

**OPTN Transplant Administrators Committee
Meeting Summary
September 25, 2019
Teleconference**

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Introduction

The Transplant Administrators Committee met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 09/25/2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Eliminate the Use of DSA's and Regions in Kidney Allocation
2. Continuous Distribution of Lungs

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

1. Eliminate the Use of DSA's and Regions in Kidney Allocation

A representative from the Kidney Committee presented their Proposal to Eliminate the Use of DSA and Region in Kidney Allocation Policy to the Committee. Members provided feedback and voted on their sentiment of the proposal.

Summary of discussion:

A member had a question about the host OPO's responsibility for delegation, and asked for clarifying information.

The committee representative stated that when the originating OPO is offering the kidney, it must determine if the OPO wants to keep the kidney and continue down the match run or they would have the option of allowing the importing OPO to allocate the kidney

A concern was raised regarding the 500 nautical mile circle and how it affects travel time and the number of blood samples that would be needed. The member asked if the committee considered a 250 nautical mile circle

The committee representative stated that several regions and individuals have already raised this concern and several regions have already submitted amendments and this feedback will be taken back to the committee.

A member asked about logistics; in this model would the local transplant centers be sending their own teams to conduct the procurement.

The committee representative stated they have not discussed that, but what they have discussed is the need to form new relationships and opportunities for problem solving.

One member stated that more OPO's are moving towards a recovery surgeon model, and that will help with the increased distance.

Vote: 8% Strongly Support, 25% Support, 0% Abstain/Neutral 33% Oppose 33% Strongly Oppose

2. Continuous Distribution of Lungs

A representative from the Thoracic Committee presented their Continuous Distribution of Lungs concept paper to the Committee. Members provided feedback and voted on their sentiment of the public comment document.

Summary of discussion:

A member asked if the committee had identified a timeline.

The committee representative stated that could be based on the public comment received. The have an aggressive goal of getting the proposal out for the Fall 2020 public comment cycle.

Vote: 8% Strongly Support, 62% Support, 23% Abstain/Neutral 0% Oppose 8% Strongly Oppose

Upcoming Meeting

- October 33, 2019, Chicago, IL (in-person)