Liver and Intestine Committee

Fall 2019
Recently Implemented Proposal

National Liver Review Board

- Three specialty boards
  - Adult HCC
  - Adult other diagnosis
  - Pediatric

- Appeals
  - 1\textsuperscript{st} to same review group
  - 2\textsuperscript{nd} to Appeals Review Team (ART)
  - 3\textsuperscript{rd} to Liver Committee
NLRB Results

Data from May 14, 2019 (implementation) to June 24, 2019

- Exception request forms submitted:
  - 1218 initial and extension forms
  - 163 appeal forms
  - 33 ART appeal forms

- Of the initial and exception forms submitted to a specialty board for review,
  - 58% reviewed by the adult HCC board,
  - 34.8% reviewed by the adult other diagnosis board
  - 5.9% reviewed by the pediatrics board
NLRB Results

- Data from May 14, 2019 (implementation) to June 24, 2019
- Overall approval rate: 60.6%
- By specialty board, the approval rates were
  - 73.7% for the adult HCC board
  - 45.9% for the adult other diagnosis board
  - 67.4% the pediatrics board
Exception Forms Submitted by OPTN Region and Specialty Review Board

Count

OPTN Region of Candidate's Transplant Center

*Groups with N < 5 do not contain counts in graph.
Exception Forms Submitted by OPTN Region and Outcome

The bar chart illustrates the count distribution of exception forms by OPTN region and case status. Each region is color-coded to represent different outcomes:

- Approved: Blue
- Denied: Green
- Pending: Purple
- Submitted to Review Board: Yellow
- Withdrew after approval: Red
- Withdrew prior to decision: Light Purple

The chart indicates that Region 5 has the highest count with 238 forms, followed by Region 9 with 114 forms. Regions 1 and 11 have the highest percentage of approved cases, with Region 1 having 77% approved. Region 11 follows closely with 68% approved.

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Exception Forms Submitted by OPTN Region and Outcome
Adult HCC Review Board

Case Status
Approved
Denied
Submitted to Review Board
Withdrawn after approval
Withdrawn prior to decision

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Exception Forms Submitted by OPTN Region and Outcome
Adult Other Review Board

OPTN Region of Candidate's Transplant Center

Case Status
- Approved
- Denied
- Submitted to Review Board
- Withdrawn prior to decision

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Exception Forms Submitted by OPTN Region and Outcome

Pediatrics Review Board

Case Status
- Approved
- Denied
- Submitted to Review Board
- Withdrawn prior to decision

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Distribution of MTS Adjustment for Approved Exception Forms by Specialty Review Board

There were N=226 forms that are not median score-adjusted and N=439 forms that were not reviewed due to auto-approval or withdrawal prior to decision and are not included.
Distribution of Requested MELD or PELD Score for Approved Exception Forms by Specialty Review Board

There were N=236 forms that are not median score-adjusted and N=439 forms that were not reviewed due to auto-approval or withdraw prior to decision and are not included.
Recent Public Comment Proposals

Split Liver Variance

- Changed post-public comment at OPTN Board of Directors meeting
  - Closed variance (region 8)
- Job aid to be available to help OPOs and transplant hospitals determine allocation options for the second segment when livers are split
- What you need to do
  - Complete a participation form before using variance
  - May identify one affiliated center to share with
  - Submit annual log of split liver procedures to OPTN
Current Public Comment Proposal

Clarification of pre-existing liver disease

- Liver candidates may qualify for Status 1A if they have fulminant hepatic failure without pre-existing liver disease
- Currently unclear whether a candidate who received a prior liver transplant could ever qualify
- Clarification will allow prior recipients who otherwise meet criteria to qualify for Status 1A