

OPTN/UNOS Pancreas Transplantation Committee
Meeting Minutes
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Conference Call

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Introduction

The Pancreas Transplantation Committee (hereafter, the Committee) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 4/16/2018 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Changes to Kidney-Pancreas (KP) Waiting Time Criteria

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

1. Changes to Kidney-Pancreas (KP) Waiting Time Criteria

The Committee reviewed and voted on language to send to the Board in June.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee reviewed the background from the previous call, in which the Committee considered either removing the maximum BMI or raising it to a fixed number. The Committee agreed that the insulin requirement should be kept, so that element was in both versions of the proposal. Both considered proposals would also include the requirement to be registered for a kidney-pancreas, and to qualify for kidney waiting time.

The Committee considered the pros and cons associated with the two options to send to the Board in June. In discussion, Committee members agreed that changing the maximum BMI to a "fixed number" would not adequately address the problem by leaving in place an unfair policy that limits waiting time for candidates unnecessarily. Committee members could not agree on an appropriate BMI number to use to qualify candidates for KP waiting time. The Committee members were in agreement that it would be better to remove the maximum BMI altogether.

In addition, Committee members felt the proposal to remove the maximum BMI altogether would better address the problems identified with the current policy by addressing an inequity and making policy easier to understand and more transparent. A Committee member noted that including the insulin requirement indicates that the candidates demonstrate a need for a kidney-pancreas, and may address some concerns raised in public comment. The Committee agreed an insulin requirement would be appropriate, but felt that a fixed BMI would still be arbitrary, and KP waiting time shouldn't provide a BMI cutoff restriction.

The Committee voted unanimously to support a proposal that reinstates the insulin requirement but still removes the maximum BMI requirement completely from the KP Waiting Time criteria. The vote was 11-0-0. This is what the language will look like in policy:

1. The candidate is registered for a kidney-pancreas.
2. The candidate qualifies for kidney waiting time according to *Policy 8.4, Waiting Time*.
3. The candidate is on insulin, meets at least one of the following criteria:
 - a. Is on insulin and C-peptide less than or equal to 2 ng/mL
 - b. Is on insulin and C-peptide greater than 2 ng/mL and has a body mass index (BMI) less than or equal to the maximum allowable BMI.

Next steps:

The Committee will perform Board outreach to inform and answer questions about the proposed solution. The Board will review this proposal at its June 2018 meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 14, 2018 (teleconference)
- May 31, 2018 (teleconference)