

OPTN/UNOS Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
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Conference Call

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Introduction

The Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee (DTAC) met via Citrix GoTo Training teleconference on 04/24/2018 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. DTAC Public Comment Proposal: *Clarify Informed Consent for Transmittable Conditions*
2. Confidential Medical Peer Case Review

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

1. DTAC Public Comment Proposal: *Clarify Informed Consent for Transmittable Conditions*

Summary of discussion:

The DTAC reviewed two items that had been brought up at the in-person meeting regarding the proposal. First, it was decided to delete the current cross reference in re-execute the match policy for ease of use. The number of recipients for whom this cross-reference might apply is small (n =20) and that most users will primarily use OPTN/UNOS *Policy 15.3: Informed Consent of Transmissible Disease Risk* as their go to reference. The Committee was informed that that legal counsel believes that the tests used to define donors infected with HBV or HCV is sufficiently consistent, although not identical to, the PHS increased risk guideline. This will satisfy the obligation to be consistent with CDC recommendations in the Final Rule.

One member expressed concern that those in the community might still misinterpret policy and obtain consent during the evaluation period versus after organ offer yet prior to transplant for increased donors. DTAC does plan to develop and provide significant education to the community to help dispel any misperceptions. It should be noted that current policy as to obtain this consent prior to transplant specific to the donor and this policy requirement is not changing. Language was added to clarify the timing and will be highlighted in the policy notice and educational materials. The DTAC voted unanimously (15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain) to send the proposed policy to the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors for consideration at their June 2018 meeting.

2. Confidential Medical Peer Case Review

Summary of discussion:

The Committee moved to a closed session of confidential medical peer case review of potential donor-derived transmission events.

Next steps:

The following next steps will be taken:

- Send the DTAC proposal: *Clarify Informed Consent for Transmittable Conditions* to the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors for consideration at their June 2018 meeting.

Upcoming Meeting

- May 8, 2018 confidential medical peer case review teleconference