

OPTN Operations & Safety Committee

Meeting Summary

November 16, 2022

Conference Call

Alden Doyle, MD, MPH, Chair

Kim Koontz, MPH, Vice Chair

Introduction

The Operations & Safety Committee (“Committee”) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 11/16/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Review of Offer Filters Details
2. Decision Item
3. Data Update

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

1. Review of Offer Filters Details

The Committee reviewed the list of recommendations for the offer filters proposal submitted by the Mandatory Offer Filters Workgroup.

Data summary

Filter criteria to be added:

- Dual Kidney
- Admission serum creatinine
- Peak serum creatinine
- Most recent serum creatinine at time of offer
- Donor weight
- Donor BMI
- HCV Positive (antibody and nucleic acid test) donor
- HBV Positive (antibody and nucleic acid test) donor

Filters will be refreshed every three months.

Programs would be able to request filter removal for a period of 9 months in order to demonstrate a change in behavior. The usage of this request pathway would be monitored by the committee

Summary of discussion:

The Chair emphasized that some of the data collection efforts for this proposal were to inform a future mandatory proposal.

Next steps:

The Committee will vote on submitting the final language for public comment.

2. Decision Item

Staff presented on the proposed policy language and the Committee voted on submitting for public comment.

Summary of discussion:

There was no discussion surrounding this item. The Committee voted unanimously to release the proposal *Optimizing the Usage of Offer Filters* for public comment (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

Next steps:

The Committee will submit their proposal to the Policy Oversight Committee for review prior to public comment release.

3. Data Update

The Committee reviewed data presented by research staff on the discard rate pre- and post- voluntary offer filters implementation.

Data summary:

	Pre	Post	
N. Kidney Donors	6719	7370	
N. Organs Recovered	13386	14666	
N. Organs Discard	3580	3733	Pre: July 19 2021 to January 26 2022
Discard Rate	26.7%	25.5%	Post: January 27 2022 to August 6 2022
			(192 days of data in each era; ~6.3 months)
Average Donor Age	41.6 ± 16.2	42.2 ± 16.1	
Average KDPI	50.0 ± 29.0	51.5 ± 28.6	
Average Distance	214.7 ± 356.0	212.2 ± 346.6	
Percent DCD Donors	32.8%	32.8%	

Summary of discussion:

The Chair commented that it was impressive to see such a large drop in discard rate even with the relatively low utilization of voluntary offer filters. They suggested this could be a good argument to support the mandatory usage of offer filters.

A member inquired if the data accounted for other policy changes during those eras. Staff replied that they had not adjusted the data to account for those changes. The member considered that the usage of COVID positive donors may impact the data.

Next steps:

Staff will consider the feedback from the Committee and provide an update to their analysis at a following meeting.

Upcoming Meeting

- December 14, 2022

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Alden Doyle
 - Kim Koontz
 - Julie Bergin
 - Norihisa Shigemura
 - Andrew Bonham
 - Dominic Adorno
 - Jill Campbell
 - Sarah Koochmaraie
 - Mony Fraer
 - Renee Morgan
 - Stephanie Little
 - Susan Stockemer
 - Laura Huckestein
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Katherine Audette
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Isaac Hager
 - Carlos Martinez
 - Rob McTier
 - Joann White
 - Krissy Laurie
 - Matt Belton