

**OPTN Transplant Administrators Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 28, 2019  
Conference Call**

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## **Introduction**

The Transplant Administrators Committee met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 08/28/2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Public Comment Presentation: Modifying Data Submission Policies
2. Public Comment Presentation: Data Collection to Evaluate the Logistical Impact of Broader Distribution

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

### **1. Public Comment Presentation: Modifying Data Submission Policies**

This proposal attempts to address concerns about the quality of data reported to the OPTN resulting from unclear data submission deadlines and data changes made after submission. The DAC is a new operating committee under the OPTN Board of Directors.

#### Summary of discussion:

A committee member requested more information about why the quality of data being submitted is not acceptable. Staff explained that data has been often changed by centers after submission. This indicates that original data was not accurate. A committee member sees this as improving the data when it is changed after submission. Staff explained that extending the timeframe is an attempt to ensure the data is correct on the first time it is submitted. A committee member thinks that there should be more specific definitions for data input elements and more staff training.

Another committee member pointed out that patient care will always be prioritized over data entry and there are increasing demands nationally to input more data. There are scarce staff resources to meet this demand.

A committee member asked how the new timeline was created? The committee reviewed policy requirements, asked other OPTN committees, and OPTN staff.

A committee asked what percentage of data was changed and what elements were changed. Staff said this is a combination of missing and substituted data in 24% of forms (At 90 days). Information on which data elements were changed is not available at this moment.

The Committee was asked to vote with a sentiment question using the Public Comment website link.

A committee member requested that proposals like this be shared with the TAC sooner.

#### Next steps:

Staff will draft a comment with TAC leadership and this will be posted on the OPTN website on behalf of the TAC.

**1. Public Comment Presentation: Data Collection to Evaluate the Logistical Impact of Broader Distribution**

This is a request for input on suggested data elements and data sources to assess impact of broader distribution, but not a formal proposal. No policy language is included.

Summary of discussion:

A committee asked if some of this data is already collected and can be pulled electronically. Yes, possibly, but some this information needed may vary by organ type. Other data sources will be needed, too.

How does adding new data points allow before and after comparison? The OPTN must start somewhere. There is a UNOS pilot study that is also assessing which data points to collect.

The Committee was asked to complete the survey using the Public Comment website link.

Next steps:

Staff will draft a comment with TAC leadership and this will be posted on the OPTN website on behalf of the TAC.

**Upcoming Meeting**

- September 25th, 2019 (Teleconference)