

OPTN/UNOS Transplant Administrators Committee (TAC)
Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2018
Conference Call

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Introduction

The Transplant Administrators Committee met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 03/28/2018 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Implementation Plan for National Liver Regional Review Board (NLRB) and Liver Distribution
2. OPTN/UNOS Ad Hoc Geography Committee Update

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

1. Implementation Plan for National Liver Regional Review Board (NLRB) and Liver Distribution

UNOS staff will be presenting an update on the implementation of the NLRB and changes to Liver Distribution. Both efforts are scheduled to be implemented in 2018 and UNOS staff would like to solicit feedback from TAC on the implementation schedule and the educational offerings provided to prepare the community for the implementation. The Committee appreciated the presentation and had no questions or comments.

2. OPTN/UNOS Ad Hoc Geography Committee Update

The TAC Chair provided a brief update on the OPTN/UNOS Ad Hoc Geography Committee's activity. The overarching principle defined by the Geography Committee is:

Any geographic constraints pertaining to the principles of organ distribution must be rationally determined and consistently applied to minimize the effect of geography on a candidate's access to transplantation.

This over-arching principle ensures alignment with the Final Rule and allows for a defensible system of distribution.

The TAC Chair reviewed the models that are being considered by the Geography Committee and will continue to provide monthly updates to the TAC during the monthly conference calls.

Upcoming Meeting

- May 23, 2018