

OPTN Vascular Composite Allograft Committee

Meeting Summary

May 13, 2020

Conference Call

Linda Cendales, MD, Chair

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Introduction

The Vascular Composite Allograft Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 05/13/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Transition Procedure Discussion- Removal of Regions
2. VCA in UNetSM Overview
3. Review VCA in UNetSM Policy Language
4. VOTE: Do you support sending the VCA in UNetSM policy proposal out for public comment in August 2020?
5. TRR/TRF Proposal
6. Review Policy 14 Draft with VCA Updates Update on LDR/LDF Project

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

1. Transition Procedure Discussion- Removal of Regions

The Committee received an update on the "Removal of Regions in VCA Allocation" policy. This policy is planned to be implemented in June 2020.

Summary of discussion:

Consideration of whether a transition procedure is needed was discussed for this policy implementation that involves allocation changes as part of compliance with Final Rule requirements. The Committee reviewed current waiting list data showing relatively small numbers of VCA type registrations across regions. The Committee did not identify any specific population that would be disadvantaged. The Committee agreed that a transition plan was not necessary.

Next steps:

A transition plan will not be developed for the Removal of Regions in VCA Allocation project.

2. VCA in UNetSM Overview

UNOS Staff gave a UNetSM overview and displayed the features of the VCA initial rollout.

Summary of discussion:

Committee leadership asked for more volunteers to help with the UNetSM programming and testing process, particularly those with experience with upper limb and uterus

Next steps:

These volunteers will work with UNOS IT staff.

3. Review VCA in UNetSM Policy Language

The Committee reviewed policy language that:

- Will remove current VCA policy exclusions related to deceased donor UNetSM requirements in addition to language
- Will add VCA policy where it is needed for specific UNetSM requirements

Summary of discussion:

No discussion.

Next steps:

The Committee will vote to send the VCA in UNetSM policy proposal to public comment in August of 2020.

4. VOTE: Do you support sending the VCA in UNetSM policy proposal out for public comment in August 2020?

Summary of discussion:

100% of Committee members who participated (10) elected to send the VCA in UNetSM project out for public comment in August of 2020.

Next steps:

Public comment: August 4, 2020- October 1, 2020.

Board of Directors: December 2020

5. TRR/TRF Proposal

The Committee received an update of the TRR/TRF proposal.

Summary of discussion:

Changes to these forms:

- Replaces SF-36 with SF-12 on TRR and TRF except uterus
- Removes SF-36 from TRR and TRF for uterus
- Aligns data elements with applicable form

Next steps:

Board Policy Group: May 15, 2020

Board of Directors: June 8, 2020

6. Review Policy 14 Draft with VCA Updates & Update on LDR/LDF Project

Summary of discussion:

Policy 14 Project:

- The Living Donor VCA Workgroup will have a final meeting on May 14, 2020 to discuss this project
- The Living Donor Committee (LDC) is expected to vote to send the Policy 14 project out for public comment in August of 2020 at their meeting on May 20, 2020

Update on LDR/LDF Project

- The Workgroup had their final meeting on May 4, 2020

- DAC reviewed and endorsed the proposal on May 11, 2020
- LDF has been sent to committee for feedback
- The LDR will be sent out upon a final review

Next steps:

The Committee has been asked to submit feedback on LDR/LDF before the June 10, 2020 meeting. During this meeting the Committee will finalize the LDR/LDF proposal and vote to send it to the August 2020 public comment period.

Upcoming Meeting

- June 10, 2020

Attendance

● ~~Committee Members~~

- ~~○ Sandra Amaral~~
- ~~○ Linda Cendales~~
- ~~○ Vijay Gorantla~~
- ~~○ Larry Gottlieb~~
- ~~○ Linda Irwin~~
- ~~○ Nicole Johnson~~
- ~~○ Sheila Jowsey-Gregoire~~
- ~~○ Danielle Niefeldt~~
- ~~○ Bohdan Pomahac~~
- ~~○ Paige Porrett~~
- ~~○ Debra Priebe~~
- ~~○ Simon Talbot~~
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● ~~HRSA Representatives~~

- ~~○ Jim Bowman~~
- ~~○ Shannon Dunne~~
- ~~○ Marilyn Levi~~

● ~~SRTR Staff~~

- ~~○ Bryn Thompson~~

● ~~UNOS Staff~~

- ~~○ Brooke Chenault~~
- ~~○ Lauren Mauk~~
- ~~○ Yvonne Mency~~
- ~~○ Kelley Poff~~
- ~~○ Tina Rhoades~~
- ~~○ Leah Slife~~
- ~~○ Wes Stein~~
- ~~○ Kaitlin Swanner~~
- ~~○ Susan Tlusty~~
- ~~○ Jen Wainright~~
- ~~○ Karen Williams~~

● ~~Other Attendees~~

- ~~○ Lori Ewoldt (incoming Committee member)~~
- ~~○ Robert Goodman (visiting Board member)~~