

OPTN/UNOS Kidney Transplantation Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2018
Conference Call

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Introduction

The Kidney Committee met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 12/19/2018 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Kidney-Pancreas (KP) Workgroup Progress & Current Status

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

1. Kidney-Pancreas (KP) Workgroup Progress & Current Status

UNOS staff and the Chair presented the KP Workgroup progress and current status.

Data Summary

Modeling was received from the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) on December 7 and the KP Workgroup met on December 10, 14 and 17. Workgroup members expressed concerns regarding significant drops in transplant rates and counts for kidneys alone. Additionally, SRTR stated limitations in the Kidney-Pancreas Simulated Allocation Model (KPSAM) for predicting changes in program behavior. The Kidney and Pancreas Committee Workgroup members expressed a need to separate frameworks for kidney and pancreas based on medical factors that limit broader distribution of pancreas when compared to kidneys. The Kidney Committee Workgroup members are leaning towards a hybrid model for the broadest distribution.

Next Steps

The Workgroup leadership ultimately decided the Workgroup will need more information before recommending a single framework variation. UNOS staff and KP leadership recommend publishing a concept paper for the spring public comment cycle. The concept paper will allow the transplant community to provide feedback as well as allow the KP Workgroup to continue to work towards a formal proposal for the fall public comment period.

The concept paper will be written by UNOS staff in the coming days and shared with kidney and pancreas members upon completion before its release for public comment in the spring. Committee members were requested to complete a survey sent to them which will help inform UNOS staff of the committee preferences so they are accurately reflected in the concept paper.

HRSA and UNOS leadership have stated the importance that a formal public comment proposal be submitted in the Fall of 2019 for consideration at the December 2019 OPTN Board meeting.

Upcoming Meeting

- January 21, Teleconference
- February 18, Teleconference
- March 25, In-person

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Robert Bray
 - Vincent Casingal
 - Dev Desai
 - Joe Ferreira
 - Valinda Jones
 - Lisa Matthias
 - Deepak Mital
 - Ernesto Molmenti
 - Martha Pavlakis
 - Vinaya Rao
 - Nicole Turgeon
 - Andrew Weiss
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Shannon Dunne
 - Joyce Hager
 - Monica Lin
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Katie Audette
 - Tim Weaver
- **OPTN/UNOS Staff**
 - Beth Coe
 - Nicole Benjamin
 - Peter Goldin
 - Chelsea Haynes
 - Lindsay Larkin
 - Joel Newman
 - Tina Rhoades
 - Liz Robins Callahan
 - Chris Wholley
 - Amber Wilk
- **Other Attendees**
 - Bert Kasiske