

**OPTN Living Donor Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2019
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The OPTN Living Donor Committee (LDC) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 08/14/2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

Public Comment Proposal Presentations:

1. OPTN Data Advisory Committee (DAC) - *Modify Data Submission Policies*
2. OPTN Kidney Transplantation Committee- *Eliminate the Use of DSA and Region in Kidney Allocation Policy*
3. OPTN Pancreas Transplantation Committee- *Eliminate the Use of DSA and Region in Pancreas Allocation Policy*

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

1. OPTN Data Advisory Committee (DAC) - *Modify Data Submission Policies*

The Chair of DAC presented the *Modify Data Submission Policies* proposal. The LDC then gave feedback.

Summary of discussion:

A committee member commented on the data reporting time period changing from a 60 to 90 day window in regards to the Living Donor Follow-Up (LDF) form. He reported that this change would place the 6 month required follow-up right next to the 1 required year follow-up. He expressed concern that a center may try to repurpose data at different time periods and forgo certain follow ups. The Chair responded that DAC did not examine the LDF form deadlines and will consider this in the future. 90 days was selected as a medium between 120 days and 60 days.

Sentiment Vote: Strongly Support: 15%, Support: 85%, Neutral: 0%, Oppose: 0%, Strongly Oppose: 0%

Next steps:

UNOS staff will use the LDC's sentiment and comments to report on this proposal.

2. OPTN Kidney Transplantation Committee- *Eliminate the Use of DSA and Region in Kidney Allocation Policy*

The Vice Chair of the Kidney Transplantation Committee presented the *Eliminate the Use of DSA and Region in Kidney Allocation Policy* proposal. The LDC then gave feedback.

Summary of discussion:

A committee member asked if community level donation rates were taken into account in the modeling. The Kidney Committee Vice-Chair responded that real donation rates were examined. Another committee member asked about the decrease in transplant rate that is shown in the modeling and how the committee plans to address this issue. The committee member also asked if disease burden in the

donor pool is being taken into consideration as a factor when examining geographic inequality. The Kidney Committee Vice-Chair responded that the elimination of DSAs attempts to solve geographic issues and that vulnerable populations may experience an increase in access to transplants. She commented that looking at disease burden in the donor pool could be something to examine in the future. The member questioned the accuracy of the transplant rate and if the transplant rate should be the same across all geographic areas due to population density. The Kidney Committee Vice-Chair pointed out some changes at the program level that cannot be accounted for in the modeling.

Sentiment Vote: Strongly Support: 17%, Support: 50%, Neutral: 25%, Oppose: 0%, Strongly Oppose: 8%

Next steps:

UNOS staff will use the LDC's sentiment and comments to report on this proposal.

3. OPTN Pancreas Transplantation Committee- Eliminate the Use of DSA and Region in Pancreas Allocation Policy

UNOS staff presented an overview of the *Eliminate the Use of DSA and Region in Pancreas Allocation Policy* proposal. The LDC then gave feedback.

Summary of discussion:

Sentiment Vote: Strongly Support: 0%, Support: 70%, Neutral: 30%, Oppose: 0%, Strongly Oppose: 0%

Next steps:

UNOS staff will use the LDC's sentiment and comments to report on this proposal.

This meeting ran short on time. UNOS staff will send out updates on the remaining agenda items. The OPTN Thoracic Organ Transplantation Committee's *Continuous Distribution of Lungs* proposal will be presented at the next LDC meeting on September 11, 2019.

Upcoming Meeting

- September 11, 2019