

OPTN Histocompatibility Committee

Meeting Summary

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Conference Call

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Introduction

The Histocompatibility Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 08/11/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Updates
2. DPB1 Rare Allele Systems Discussion
3. Research Orientation 2020-21

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

1. Updates

CPRA Request for Proposal:

- Slides attached
- Committee members commented that it is unfortunate there may be a delay, but at least the project is moving forward

Public Comment Open:

- Slides attached
- Committee members raised no questions or concerns

Subcommittee Meetings:

- Slides attached
- Committee members raised no questions or concerns

2. DPB1 Rare Allele Systems Discussion

UNOS IT staff presented on a recent issue brought forward by a member and proposed IT solution.

Data summary:

Slides attached.

Summary of discussion:

Committee members were highly supportive of adding an option for DPB1 alleles not listed within UNet, but recommended the phrasing "other allele" rather than "rare allele". We are unable to update policy and subsequently programming as quickly as new alleles are discovered, so having an "other" selection is the next best option, and prompts users to seek out additional typing information from donor highlights or the raw data upload. This is especially necessary for DP alleles, since they don't have serologic equivalents. This shouldn't be implemented for DR alleles, since there's a policy on DR mismatches for kidney allocation. An open text field for HLA typing may also be helpful.

Next steps:

UNOS IT staff will take Committee suggestions for internal review.

3. Research Orientation 2020-21

UNOS Research staff presented on the OPTN data request processes and available reports for review.

Data summary:

Slides attached.

Summary of discussion:

Committee members raised no questions or concerns.

Upcoming Meetings

- September 8, 12 PM EST, Teleconference
- October 14, 9 AM CST, Chicago, IL
- November 10, 12 PM EST, Teleconference