OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee

Winter 2020
Recent Implementation

- OPTN Definition of a Transplant Hospital – effective January 13, 2020
- All transplant hospital members found in compliance
- Notify OPTN of any changes in the location of operating rooms used for transplant
Membership Requirements Revision Project

Problem to be addressed

- **Contract task:** “…[with] involvement of the MPSC, the Contractor shall develop and implement a process for periodic reassessment of membership status once approved. . .”

- Issues with sections of membership requirements identified by MPSC, staff or members of community

- While individual bylaw changes have been made, no comprehensive review of all membership requirements in over 10 years
Membership Requirements Revision Phase 1

- Review and propose revisions to OPTN Bylaws that:
  - Provide process for review of applications for membership in the OPTN or for new transplant programs
  - Requirements that an OPO, histocompatibility lab and transplant hospital and transplant programs need to meet to be approved

- Review and propose changes to framework for transplant program key personnel requirements
  - Requirements for all organ specific requirements follow same format
  - Concept Paper

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Considerations for Revisions

- Support process for periodic reassessment of membership status
- Consistency with current practice and qualifications
- Reduce complexity to simplify application process and review by MPSC
- Consider ways to stratify requirements based on type of application
  - Initial request for approval
  - Reassessment of membership status
  - Key personnel application for individual with no previous experience as key personnel
  - Key personnel application for individual with previous experience as key personnel
Collaboration

- OPTN Committees – OPO, Histocompatibility, Transplant Administrators & Organ-specific

- External Stakeholders
  - American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS)
  - American Society of Transplantation (AST)
  - Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO)
  - NATCO
  - American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI)
  - College of American Pathologists (CAP)
Phase 1 Timeline

9/19 – 7/20
• Phase 1 - MPSC review, collaboration with other committees

Fall 2020
• Public comment organizational/transplant program membership requirements
• Concept paper transplant program key personnel framework

12/20
• Submit proposal to OPTN Board for approval
Questions