

**OPTN/UNOS Organ Procurement Organization Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
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Teleconference**

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**Introduction**

The OPO Committee met by teleconference on 08/28/2018 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Frameworks for Organ Distribution

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

**1. Frameworks for Organ Distribution**

Summary of discussion:

Most of the Committee members supported the continuous distribution model for the following reasons:

- Uses multiple factors to help determine allocation priority. This is the best solution that will meet the needs of the candidates on the waitlist.
- Allows multiple organ-specific medical factors to be included as part of the score.
- Provides the greatest transparency and equity in the distribution of organs.

One Committee member commented that the fixed distance from the donor hospital was the best framework due to logistics and cold ischemia time. Broader sharing increases donor case time, results in more time constraints, and increased costs.

Another Committee member noted that none of the frameworks mention the efficiencies in the system. Not all organs can tolerate increased cold ischemia time and broader distribution may lead to an increased use of backup offers. This may lead to more backup candidates being transplanted so it will be important to monitor the use of backup offers.

**Upcoming Meeting**

- Sept. 24, 2018 (Conference Call)
- Oct. 4, 2018 in Chicago, IL