

## **OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee**

### **Meeting Summary**

**March 18, 2020**

**Conference Call**

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### **Introduction**

The Transplant Coordinators Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 03/18/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. HRSA Organ Donation Outreach Materials: Request for Feedback
2. OPTN Policy Oversight Committee Update
3. PTR Refusal Codes Project Updates
4. Continuous Distribution: AHP/Decision Lens Prioritization Exercise
5. COVID-19 Discussion

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

#### **1. HRSA Organ Donation Outreach Materials: Request for Feedback**

HRSA staff presented the request for feedback to the Committee.

##### Data summary:

See attached slides.

##### Next steps:

Committee members who are interested in participating in the survey should reach out to HRSA staff at the email or phone number provided in the presentation.

#### **2. OPTN Policy Oversight Committee Update**

Committee Vice Chair presented on the current work being done on the Policy Oversight Committee.

##### Data summary:

See attached slides.

##### Summary of discussion:

The Committee had no questions or concerns.

#### **3. PTR Refusal Codes Project Updates**

UNOS IT staff presented on the current progress of the PTR refusal codes project.

##### Data summary:

See attached document.

##### Summary of discussion:

The Committee is highly supportive of this project. They had the following suggestions:

- Adding a code for donor recovery timing constraint
- Split the code for recovery team not available into center recovery team not available and local recovery team not available, especially with the implementation of broader sharing
- Keep the transplant team workload code
- Unblinding the reason for “898” organ-specific test refusal

The Committee also recommended providing an educational offering on using a secondary code once the new refusal codes are implemented.

UNOS IT staff asked if they had a preference on using numerical codes or simply listing the decline reasons. The Committee felt that implementation would be successful and the interface would be usable with any of the suggested IT solutions.

Next steps:

UNOS IT staff will take back the suggestions of the Committee members to the project workgroup.

**4. Continuous Distribution: AHP/Decision Lens Prioritization Exercise**

UNOS staff presented on the Thoracic Committee’s request for TCC members to complete AHP exercise.

Data summary:

See attached slides.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee had no questions or concerns.

Next steps:

UNOS staff to send out the AHP exercise for Committee members to complete.

**5. COVID-19 Discussion**

Committee members requested time to discuss their respective responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Summary of discussion:

Committee members have had the following approaches:

- Postponing living donor surgeries
- Prioritizing patients on waiting list
- Not inactivating any patients at this time
- Increasing telehealth options
- Declining offers from donors that exhibit any potential symptoms, since testing is sparse
- Additional advance screening for COVID symptoms in potential recipients

**Upcoming Meetings**

- April 15, 2020, Teleconference
- May 20, 2020, Teleconference
- June 17, 2020, Teleconference