OPTN Executive Update

Winter 2022
2021 | Most lives ever saved in one year

More than 40,000 lifesaving transplants — *a first!*

Record numbers of **kidney, heart & liver** transplants

11th record year in a row for deceased donation

*Based on OPTN data as of Jan. 10, 2022. Data subject to change based on future data submission or correction.

OPTN
COVID data
COVID policies

Emergency policies made permanent:

- Deceased donor COVID test required
- Lower respiratory COVID test for lung donors
- COVID-specific reasons added to waitlist inactivation, cause of death, offer refusals

Previous emergency policy re-instated for 90 days, as of January 11:

- Candidate lab data can be carried over
COVID operational changes

- All winter 2022 regional meetings are virtual
- Site surveys have returned to a virtual model
- OPTN Board met in person in December, expects to meet in person in June
- Committee meetings for March, April are under review
Patient COVID information

Patient and professional resources

Learn more about the care of transplant candidates and recipients, as well as the screening of potential organ donors at risk of COVID-19:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- OPTN Patient Services line: (888) 894-6361
- Third dose of COVID-19 vaccine approved for immunocompromised people
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19
- United Network for Organ Sharing
- National Marrow Donor Program Be the Match
- American Journal of Transplantation
- American Society of Transplantation
- American Society of Transplant Surgeons
- Association of Organ Procurement Organizations
- The Transplantation Society
- View HRSA’s COVID-19 Resource Page for more FAQs

The OPTN has released a Summary of Evidence on SARS-CoV-2 donor evaluation and testing, as well as organ recovery from donors with a history of COVID-19. Compiled by the OPTN Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee (DTAC), the document includes the latest information known for minimizing the risk of donor-derived COVID-19 transmission while maximizing donor utilization.
Transplant Hospital Metrics

- 90 day and 1 year conditional post-transplant graft survival – July 2022
- Offer acceptance – no sooner than July 2023
- Pre-transplant (waitlist) mortality – no sooner than July 2024
What can my member organization expect from an IMFI engagement?

You can expect:

- A project plan designed around your organization’s specific improvement goal.
- Direct and open collaboration with the IMFI project team, which includes both UNOS staff and peers in the transplant community.
- A customized engagement. Each IMFI project is unique and will be designed in collaboration with the individual program.
- The scope of each project will be tailored to each member organization, and the services provided will vary according to need.
- In order to participate in an IMFI engagement, your member program or organization must commit to and sign a mutually agreed upon project charter.
POC future pipeline planning
Board of Directors election

- OPTN Board of Directors has 42 voting members
  - 5 officers (nominating committee selects candidates, election held by community)
  - 11 regional representatives (selected by regional nominating committees)
  - 12 patient and donor representatives (nominating committee selects candidates, election held by community)
  - 7 professional organization/society representatives (selected by societies)
  - 7 at large members (nominating committee selects candidates, election held by community)

- 50% MDs
- 25% patient and donor representatives
- 25% other donation and transplant professionals
Board of Directors election

(Terms begin July 1)

- President Jerry McCauley
- Vice-President Dianne LaPointe-Rudow
- Vice-President of Patient and Donor Affairs Valinda Jones
- Secretary Linda Cendales
- Region 4 Councillor Steve Potter

*For a complete list, see the OPTN website*
Innovations

- Predictive analytics
- Offer filters
- Individual member focused improvement
Regional meeting attendance

![Graph showing regional meeting overall attendance with a peak during COVID-19 and a subsequent increase in virtual meetings in Winter 2021.](image-url)
Regional Meeting Format Feedback

Summer 2021 Attendee Survey

- I favor an option to attend in person or virtually due to my busy schedule
- In person meetings are my preference (networking, collaboration, etc.)
- Virtual meetings are my only option to attend a regional meeting