

**OPTN Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee
Import Backup Workgroup
Meeting Summary
January 27, 2020
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Import Backup Workgroup (the Workgroup) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 1/27/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Cross Organ Rules

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

1. Cross Organ Rules

UNOS Information Technology (IT) staff provided an overview of how the current business rules operate for notification limits, donor acceptance criteria, and contact management.

Summary of discussion:

UNOS IT staff noted that with the changes to distance-based organ allocation, there is a need to address the rules around these three tools (notification limits, donor acceptance criteria, and contact management). Currently, the system uses "import" and "local" options for each of these tools that support the match run. With a change to "local" and subsequent changes to released kidney and pancreas match runs, there is a need to reexamine these match run supporting tools.

UNOS IT staff noted that the changes to released organ match runs might drive a change the way these rules operate. Thoracic (lung and heart) allocation is currently operating in a distance-based model without changes to the tools. Thoracic Committee leadership did not support any changes for heart allocation based on the experience with lung since 2017. However, several OPOs have recently expressed concerns about notification restrictions since the release of the new heart allocation policies in January 2020. Additionally, the liver acuity circle proposal is scheduled to be implemented soon.

Since this effort will now focus on the allocation of all organ types, UNOS IT staff noted the current roster for this workgroup should include representation from additional organ-specific committee as well as the Transplant Coordinators Committee. This workgroup will also continue to address the requirements for the reallocation of kidneys and pancreata. UNOS IT staff noted that there are timeline constraints in order to implement the changes in time for the December 2020 release of kidney, pancreas, and kidney-pancreas allocation. Finally, there is the need to evaluate making timely changes for heart allocation based on the concerns raised by the community.

The workgroup members agreed with the suggested changes to the workgroup roster and the charge of the workgroup. The workgroup name will also be changed from "Import Backup Workgroup" to a name better aligned with the new charge. There were no additional comments or questions.

Next Steps:

- UNOS staff will solicit representation from the following OPTN committees: Thoracic, Transplant Coordinators, Liver and Intestine, and Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA).

Upcoming Meeting

- March 11, 2020 (Teleconference)