

OPTN/UNOS Kidney Transplantation Committee
Meeting Minutes
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Conference Call

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Introduction

The Kidney Committee (Committee) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 05/14/2018 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Active Project Update

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

1. Active Project Update

The Committee has three active projects: Improving Access for Pediatric and Highly Sensitized Kidney Candidates, Allowing Deceased Donor Chains in the OPTN KPD Pilot Program, and Repairing OPTN KPD Chains

Summary of discussion:

The Committee heard updates on the three active projects that are being worked on by several workgroups.

Improving Access for Pediatric and Highly Sensitized Kidney Candidates

The workgroup dedicated to the pediatric component of this project had met twice to review and discuss data on pediatric access under the current kidney allocation system (KAS). The workgroup has members from several OPTN/UNOS committees: Kidney, Pediatric, Ethics, OPO, and Minority Affairs. UNOS Research staff presented an abbreviated version of the data to the full committee. The workgroup will continue to meet once per month and work on developing a data request for modeling.

The workgroup dedicated to the highly sensitized component of this project had met once to review data on highly sensitized candidate access under KAS. This workgroup also has members from several OPTN/UNOS committees: Kidney, Histocompatibility, Patient Affairs, Ethics, OPO, and Minority Affairs. UNOS Research staff gave an abbreviated presentation of this data to the full committee. Since this workgroup had only met once, they will be spending the next call reflecting on the data similar to how the pediatric access workgroup did. The workgroup will continue to meet once per month and work on developing a data request for modeling. Since the pediatric access and highly sensitized workgroups are part of the same larger project, the two workgroups will eventually come back together to develop and submit one modeling request.

Allowing Deceased Donor Chains in the OPTN KPD Pilot Program

The Committee heard a brief update on this project. The workgroup had met several times in 2018 to continue discussing this project; recent meetings had focused on the scope of the project and whether the workgroup felt the resources needed to dedicate to this project were justifiable given certain scenarios (e.g. if the number of transplants only increased minimally from the outcomes of this project). The workgroup generally agreed that the work was important and that they should continue to develop the project. UNOS staff shared the feedback from the

Policy Oversight Committee (POC) from their annual project portfolio review. The POC had concerns about the timeline for this project. Committee members expressed that the slower timeline was intentional in order to thoroughly develop this proposal.

Repairing OPTN KPD Chains

The Committee heard an update on recent work on this project. In March and April 2018, the workgroup refocused their efforts and had consensus building meetings. The Committee also heard POC feedback on this project. The POC had similar concerns with this project as they did with the Deceased Donor Chains KPD Chains project. The POC appreciated the revised timeline, but was concerned that the project had been going on for a long time without much significant progress. The Committee also viewed a timeline for this project.

Next steps:

The workgroups will continue to meet, and the Committee will continue to be updated on their progress.

Upcoming Meetings

- June 18, 2018
- July 16, 2018