Committee (MAC) over the past few years.

The former Chair was interviewed on the Tom Joyner show. The segment was focused mostly on chronic kidney disease. It is a nationally syndicated program.

**2. Update: MAC Board Proposal**

Summary:

The Chair will present the nonA1 Guidance proposal to the Board on December 4-5 in Atlanta. It is the Chair's first Board meeting. The Board will vote on all 12 proposals. The Chair already presented the MAC Guidance proposal to the Board policy Group.

Committee Chairs mostly observe the meeting. A Chair breakfast is also held.

Proposals are divided into consent and discussion. The nonA1 Guidance is recommended for consent.

The nonA1 Guidance workgroup lead and Committee Vice Chair reviewed any concerns during the Public Comment period. They include frustration with required additional informed consent, request for information about increased risk, and request for separate protocol for currently waitlisted candidates vs. new candidates.

No substantive changes were made. Only edits for clarity, style, and consistency were added.

The timeline was shown and the Board will vote on this on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Instructional Innovations staff reviewed the plan to produce the instructional offering to complement the Guidance. Established programs will be spotlighted. The release date for the offering is tentatively planned for February.

### **3. Presentation: Resource Effective Implementation of nonA1 to B Program (Georgetown Medstar)**

#### Summary:

An OPTN member (not a committee member) presented on his established nonA1 program. His program will likely be spotlighted in the Instructional offering. This program serves a large urban population. Long term results are still being monitored. The full presentation can be found on the Committee's meeting materials website.

#### Summary of Discussion:

One committee member asked if there was a change in wait time for blood type B. The presenter did not have that data. The presenter does think that wait times can go down if the policy is implemented nationally. Right now, the program is benefitting by the failure of other programs receiving these kidney allocations.

What is the frequency of titer testing? Is the information entered in UNet if not updated? It is easy to test the titers quarterly for this center.

How many centers measure A2 titers? Not many centers use A2 titers. Most use A1 titers. It is not more difficult to test using A2 or A1 titers. This is dependent on cells labs use to test antibodies. All are commercially available.

Titers are repeated post-transplant. All patients seem to do fine from 1:8 to 1:16. If candidates exceed threshold, they are requested to come in a month later to better understand how titers go up and down. If last titer was 1:8, the candidate is typically not transplanted.

Slides are accessible on the MAC SharePoint site.

### **4. Active Project Update**

#### a) OPTN Project Checklist –

The goal of this project is to create equity in access to transplant. The draft is major topics is almost complete and ready for review. The format needs enhancing. The draft will be shared with the full MAC at the January meeting for feedback. Other committees can review it after this.

#### b) Other Projects

No other projects active at this time.

### **5. Feedback on Update to ABO Guidance (January 2018 Public Comment)**

#### Summary:

The ABO Guidance Update is a proposal that will be sent out for spring Public Comment. The Operations and Safety Committee would like MAC's feedback on the update in advance of public comment. The draft was sent to the MAC two weeks ago to review in advance of the meeting. Staff presented an overview of the guidance. The project is still in the evidence gathering phase. The Instructional Innovations department has also created an ABO module for members.

The guidance was originally created because 25% of OPOs have had citations related to subtyping on UNOS routine audits.

The Committee determined that the guidance should be rewritten to incorporate more plain language, and update content and kidney policy.

Summary of Discussion:

There were no questions. The Chair commented that this was very clear or the MAC members need more time to digest it. The Committee will get back to the Operations and Safety Committee with any other feedback.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- January 22, 2017, 1pm-3pm EST, Teleconference
- March 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 3pm CST, Chicago