

OPTN/UNOS Transplant Coordinators Committee
Meeting Minutes
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Conference Call

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Introduction

The Transplant Coordinator Committee (TCC) met via GoToTraining on 10/17/2018 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Public Comment Proposal Review

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

1. Public Comment Proposal Review

The TCC reviewed the proposal and provided the following feedback, based on the questions the Liver Committee posed.

- a. *What MELD sharing threshold does the Committee recommend?*

The TCC supports a MELD threshold of 29-31. On average, with a few exceptions, most programs are transplanting candidates with a MELD of around 29 or lower. Although this would mean more candidates would be in the catchment area, the group felt this would be more equitable.

- b. *Whether the sizes of the fixed distance circles should be larger, smaller, or remain the same.*

The TCC did not explicitly respond to this question.

- c. *Whether the Committee prefers the broader 2-circle model or the acuity circles model.*

The TCC supports the acuity model. The travel time increase seems acceptable in light of the impact on waitlist mortality. In other words, it appears many more lives would be saved with a marginal increase in travel time.

- d. *Do you support expanding Policy 9.11.B: Closed Variance for Allocation of Blood Type O Deceased Donor Livers in Hawaii to apply to Puerto Rico as well?*

The TCC supports expanding the variance to Hawaii, as it stands that Puerto Rico likely faces similar challenges.

The TCC noted that as organ recovery centers proliferate, allocation based off of those locations will have to be addressed.

Upcoming Meeting

- November, 2018