

OPTN Vascularized Composite Allograft Committee
Meeting Minutes
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Conference Call

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Introduction

The VCA Committee met via Citrix GoTo teleconference on 07/10/2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Living Donor Committee Update
2. Transplant Outcomes Subcommittee: Progress Update
3. Orientation for New Committee Members

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

1. Living Donor Committee Update

UNOS staff presented an update on the Living Donor VCA project that the Living Donor Committee (LDC) has proposed working on.

Summary of discussion:

There was concern from a few members of the Committee that the LDC will not be pursuing this project until the beginning of next year due to a current project they are working on. Committee members were concerned that there was no data being collected on living donor VCA candidates, however UNOS staff clarified that VCA programs are voluntarily submitting data. Committee members stated that there is a need to make this data collection mandatory and not to hold off on this project, because there may be unknown consequences from these VCA transplants (high profiling when a VCA donor passes away) and to be proactive in the managing of living donors. One Committee member suggested that the VCA leadership meet with LDC leadership to discuss the next steps for this project, and to see how the VCA might assist on this project moving forward.

Next steps:

UNOS staff will reach out to the LDC to set up a meeting when both leadership can meet to discuss next steps for this project.

2. Transplant Outcomes Subcommittee: Progress Update

UNOS staff gave a brief update on the workgroups held on June 14th and June 26th focusing on the TRR and TRF data elements of upper limb, uterus and other VCA types. Feedback was also received via email for head/face/neck stakeholders and experts.

Summary of discussion:

There was no discussion or questions from Committee members.

Next steps:

Transplant Outcomes Subcommittee will present summary of proposed revisions to follow-up forms during the August 14th meeting. Representatives from the Data Advisory Committee (DAC) have been

invited to listen in during this meeting, and the VCA will present their final recommendations to DAC either in September or October.

3. Orientation for New Committee Members

UNOS staff gave a presentation for new Committee members regarding UNOS policies, Committee procedures and Committee expectations.

Summary of discussion:

New Committee members introduced themselves to the VCA Committee.

Upcoming Meetings

- August 14th
- November 15th (in person held in Richmond, VA)