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)

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/](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.