

**OPTN/UNOS Kidney-Pancreas Workgroup  
Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 2018  
Conference Call**

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**Introduction**

The Kidney-Pancreas Workgroup (the Workgroup) met via teleconference on 12/14/2018 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Geographic Model Frameworks

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

**1. Geographic Model Frameworks**

The Kidney chair reviewed the proposed geographic models and SRTR data presented on the December 10 call. The Kidney chair also reviewed the value questions discussed during the October 15 Kidney Committee meeting.

Summary of discussion:

The Kidney chair asked the Workgroup for feedback on the SRTR data report and their thoughts on potential steps forward. There was concern over the potential decrease in transplant rates as indicated in the SRTR data report but there was also discussion on how the particular transplant rate metric could change based on unforeseen behavior changes. The Kidney chair and UNOS staff encouraged the Workgroup to use the modeling report as a tool for discussion in addition to commonsense judgement and clinical experience, as this lends itself towards the "sound medical judgement" as outlined in the OPTN Final Rule. SRTR staff clarified the modeling report gives predictions on the direction trends are expected to go.

The Workgroup discussed the different frameworks modeled in the report. Many Workgroup members prefer a framework that will cause the least disruption to the transplant community. The Workgroup also discussed the possibility of moving forward with a hybrid solution and making the first circle smaller (250NM) than originally modeled. Some Workgroup members prefer the 2 concentric circle/250NM model per SRTR data results.

The main ideological difference that emerged amongst KP workgroup members was choosing a model with the least disruption and choosing a model with the broadest distribution.

Next steps:

The Workgroup will meet again via teleconference on December 17, 2018 to continue discussion.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- December 17, 2018