

OPTN Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

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Conference Call

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Introduction

The Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 06/22/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Closed Session: HBV Case Review, Algorithm Exception Notes
2. Closed Session: Confidential Peer Review

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

1. Closed Session: HBV Case Review, Algorithm Exception Notes

The Committee reviewed past hepatitis B virus (HBV) potential donor derived transmission events and discussed how to best adjudicate these and similar cases moving forward.

Summary of discussion:

Committee members discussed modifying the current criteria used for adjudication determination to better fit cases where one organ is at higher risk for transmission of certain diseases than others, such as viral hepatitis in liver recipients, or tuberculosis in lung recipients. The Committee agreed to add the ability to determine a transmission probable even if there is only one recipient affected if the organ is at higher risk for disease transmission, depending on the individual circumstances surrounding the case and with the consensus of the Committee. Cases can still be adjudicated in line within the current adjudication guidelines. One member brought up that the adjudications are used to educate and inform the community at large, and that the Committee needs to be careful to avoid over- or under-classifying disease transmissions. In addition, the Committee was aware that there could be epidemiological risk factors from the donor that the family is not aware of or doesn't disclose, as well as undisclosed risk factors with the recipient.

2. Closed Session: Confidential Peer Review

The Committee reviewed feedback and discussed how to respond to these comments.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee had a closed session of confidential medical peer review of potential donor derived transmission events.

Upcoming Meetings

- July 27, 2020, Teleconference
- August 24, 2020, Teleconference
- September 28, 2020, Teleconference