

OPTN Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee

Meeting Summary

February 19, 2020

Conference Call

Diane Brockmeier, Committee Chair

Kurt Shutterly, Co-Chair

Introduction

The Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 2/19/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. ABO Guidance and Policy Modifications
2. Distribution of Kidneys and Pancreata from Alaska
3. HLA Equivalency Tables Update

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

1. ABO Guidance and Policy Modifications

The Operations and Safety Committee (OSC) Vice Chair provided an overview of both the ABO Guidance Document and the ABO Policy Modifications proposals.

Summary of discussion:

A member asked if there was anyone from the blood banking community that can provide assistance when OPOs are having issues with labs not releasing results. The OSC Vice Chair provided the names of the blood bank representatives on the ABO workgroup as a potential resource.

Sentiment votes:

- Guidance on Blood Type Determination (6- strongly support, 4 support, 0 neutral/abstain, 0 opposed, 0 strongly opposed)
- Modify Blood Type Determination and Reporting Policies (5- strongly support, 4 support, 1 neutral/abstain, 0 opposed, 0 strongly opposed)

2. Distribution of Kidneys and Pancreata from Alaska

Summary of discussion:

A member asked if there were hospitals in other regions that were in a similar situation due to their remote location and whether this could potentially be extended to other regions. The member also noted that she was aware of one program specifically that could benefit from a similar change. UNOS staff offered to take the name of the hospital and review the potential impact.

Sentiment votes: (6- strongly support, 2 support, 1 neutral/abstain, 0 opposed, 0 strongly opposed)

3. HLA Equivalency Tables Update

Summary of discussion:

The members were provided with a brief overview of this proposal and the opportunity to provide comments. There were no comments.

The meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings

- March 18, 2020 (Teleconference)
- April 22, 2020 (Chicago, IL)