

**OPTN/UNOS Operations and Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2018
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Operations and Safety Committee (Committee) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 3/22/2018 to discuss the following agenda items:

- Committee Discussion on Proposals out for January-March 2018 Public Comment
- 1. Proposal 1: Executive Committee: OPTN UNOS Strategic Plan (2018-2021)
- 2. Proposal 2: Executive Committee: Concept paper on improving the OPTN UNOS committee structure
- 3. Public Comment Review

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

1. Proposal 1: Executive Committee: OPTN UNOS Strategic Plan (2018-2021)

The Committee heard a presentation on the OPTN UNOS Strategic Plan. Following the presentation they were asked to provide feedback on a survey being asked of all OPTN/UNOS Committees.

The Committee sentiment on the proposal is expressed in their public comment:

The Operations and Committee supports the proposed OPTN Strategic Plan. Committee members believe that the initiatives below should be the top priorities of the OPTN:

- Enhance sharing of knowledge about safety events, near misses, and effective practices across the transplant community
- Evaluate metrics and monitoring approaches for increased collaboration and performance improvement activities when assessing transplant program and OPO performance
- Reduce geographic disparity in access to transplant
- Improve equity in transplant opportunities for multi-organ and single organ candidates
- Modularize and simplify UNetSM architecture to expedite system changes and improve quality
- Improve efficiency in the policy development and implementation process

2. Proposal 2: Executive Committee: Concept paper on improving the OPTN UNOS committee structure

The Committee received a presentation on the concept paper on improving the OPTN UNOS committee. They were asked to provide feedback on a survey being asked of all OPTN/UNOS Committees.

The Committee sentiment on the proposal is expressed in their public comment:

The Operations and Safety Committee supports the goal behind the proposal and believe that committee organization can be improved. They do have concerns about the proposed implementation.

Half of the Committee agrees that the proposed change in OPTN committee structure allows for greater opportunity for participation by the transplant community. However, the other half is either neutral or disagrees that the proposed change would provide greater opportunity for participation.

Committee opinions vary and there is no majority opinion on whether the proposed change in OPTN committee structure strengthens your voice in the policy making process.

The Committee is split on whether the proposed expert councils and subject committees capture all perspectives needed in the policy making process.

Individual members expressed the following concerns:

- The limitations of the expert councils not being able to submit policy changes to the board
- The amount of people who would be on committees as experts. It is difficult to speak or interact on current committees with more people it could be more difficult to complete in a timely manner.
- The concern about some voices not being heard (such as pediatrics)
- The establishment of “experts” being appointed for specific areas and not having a more reasonable representative body. This may not be an inclusive body and might limit all perspectives that should be utilized in the policy making process.

3. Public Comment Review

The Committee reviewed the most recent summary of public comments on their two proposals. They will consider the comments as they finalize their proposals.

Extra Vessels public comment summary to date:

- All regions support the proposal
- American Society of Transplantation (AST), American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS), and North American Transplant Coordinators Organization (NATCO) support the proposal
- Based on comments regarding recovery date (help documentation = date the donor enters the OR) and errors in extra vessels storage past 14 days due to date confusion, the Committee leadership is speaking with Data Advisory and OPO Committee leadership tomorrow
- The Committee leadership will discuss possibly defining recovery date as cross clamp date

Subtyping guidance public comment summary to date:

- All regions support the proposal
- The AST, ASTS, and NATCO support the proposal
- The Kidney and Membership and Professional Standards Committees support the proposal

Next steps:

- The Committee will submit formal public comments on the OPTN website.
- The Committee will finalize their own proposals at their upcoming in-person meeting.

Upcoming Meeting

- April 11, 2018 In-Person Meeting (Richmond, VA)