

## **OPTN Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**September 25, 2019**

### **Teleconference**

**Diane Brockmeier, RN, BSN, MHA, Chair**

**Kurt Shutterly, RN, CPTC, Vice Chair**

#### **Introduction**

The OPO Committee met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 08/21/2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Proposal to Eliminate the Use of DSA and Region in Pancreas Allocation Policy – Pancreas Committee
2. Modify Data Submission Policies – Data Advisory Committee (DAC)
3. Continuous Distribution of Lungs Concept Paper – Thoracic Committee

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

#### **1. Proposal to Eliminate the Use of DSA and Region in Pancreas Allocation Policy – Pancreas Committee**

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

##### Summary of discussion:

A member asked that in regards to the 150nm for back up for transplant centers, was this considered for the host OPOs as well. There is concern for KP and having no intent of only using the kidney. There are many times for KP transplants where the pancreas is not in use.

The Pancreas Chair stated that this would be the responsibility of the host OPO and this would not be changed.

The member asked if the 150nm back up would be considered for OPOs as well. The Pancreas Committee Chair stated that this was not considered due to the allocation of the SLK and that this may be reasonable for kidney but for the ischemic time for pancreas, it would not be feasible for both directions. The intent was to find a location nearby for pancreas.

A member asked that when allocating local KP, there is a bypass functionality that can be used.

The Pancreas Committee Chair stated that the 500 nm would be the same as the local indicator.

UNOS staff called for a vote.

Vote: 14% Strongly support, 86% Support (1 additional vote in support verbally)

##### Next Steps:

The comments received by the Committee will be synthesized into a formal statement that will be submitted for public comment.

## **2. Modify Data Submission Policies – Data Advisory Committee (DAC)**

A representative from the DAC presented their Modify Data Submission Policies public comment proposal to the Committee. Members provided feedback and voted on their sentiment of the proposal.

### Summary of discussion:

A member asked if the Committee looked at this at a more upstream approach in there being a way to have this more automated than extending the timeframe in completing the required forms. The member continued by stating that there is concern that the longer the deadline, the more likely it would be for the forms to be completed at the time of the deadline.

The Committee Vice Chair stated that the data cannot be used unless the data is final and locked. Although this may take some time to put in place.

There has been some discussion in automating the data and developing more tools for automated data transfers rather than manual entered data. The DAC has discussed this as well and are currently looking at the current forms

The Committee Vice Chair stated that it is useful to know what is causing the delays and that this information would be brought back to the Committee.

Vote: 20% Strongly support, 60% Support, 17% Oppose

### Next Steps:

The comments received by the Committee will be synthesized into a formal statement that will be submitted for public comment.

## **3. Continuous Distribution of Lungs Concept Paper**

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:

There were no comments or questions on the Continuous Distribution of Lungs Concept paper. UNOS staff called for a vote.

Vote: 75% support, 25% Neutral/Abstain

### Next Steps:

The comments received by the Committee will be synthesized into a formal statement that will be submitted for public comment.

## **Upcoming Meeting**

- October 10, 2019 (in-person)