

OPTN Pediatric Transplantation Committee

Meeting Summary

February 19, 2020 PM EST

Conference Call

George Mazariegos, MD, Chair

Evelyn Hsu, MD, Vice Chair

Introduction

The OPTN Pediatric Transplantation Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 02/19/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. National Heart Review Board for Pediatrics
2. Pediatric Bylaws Member Opt Out Data
3. Peds- Kidney Collaboration
4. Peds- Ethics Collaboration

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

1. National Heart Review Board for Pediatrics

The Thoracic Committee presented and solicited feedback on their proposal that is currently out for public comment.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee discussed the proposed composition of the review board which calls for equal representation from all 65 active pediatric programs. Due to the wide range of activity level among these programs, some Committee members felt that programs who complete more transplants should have more representation on the review board. Other members expressed that some lower volume programs may have surgeons with extensive experience. Members also suggested that the National Heart Review Board for Pediatrics may want to look to the Pediatric National Liver Review Board (NLRB) for guidance during its early development.

Vote: 5 Strongly Support, 3 Support, 1 Abstain

Next steps:

This feedback will be used to draft a public comment to be posted to the OPTN website.

2. Pediatric Bylaws Member Opt Out Data

The Committee heard an update on the pediatric component bylaws implementation as of 2/12/20. The deadline for these applications was 12/3/19

Summary of discussion:

Members discussed the potential burden for patients who will have to travel further distances to an active program after the bylaws are implemented. The Committee aims to investigate in which geographic areas candidates could face travel burden due to pediatric programs opting out. The Committee suggested creating a map of active pediatric programs after the bylaws take effect in order

to examine any transportation barriers that could be negatively impacting pediatric patients' access to transplantation.

Next steps:

The Committee will continue to monitor member opt out data as it becomes available.

3. Peds- Kidney Collaboration

The Committee heard an update on the "Improving Access for Pediatric Candidates in Kidney Allocation" project.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee reviewed feedback from a discussion with the OPTN Kidney Transplantation Committee. Pediatric and Kidney leadership reviewed three potential collaboration projects; focus on sequence C, pediatric over KP priority, and KDPI. The Kidney Committee seemed most interested in a potential project that aims to increase pediatric priority within sequence C. A question that came out of this discussion was if SRTR saw a need to update the KPSAM to reflect post-DSA changes for this project. An SRTR representative reported that they did not see any need. Should the Committee want post – DSA changes data, this representative suggested waiting a year for the data to develop.

Next steps:

The Committee decided to request approval for a joint workgroup and to move the project towards presentation to the Policy Oversight Committee (POC).

4. Peds- Ethics Collaboration

This Committee requested that this update be sent out via email due to time constraints.

Upcoming Meetings

- March 25, 2020 (Chicago, IL)
- April 15, 2020 (Teleconference)

Attendance

- **Members**
 - Amira Al-Uzri
 - Regino Gonzalez-Peralta
 - Evelyn Hsu
 - George Mazariegos
 - Melissa McQueen
 - Melissa Nugent
 - Meghan Portis
 - Sara Rasmussen
 - John Renz
 - Jodi Smith
 - Khashayar Vakili
 - Priya Verghese
 - Rachel White
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Marilyn Levi

- **SRTR Staff**
 - Nick Salkowski
 - David Schladt
 - Bryn Thompson
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Matt Caferella
 - Julia Foutz
 - Betsy Gans
 - Erick Messick
 - Kelley Poff
 - Leah Slife
 - Roger Vacovsky
- **Other Attendees**
 - Joseph Hillenburg