

OPTN Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

July 15, 2020

Conference Call

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Introduction

The Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 07/15/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Review PHS Guideline proposed policy language

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

1. Review PHS Guideline proposed policy language

UNOS staff presented the draft language from the PHS workgroup for DTAC members to review.

Data summary:

Draft language attached.

Summary of discussion:

- Programming individual risk factors into DonorNet would make communication between OPOs and transplant programs easier
- Discussion around hemodilution
 - Leaving a field in for hemodilution could be confusing, a transplant center will be told that a specimen is hemodiluted but that there is no risk, why are we communicating it at all if it's not relevant?
 - There will be a new policy implemented in September that will require all blood products be documented
 - Discussed possibly removing this after public comment, depending on feedback received
 - The FDA still requires hemodilution calculation for tissue donation
 - This will not remain a risk factor for blood borne infectious disease
- Discussion around Hepatitis B (HBV) vaccination
 - There should be guidance and education to go alongside the policy language
 - Want to make sure that programs aren't required to re-vaccinate if candidates are already immune by antibody titer
 - This should be as prescriptive as possible in order to ensure proper follow up is complete for the sake of patient safety
 - How many cycles of vaccination should programs administer if candidates don't acquire sufficient immunity?
 - Can we have stronger language on post-vaccination serostatus testing?
 - This is likely a first step, with a re-evaluation in a few years. The intent is to get programs to take this seriously, as everything that can prevent a lethal disease is important

- Want to make sure that the language is clear that a candidate can still accept organ offers before completing the vaccination series

Vote to send to Public Comment in August 2020: 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained.

Next steps:

UNOS staff will finish the Public Comment document to publish in August.

Upcoming Meetings

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