

OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee

Meeting Summary

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Conference Call

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Introduction

The Transplant Coordinators Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 06/17/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Updating UNOS Connect Offerings
2. Effective Practices Discussion: Transition Clinic
3. Temporary Inactivation Codes Revision Project Idea
4. New Committee Member Mentor Program

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

1. Updating UNOS Connect Offerings

UNOS Professional Education staff presented on two offerings from the TCC Learning Series, *Managing the Waitlist* and *Managing the Inactive Waitlist*, identified via internal audit for updating.

Data summary:

Slides attached.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee agreed that since the time these offerings were recorded UNOS has released many useful tools in the data services portal, and that it would be beneficial to update the offerings. They also agreed that it would likely be beneficial to wait until donor service area (DSA) and region are removed from kidney allocation later this year, as well as wait to see if temporary inactivation codes are being updated. The Committee also agreed that it would be helpful to have input from representatives of different organ groups, as the offerings were largely kidney-focused.

Next steps:

Professional education will revisit with the committee once pending allocation changes are implemented.

2. Effective Practices Discussion: Transition Clinic

Committee member presented on the use of a transition clinic for adolescent patients at her transplant center.

Data summary:

Slides attached

Summary of discussion:

Committee members found the presentation very helpful, and would like to share the slides and any resources with their own centers. One member asked what specialties have found to be the most helpful for the transition, if the presenter could only pick 1-2, such as if you are running a clinic for a much smaller center. The presenting member said that the social worker and transplant pharmacist are extremely helpful, and that the main providers and coordinators see the patient frequently, so previous assessments can play into the idea that the patient is ready, and that a new provider with specialized knowledge is beneficial.

Next steps:

Committee members who would like to present effective practices from their institution, please contact TCC leadership or UNOS liaisons.

3. Temporary Inactivation Codes Revision Project Idea

UNOS Policy and Community Relations staff and Committee Chair presented on the expansion of temporary inactivation codes project idea.

Data summary:

Slides attached.

Summary of discussion:

Chair brought up that inactive patients have higher mortality rates, and that more granular information would help better understand the mortality issues as well as differences in organ offers. The Chair also brought up that there is difficulty reactivating these patients, sometimes due to socioeconomic status. In addition, code 7 “temporarily too sick” can be used for a variety of conditions, ranging from temporary illness like pneumonia, to malignancies, to chronic issues like hypertension. Multiple members commented in support, especially in the context of broader sharing and waiting list management.

Next steps:

Chair will call for workgroup formation at the next meeting once incoming members join the committee.

4. New Committee Member Mentor Program

TCC Chair presented on assigning mentors to new committee members to help orient them to the role.

Data summary:

Slides attached.

Summary of discussion:

Multiple members commented in strong support.

Next steps:

TCC Chair will provide more information for mentors and mentees on the next committee call.

Upcoming Meetings

- July 15, 2020, Conference call
- August 19, 2020, Conference call
- September 16, 2020, Conference call