**OPTN/UNOS Histocompatibility Committee
Meeting Minutes
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Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Histocompatibility Committee (Committee) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 06/05/2018 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Addressing HLA Typing Errors Policy Language

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

1. Addressing HLA Typing Errors Policy Language

Summary of discussion:

The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed policy language associated with the Addressing HLA Typing Errors project. The goals of the policy language were to make three changes required:

1. Double entry of HLA data that is manually entered
2. Upload of raw data attachments in DonorNet®
3. Process for verifying HLA data that is automatically uploaded (i.e. not manually entered)

During the double entry policy language discussion, Committee members wanted to ensure that the language was explicit about what was being entered twice. Suggestions included including policy language that clarified that the HLA typing must be entered twice into UNet^{SM}. When the Committee reviewed the policy language regarding the raw data attachments, there was debate about what to call this attachment. Committee members were concerned that the language may confuse members as written. One Committee member suggested calling it "HLA typing data". Committee members agreed that education on what is meant by this part of policy will be important so that members upload the appropriate materials. During the discussion on the process for verifying HLA data that is automatically uploaded, Committee members commented that the draft policy language only pertained to deceased donors and wanted to ensure that the process applied to both deceased donors and candidates. UNOS staff will amend the language accordingly.

UNOS staff also showed proposed language to remove from Policy 4.4 Resolving Discrepant Donor and Recipient HLA Typing Results. UNOS staff explained that this language that details what data is included in the report provided to laboratories regarding discrepant data is not essential to outline in OPTN policy. Staff explained that it is not common current practice to put data report elements into policy. The Committee was in favor of removing the language given this information from UNOS staff.

Next steps:

UNOS staff will take all of the feedback from the Committee and modify the policy language. The Committee will vote on the policy language on a later call. The proposal is still scheduled to go out for public comment in August 2018.

Upcoming Meetings

- July 10, 2018
- August 14, 2018