

**OPTN Operations and Safety Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 19, 2019  
Conference Call**

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## **Introduction**

The OPTN Operations and Safety (the Committee) met by teleconference on December 19, 2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. ABO Project Discussion
2. Data Collection Project Update
3. New Project idea: Saline in Packaging Materials
4. Updates: HLA Initiative, DonorNet<sup>®</sup> Functionality, Post-Transplant Reporting Project

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

### **1. ABO Project Discussion**

The Committee voted on if the proposed language should be considered for public comment submission.

#### Summary of discussion:

ABO Guidance Document:

**Vote: Yes- 100%, No- 0%**

Proposed modifications to blood type determination and reporting policies:

**Vote: Yes- 100%, No- 0%**

#### Next Steps:

The policy proposal and guidance document will be considered for public comment submission.

### **2. Data Collection Project Update**

The Committee was given an update on a potential data collection project. UNOS staff presented data on consent and case time.

#### Summary of discussion:

A member noted that average case time has increased 10 hours since the beginning of January 2015. This member suggested that the impact of broader distribution could be the reasoning for this increase. Another member remarked that while the overall increase in case times is likely related to broader distribution, it will be difficult to draw detailed conclusions without more data.

A member asked if the OPTN captures data on the number of donor families who rescind organ donation and the reason for this decision. Another member remarked that it may be more useful to look

at individual OPOs at an individual level to gather this data. Members want to seek more data on rescission of consent.

The Committee decided that they would like to further their query on this topic. Members were especially interested in more exact reasoning for the increase in case time. They would like to know if the organ yield has increased or decreased and examine any consequences of the overall increased time. A member suggested developing a survey that asks OPO staff about their perceptions of these events. The Committee wants to explore any correlation between OPOs and case times, consent times, or other currently unknown factors.

Next Steps:

Members agreed that the Committee should continue to pursue this potential project. They will form a workgroup for this data collection project comprised of members from the Operations and Safety and Data Advisory committees in addition to UNOS Data Governance. UNOS staff will call for workgroup volunteers and start project work in early 2020.

**3. New Project Idea: Saline in Packaging Materials**

The Committee was given an update on this new project idea.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee was informed that two more incidences of frozen kidneys have occurred since they were last updated.

Potential ideas for this project are an educational piece and/or the review/proposal of language to *OPTN Policy 16.3: Packaging and Labeling*.

Next Steps:

The Committee will form a workgroup and further outline this project.

Form Workgroup

**4. Updates: HLA Initiative, DonorNet® Functionality, Post-Transplant Reporting Project**

Summary of discussion:

A member noted that in regards to the HLA initiative, work is being done behind the scenes on Histo Trac databases.

There were no further comments. The meeting was adjourned.

**Upcoming Meeting**

- January 30, 2019 (teleconference)