

**OPTN Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee
Deceased Donor Registration (DDR) Review Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
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Teleconference**

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Introduction

The Deceased Donor Registration (DDR) Review Workgroup met via teleconference on October 15, 2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Overview of the Review Process
2. Clinical Information Review
3. Next Steps

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

1. Overview of the Review Process

Summary of discussion:

UNOS staff solicited feedback from the workgroup members on the review process. Several workgroup members noted that they were still experiencing issues while trying to enter the information on the master worksheet located in the project SharePoint folder. UNOS staff provided a brief overview of the process for checking the worksheet out, making edits, then checking it back in so other members can edit the worksheet.

One member noted that there are certain data elements that need to be discussed in more detail. For example, the number of responses for medications is significant enough that the workgroup needs to evaluate them individually to determine if changes need to be made. UNOS staff agreed to review this data element in order to facilitate further discussions. UNOS staff also agreed to format future review worksheets so members can provide comments that are more granular.

The workgroup members provided feedback on the assignments for the data elements. For the initial review, the workgroup members were divided into two groups with three members in each group. The workgroup members supported a change to three groups with two members in each group. This will allow for a more efficient process for the reviews and eliminate. Finally, the Workgroup Chair suggested that group members work together and communicate during the review period.

UNOS staff solicited input on how to best use of time during the workgroup conference calls. UNOS staff proposed that workgroup members complete review assignments at least one week prior to each conference call. This will allow time for UNOS staff to review the comments and determine what clarifications or questions need to be discussed as a group. For example, the next workgroup meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2019, which would mean a deadline of November 12, 2019 for reviews to be completed. Workgroup members supported this approach.

2. Clinical Information Review

Summary of discussion:

The workgroup briefly discussed the responses to the donor management medications data element. The available responses for each of the medications listed on this section of the DDR are yes, no, or unknown. One workgroup member noted that these medications could be administered several times throughout the course of donor management. Another member noted that the form does not collect the dosage for each of the medications, which is important information to collect. An example used was diuretics, where the donor could receive a loop diuretic for one issue and an osmotic diuretic for another issue. The workgroup members agreed that this should be discussed further and it could potentially be added to the deletion “parking lot.” UNOS staff will identify those data elements that require additional discussion. UNOS Research staff noted that any data element that is added to the deletion parking lot will be further evaluated from a historical perspective and will require input from SRTR staff. Finally, UNOS staff noted that the organ-specific committees would need to be consulted during any discussions to eliminate or change data elements.

The Workgroup Chair suggested that the workgroup review the blood transfusion data element because it is important to capture an actual numeric value instead of the ranges that currently exist in the response options.

3. Next Steps

UNOS staff shared next steps of the DDR Review project with workgroup members.

Summary of discussion:

The workgroup members agreed to review the lifestyle factors section prior to the next conference call. The Workgroup Chair noted that the organ recovery section would require a significant amount of work and discussion. She suggested that when the workgroup gets to that section to start with the donation after circulatory death (DCD) and donation after brain death (DBD) section since it would require significant discussion.

Upcoming Meetings

- November 19, 2019
- December 17, 2019