

## **OPTN Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee**

### **Meeting Summary**

**March 18, 2020**

**Conference Call**

**Diane Brockmeier, Committee Chair**

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### **Introduction**

The Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 3/18/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Refusal Codes Project Update
2. Implementation of Expedited Placement of Livers Policy
3. Feedback on Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) Revisions to OPTN Bylaws, Appendix B
4. Update on Committee Meeting in Chicago, Illinois

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

#### **1. Refusal Codes Project Update**

UNOS Information Technology (IT) staff provided an overview of this project.

#### Summary of discussion:

The Committee appreciates this effort and several members noted that it was long overdue. UNOS IT staff provided an estimated timeline, which will be implementation sometime in 2021. They also noted that there is a temporary COVID-19 code being implemented to assist members and there will be an upcoming communication to members about this effort.

Additional committee comments included:

- Add a refusal code for instability of the donor or multiple pressors present
- Add a refusal code for time constraints such as inability to move donor OR, family constraints, delay in transplant team arrival, external outliers, etc.
- Keep numeric code for refusal codes
- Evaluate using whole number for the category and then decimals for the specific refusal code. For example: Category 1: 701.1, 701.2, 701.3 and category 2: 710.1, 710.2, 710.3

There were no additional comments or questions.

#### Next Steps:

- The Committee looks forward to providing additional feedback as this project moves forward.

## **2. Implementation of Expedited Placement of Livers Policy**

UNOS IT staff presented an initial mockup of the “expedited placement wizard” that OPOs would use to add information and initiate the expedited placement of livers.

### Summary of discussion:

The Committee provided the following feedback:

- It was reasonable to collect late turndown data prior to asking the OPO user if they want to proceed with expedited placement. They agreed the potential data collected outweighed the potential data burden. A member asked if an OPO does not initially chose to initiate expedited placement would they have the ability to initiate it later. UNOS staff confirmed that the option would be available to the OPO in that scenario.
- UNOS IT asked if transplant programs should be allowed to set the expedited donor acceptance criteria wider than normal donor acceptance criteria. There was support for allowing transplant programs to make that decision based on individual scenarios. There was support for programming a warning message and soliciting input from the Liver and Intestinal Transplantation Committee.

### Next Steps:

- UNOS IT will continue to solicit input from the committee as programming moves forward.

## **3. Feedback on Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) Revisions to OPTN Bylaws, Appendix B**

The Committee reviewed the summary document for the proposed revisions to the bylaws.

### Summary of discussion:

The MPSC has been working on changes to the *OPTN Bylaws, Appendix B: Membership Requirements for Organ Procurement Organizations (OPO)* that will require feedback from the OPO Committee. MPSC staff the comments provided via email prior to the meeting and noted that additional feedback can still be provided.

## **4. Update on Committee Meeting in Chicago, Illinois**

UNOS staff provided an update on the in-person meeting scheduled for April 22, 2020.

### Summary of discussion:

UNOS staff noted that the in-person meeting in Chicago, Illinois would be changed to a conference call in response to the COVID-19 crisis. The conference call will probably be 2-3 hours and focus on higher priority agenda items. UNOS staff will provide additional information via email.

There were no additional comments or questions and the meeting was adjourned.

### **Upcoming Meeting**

- April 22, 2020 (Teleconference, previously in Chicago, IL)