

OPTN Operations and Safety Committee

Fall 2019

Recent Public Comment Proposals

- Guidance Document on Effective Practices in Broader Distribution
 - Removed sections related to finance and billing
 - Board approved during June Board meeting (June 9, 2019)
- Available on the OPTN website:
https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/media/2993/osc_boardreport_201906.pdf

Implementation Dates

- Extra Vessels
 - Will go live on **August 15, 2019**. Some changes include:
 - Newer version of TransNet (users must upgrade to 5.10 version)
 - Removal of Unknown and Cannot Disclose Result options for infectious diseases and PHS increased risk question
 - Additional infectious disease test (Strongyloides)
 - Labels will only include HIV, HBV, and HCV infectious disease tests/results and PHS increased risk question to align with OPTN Policy
 - Updates and communications on this update can be found on the OPTN website:
<https://unos.org/unet-system-changes/extra-vessels-changes-are-coming-aug-15/>

Committee Projects

- Anticipated for 2020 Spring Public Comment:
 - ABO Project
 - Guidance Document that will address:
 - Conventional methods for ABO determination
 - Factors Impacting ABO typing reliability
 - Acceptable ABO sources
 - Alternative (new) testing methods for determination of ABO
 - *Revise OPTN Policy 2.6.A Deceased Donor Blood Type Determination*
 - Will address the process for resolving discrepant results, indeterminate results, and methods to resolve those issues.