OPTN Pancreas Transplantation Committee
Meeting Summary
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Conference Call

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Introduction

The Pancreas Transplantation Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 5/20/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Data Advisory Committee (DAC) Update
2. Discussion: New Project Ideas
3. Wrap-Up & Next Steps

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

1. Data Advisory Committee (DAC) Update

DAC reviewed their role in Committee projects and highlighted new steps in the policy development process for projects involving new data collection.

Summary of discussion:

No discussion.

2. Discussion: New Project Ideas

The Committee discussed new project ideas. Summary of discussion:

The Committee reviewed and discussed the three project ideas that had previously been discussed: rework graft failure definition, medical priority, and evaluating/monitoring patients who are not compliant post-transplant (as it pertains to graft failure).

Rework graft failure definition

A member inquired about the reason behind this project idea since the Committee had recently decided upon a new definition for graft failure. The Committee Chair explained that the most recent definition of graft failure excluded weight, and the Committee wanted to include weight in the definition once data had accumulated.

Another member mentioned that diabetes is a comorbidity of transplantation and that weight is an important factor for diabetes. This data could help providers understand and significantly improve kidney function after transplant.

A member stated that the structure of the follow-up form was confusing for those inputting the data and that there was room for improvement. A re-evaluation of the follow-up form could lead to better data quality in the future.

Medical priority

A member inquired about how the Kidney Transplantation Committee is approaching medical priority. The member questioned whether medical priority would be tied into dialysis or if it would encompass beyond dialysis. UNOS staff mentioned that they could have a discussion with the Kidney Transplantation support staff and relay this information back to the Committee.

A member inquired if UNOS has data on kidney and pancreas waiting list mortality rates as it relates to other risk factors. A member inquired about what risk factors would be included. Another member stated that there's not enough information on the diabetic population.

A member expressed concern about medical priority being based on dialysis because then non-uremic patients would be excluded.

A member stated that issues such as sensitization and how to rank patients for allocation purposes should be discussed. It was suggested that sensitivity priority be made more equitable for pancreas patients and to incorporate the new scale system used for kidney patients into a pancreas scale system.

A member mentioned that pediatric priority would also be important to discuss while working on medical priority.

Members agreed that medical priority will help the Committee when they're working on continuous distribution; however, members suggested working on defining medical priority separately from continuous distribution in order to have a more flexible definition.

Evaluating/monitoring patients who are not compliant post-transplant

A member expressed concern that it's difficult to monitor patients that are non-compliant and examine how the non-compliance affects graft failure. A member mentioned that if a patient is non-compliant, there will be little data and the data may not be reliable.

A member also stated that they weren't sure if this topic is on the Policy Oversight Committee's (POC) priorities list at the moment.

3. **Wrap-Up & Next Steps**

During their next monthly teleconference, the Committee will review and discuss the proposed timeline and POC updates regarding continuous distribution.

Upcoming Meetings

- June 17, 2020 (teleconference)
- July 15, 2020 (teleconference)