

**OPTN/UNOS Organ Procurement Organization Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2017
Teleconference**

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Introduction

The OPO Committee met by teleconference on 12/15/2017 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Expedited Organ Placement Concept Paper
2. Guidance on Requested Deceased Donor Information
3. Memorandum from the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC)
4. Imminent and Eligible Definitions Data Request
5. Ethics Committee White Paper

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

1. Expedited Organ Placement Concept Paper

Summary of discussion:

The Committee briefly reviewed the concept paper and did not recommend any changes to the document. The Committee unanimously approved the concept paper for distribution during the January - March, 2018 public comment period.

2. Guidance on Requested Deceased Donor Information

Summary of discussion:

The Committee briefly reviewed the guidance document and did not recommend any changes to the document. The Committee unanimously approved the guidance document for distribution during the January - March, 2018 public comment period.

3. Memorandum from the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC)

Summary of discussion:

The Committee reviewed a memorandum ("memo") from the MPSC regarding the transplant hospital view of the match run. The reason for the memo was that a transplant hospital confused the "provisional acceptance" view with the full match run which led to an allocation that inadvertently bypassed recipients on the match run. The MPSC is recommending system changes to clearly distinguish between the views and requested feedback from the OPO Committee. UNOS Information Technology staff noted that this issue has been discussed by the IT Customer Council and they opined that it should not be a major problem since the sequence numbers are listed and any gaps in the sequence numbers indicate that the entire match run is not being viewed. They agreed that the first step should be to educate members about the different views.

Committee members agreed there should be some way to highlight that the default view for the transplant center is only a list of potential transplant recipients for their center. This could be a combination of colors and text similar to a banner warning found in some organization's emails.

UNOS Instructional Innovations staff noted that an instructional module "Match Run Views In DonorNet" was released in UNOS Connect on Dec. 13, 2017. The community was notified of

this instructional offering by email and through various list serves and will be included on TransplantPro.

Next Steps:

Committee leadership will send a response memo to MPSC leadership reminding them of the training available, recommending a system change to highlight the current view, and to offer assistance to reach out to the Transplant Coordinators Committee.

4. Imminent and Eligible Definitions Data Request

The revised definitions were implemented on January 1, 2017. The Committee discussed a data request to analyze the impact of the changes during the first year of implementation. This includes comparing the number of imminent and eligible deaths in 2017 to previous years (2012-2016). The data request will also compare the number of imminent and eligible deaths by DSA, Region, and patient demographics in 2017 to previous years (2012-2016). This data will be presented at the next in-person meeting scheduled for April 17, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois.

5. Ethics Committee White Paper

Several Committee members provided feedback to the Ethics Committee on a white paper that addresses the practical and ethical considerations for first-person authorization in the context of donation after circulatory determination of death. Committee members were generally supportive of the document and provided several recommended changes via email. The comments were provided to the Ethics Committee liaison.

Upcoming Meeting

- Conference Call - TBD
- April 17, 2018 in Chicago, IL