

OPTN Vascular Composite Allograft Committee

Meeting Summary

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Conference Call

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Introduction

The OPTN Vascular Composite Allograft Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 03/11/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Adding VCA to UNet Project
2. MAC SES Proposal
3. Workgroup Updates
4. Public Comment Update

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

1. Adding VCA to UNet Project

VCA will be added to UNet before necessary changes are made to TIEDI forms. These changes include:

- Modify Transplant Recipient Registration (TRR) and Transplant Recipient Follow-up forms (TRF)
- Develop LDR/LDF for use with all VCA living donors and the addition of uterus –specific data fields (projected for public comment in Summer 2020)

OPTN Policies that currently exclude VCA from requirements associated with UNet functions, such as using the match run within UNet, will also need to be modified.

Summary of discussion:

A member reported that the inclusion of VCA into UNet should be a priority at this time. This could assist VCA programs when determining program compliance as attempting to do so by transplant numbers will be difficult. The ability to determine membership performance will be positively impacted by adding VCA to the UNet system.

Next steps:

- Add the Data Advisory Committee (DAC) to the conversation
- 3/26- Seek Policy Oversight Committee Approval
- 4/3 Virtual Meeting
 - Identify elements for Transplant Candidate Registration (TCR) form
 - Review DonorNet and Waitlist
 - Review policy language –Amend data collection policies 18.1 as needed and vote

2. MAC SES Project

The Minority Affairs Committee (MAC) solicited feedback on their public comment proposal, "Data Collection to Assess Socioeconomic Status and Access to Transplant".

Summary of discussion:

The VCA Committee offered the following feedback:

- Income changes overtime, so a one-time pre-transplant data collection may not be useful
- The MAC need to consider adjustment for cost of living
- Patients may take offense to such a personal question
- How will the OPTN ensure the collection of this data will not have unintended consequences such as patient mistrust or providers excluding patients from transplant because they are less likely to have successful outcomes?
- A member commented that their program will only ask about income if they plan to give the patient a tangible return, such as free prescriptions.

Next steps:

The MAC will use this feedback to assist in the revision of their proposal.

3. Workgroup Updates

The Committee heard updates on the VCA Living Donor Data Collection Workgroup (Policy 18)

Summary of discussion:

During the first VCA Living Donor Data Collection Workgroup (the Workgroup) on March 9, 2020, the Workgroup reviewed the project problem statement, discussed the potential solution, and agreed upon the timeline. Members reviewed data fields on the Living Donor Registration (LDR) forms, noting three sections where uterus-specific fields could be added. The Workgroup asked how the data collected by the LDR and Living Donor Follow-up (LDF) forms are used. A member asked what information is currently collected on VCA living donors. Another member asked about the original purpose and intent of these forms.

Next steps:

At their next meeting, the Workgroup will have a closer look at these forms and begin to discuss potential additional data fields

4. Public Comment Update

Summary of discussion:

Currently the Committee has only received a few comments on their documents (insert names here) out for public comment.

Next steps:

Members agreed to participate in outreach to their peers in order to obtain more feedback before public comment closes on 3/24/2020.

Upcoming Meetings

- April 3, 2020
- May 13, 2020