ORGAN PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPLANTATION NETWORK

OPTN Transplant Administrators Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2019
Conference Call

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Introduction

The Transplant Administrators Committee met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 06/26/2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Pursuing API's with Vendors
2. Refusal Code Update
3. Fiscal Impact Work Group
4. Thank You to Outgoing Members
5. Other Business
6. Adjournment

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

1. Pursuing API's with Vendors

OPTN IT gave an update on the ongoing API project.

Summary of Discussion:

Reviewed rationale and goals of the API project

- Reduce Data Burden
- Improve Data Quality
- Improve Security
- Expedite Data Sharing
- Focus on Patient Care

These goals will allow systems to communicate with each other via an API. A progress update was given the following are already completed:

- 2016 – DNR's
- 2017 – Donor Attachments
- 2017 – XML File Transfer
- 2016 – CPRA Calculator
- 2019 – DDR/DCD TIEDI File
- 2018 - TRF/Imm TIEDI File

The following are not completed and in various different stages of development:

- TIEDI TRR Forms
- TIEDI TCR Forms
- TIEDI LDR and LDF Forms
- MELD Labs API
- Unacceptable Antigen Import API

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For future development:

- Living Donor Forms
- Living Donor Follow up Forms
- Waitlist Functions

Current data imports are complicated and have many steps, there are six steps to export the file and then it must be imported to the other system. The API's will provide a seamless data exchange between systems through seamless integration. A request for help was asked of the transplant administrators community:

- Talk to vendors about UNOS API's
- Ask vendors to participate with UNOS API's
- Let UNOS know what API's you would like to see developed

A committee member asked if there were particular vendors that members should reach out to. OPTN IT stated there were no vendors in particular that needed to be contacted.

A committee member asked to see more work done on data collection that is linked to specific unique data fields. OPTN IT confirmed they would be looking at what data collection needs to be where in order to make it more feasible from an EMR perspective.

2. Refusal Code Update

OPTN Research department reported on the collection of offer refusal codes in DonorNet. The current issue is with the "830" code (donor age/quality). The current list of codes and the optional second reason was implemented in 2004. There have been repeated calls from the transplant community to break up code 830 into different codes. The benefits of more detailed codes would be:

- Better understanding of organ non-utilization
- Improved real-time offer decision-making
- Enhanced transplant program quality reviews and benchmarking

The scope of project was identified as:

- Replace old codes with a new, better set of codes
- Update all descriptions related to codes for clarity and to improve quality of data
- No other changes and no increase in member burden

OPTN research asked for committee member feedback on this project and some proposed refusal reasons related to donor quality and organ function:

- Donor age and quality
  - Donor age
  - Expected organ longevity too short (e.g., high KDPI)
  - DCD donor
  - Donor medical history
- Organ-specific issue or organ quality
  - Organ anatomical damage or defect
  - Organ biopsy results
  - Biopsy not performed
  - Organ function
  - Actual or projected cold ischemic time too high

- o Warm ischemic time too high
  - o Organ preservation/pumping issue
- Disease Transmission Risk
  - o PHS increased risk or social behavior
  - o Positive HCV, HBV, HIV, or other viral infectious disease
  - o Donor infection/positive culture

Committee member commented that often times they use the secondary refusal code box (898) that is the only one that allows free text to collect additional data. What is the possibility of adding the option of free text to allow more specific data to be collected? Committee member commented that more specific removal codes would greatly benefit the community.

3. Fiscal Impact Work Group

A committee member gave an overview of the Fiscal Impact Work Group. It is not a significant time commitment, rationale for proposals are reviewed, and projected impact on current programs is reviewed. UNOS develops a one-page summary of the work that has been completed. A request was made of the committee requesting one to two additional members to join the group.

Current Fiscal Impact Work Group members were identified:

- Robert Goodman, MBA
- Ryan Haydu
- Andres Jaramillo, Ph.D
- Angelina Korsun, RN, M.S.N., M.P.A.
- Gwen E. McNatt, RN, CNN, FNP-BC
- Andrea Tietjen, CPA, MBA
- Laura Murdock-Stillion, MHA, FACHE
- Julie Bergin, RN, BSN, MHA
- Lauren B. Quinn, MA
- Gene Ridolfi, BA, RN, MHA
- Jill Stinebring, RN, BSN, MBA, CPTC

4. Thank You to Outgoing Members

Committee chair thanked outgoing members for their participation over their term.

5. Other Business

No other business was brought up.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting

- July, 16, 2019 (Chicago, IL)