

**OPTN Pancreas Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2019
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The OPTN Pancreas Committee (the Committee) met via teleconference on April 17, 2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Pancreas Graft Failure Definition Monitoring
2. Update on Kidney-Pancreas (KP) Project
3. Project Ideas
4. Pancreas Specific Talks at ATC

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

1. Pancreas Graft Failure Definition Monitoring

A member of UNOS Research staff provided an overview of the data request that will be submitted regarding follow up analysis of a previous Committee project.

Summary of discussion:

The Chair asked for suggestions on how to track the insulin usage of patients. The presenter responded that the issue does not have a set protocol and will need to be discussed and worked on by the Committee members. One committee member asked for clarification regarding reporting of graft failure. The presenter clarified that after 90-days of continued insulin use, the situation is considered graft failure. Another member asked for a clarification regarding the 90-day period of insulin use that qualifies as graft failure. A member of UNOS staff mentioned that there is help documentation from the period of implementation that can be used to clarify. The Chair shared how their particular system tracked insulin usage in patients with forms prompted by patients beginning insulin. Another committee member asked if the form mentioned by the Chair is internal or currently on the software Epic. Several other committee members spoke in support of also seeing or having access to this form. The Chair explained it was an internal document but offered to share screenshots to the rest of the Committee.

Next steps:

The UNOS presenter will email the Committee an update when the data request is submitted.

2. Update on Kidney-Pancreas (KP) Project

A member of UNOS staff provided an overview of the KP modeling request that was recently submitted.

Summary of discussion:

The Chair asked when the next workgroup call was scheduled. The presenter explained that future KP workgroup calls still need to be scheduled. The Chair also asked when a past project to change the maximum BMI for a pancreas transplant will be implemented. The presenter explained that implementation will take place in June.

Next steps:

Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (STRT) will return with the modeling results in June.

3. Project Ideas

The Committee discussed some of the most recent project ideas and ranked them in order of interest.

Summary of discussion:

A UNOS staff member explained that the collaborative improvement project would be spearheaded by another department and would not be a project of the Pancreas Committee. The Chair expressed support for such a project.

Another member of the committee spoke in support of a project increasing access for pediatric and highly sensitized candidates. The Committee discussed the amount of projects to undertake during the fall. There was discussion of embracing the collaborative improvement project, the project to increase access for pediatric/sensitized candidates, and continuing work on the pancreas geography project. Multiple members spoke in support of this proposed plan for pursuing future projects. A UNOS staff member pointed out that the project regarding pediatric/sensitized patients falls under the over-allocated OPTN strategic goal #2 and therefore may face some difficulty in receiving approval.

4. Pancreas Specific Talks at ATC

The Committee discussed the upcoming ATC conference and the relevant talks.

Summary of discussion:

A UNOS staff member asked how many Pancreas members will be at the conference and several members identified themselves. The members discussed potentially having an informal meet-up with so many committee members in attendance.

Next steps:

A UNOS staff member will poll attending members of the committee regarding a date and time for an informal gathering.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 15, 2019 (teleconference)
- June 19, 2019 (teleconference)