

OPTN Operations and Safety Committee

Meeting Summary

June 25, 2020

Conference Call

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Introduction

The Operations and Safety Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 06/25/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Update: Organ Packaging Workgroup
2. Research Update: Extra Vessels Report
3. Discussion: Project Ideas
4. Updates: Post-Transplant Reporting

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

1. Update: Organ Packaging Workgroup

The Committee received an update on the Committee's Organ Packaging project.

Summary of discussion:

The Organ Packaging Workgroup (the Workgroup) held their first meeting on May, 25, 2020. The Workgroup is considering education pathways as well as policy proposals in regards to *OPTN Policy 16.3 Packing and Labeling*. The Workgroup's next steps involve securing subject matter experts in organ preservation and additional data analysis. There were no comments or questions.

2. Research Update: Extra Vessels Report

UNOS research staff updated the Committee on additional data on the late reporting (after 21 days) of extra vessels.

Data summary:

Data showed only 1.6% of extra vessels could potentially be misclassified. This misclassification can occur because transplant centers may consider the cross-clamp date the start date, when donor recovery date is what is measured. Yearly data, 2016 – 2019, showed this potential misclassification remains small, ranging from 0.79% - 2.23%.

Additionally, data showed that late reporting, after the 21 day mark, has been declining since 2016. The majority of extra vessels reporting happens before the 21 day mark and the 22 day is the highest day for late reporting. The majority of late reporting occurs within the first 10 days after the 21 day mark. Extra vessels categorized as "other" disposition have the longest reporting time, although that has also continued to decrease.

Overall, late reporting of extra vessels has been declining. Data from 2019 showed that most regions are below 5% of reporting after 21 days, the highest is 5.9% in Region 9.

Summary of discussion:

A member asked whether clusters appear at a center level or a regional level, for those who report late. UNOS research staff responded that in 2016 there were some clusters but the 2019 data showed consistency among regions. There were no additional comments or questions.

3. Discussion: Project Ideas

The Committee discussed new project ideas.

Summary of discussion:

A member suggested continuing analysis on the varying logistics of allocation.

Another member suggested looking into safety opportunities that may arise due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The Vice Chair mentioned enhancing DonorNet to allow members to list data specific elements relevant to donation after cardiac death (DCD).

Next Steps:

The Committee will continue to discuss project ideas.

4. Updates: HLA Initiative, DonorNet Functionality, Post-Transplant Reporting Project

The Committee received an update on the Post-Transplant Reporting Project.

Summary of Discussion:

The Post-Transplant Reporting pilot is scheduled to begin development in July. More information will be provided when available.

There were no comments or questions. The meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings

- July 23, 2020 (teleconference)
- August 27, 2020 (teleconference)