

**OPTN Pediatric Transplantation Committee
Meeting Summary
December 18, 2019
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The OPTN Pediatric Transplantation Committee (the Committee) met via teleconference on 12/18/2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Pediatric Component Bylaws Implementation
2. Project Update: Liver
3. Project Update: Kidney
4. Project Update: Gap Analysis on the Application of Ethical Principles of Pediatric Allocation
5. Other Items

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

1. Pediatric Component Bylaws Implementation

Applications for the new pediatric component bylaws were due on December 3, 2019.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee was provided data on the number of applications for pediatric components received, the number of members that opted out of having a pediatric component, and the number of outstanding applications, stratified by organ type.

A Committee member noted that it will be important to continue to monitor the implementation of the bylaws, especially those programs that are opting out of having a pediatric component.

Next steps:

The Committee will continue to monitor the implementation of the bylaws and receive updated data during future meetings.

2. Project Update: Liver

The Committee previously discussed working on a project to address pediatric liver waitlist mortality.

Summary of discussion:

Committee members described recent efforts to work with the OPTN Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee (the Liver Committee) on updates to the National Liver Review Board (NLRB). Committee members noted interested in working with the Liver Committee on changes to the guidance documents for the Pediatric NLRB.

Next steps:

The Committee will continue to work with the Liver Committee to improve the NLRB for pediatric candidates.

3. Project Update: Kidney

The Committee previously discussed working on a project with the Kidney Committee to improve pediatric kidney allocation.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee reviewed a letter submitted by member institutions regarding pediatric priority in kidney allocation. The Committee discussed a response to the letter. A Committee member updated the Committee on the kidney-pancreas allocation policy that was approved by the OPTN Board of Directors in December 2019.

The Committee then discussed the Policy Oversight Committee's strategic priority to examine multi-organ transplant allocation. Specifically, the Committee noted concern that in the current allocation system, multi-organ candidates receive priority relative to single-organ pediatric candidates. The Committee discussed ways to move forward to address this concern. The Committee discussed the need for more data to quantify the scope of the issue before pursuing any specific projects. The Committee agreed to continue discussing this issue while still pursuing a project to improve pediatric kidney allocation.

Next steps:

The Committee will continue to discuss a data request on multi-organ transplant and a project to improve pediatric kidney allocation.

4. Project Update: Gap Analysis on the Application of Ethical Principles of Pediatric Allocation

The Committee is working on a project with the OPTN Ethics Committee to draft a manuscript on the application of the ethical principles of pediatric organ allocation.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee Chair presented the proposed project plan to the Committee. The Chair noted that the current principles of pediatric allocation do not need to be updated.

Next steps:

Committee leadership will discuss the project plan with Ethics Committee leaders and then form a work group.

5. Other Items

The Chair provided an update on the Collaborative Improvement project. The Committee noted a desire for more information about the project moving forward.

Upcoming Meetings

- January 15, 2020
- February 19, 2020