

OPTN Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

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Conference Call

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Introduction

The Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 08/24/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Closed Session: Confidential Peer Case Review
2. Open Session: Public Comment Proposals Discussion
3. Open Session: PHS Proposal Update

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

1. Closed Session: Confidential Peer Case Review

The Committee had a closed session of confidential medical peer review of potential derived transmission events.

2. Open Session: Public Comment Proposals Discussion

The Committee reviewed three proposals currently out for Public Comment to discuss their potential impacts. The following are major concerns and/or points of discussion from committee members.

Programming VCA Allocation in UNet:

Committee members had no comments or concerns.

Modify Data Collection on Living VCA Donors:

- Toxoplasma could cause congenital infection in children born to a uterus recipient due to an immunocompromised host.
- Toxoplasma testing should be required for all living donors, not just living VCA donors.
- Members would like to know the requirement for timing of testing of living VCA donors. Staff later confirmed that the testing needs to occur within 28 days of transplant.
- Committee members agreed that certain infectious disease testing, such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, trichomoniasis, and fungal organisms should occur at both evaluation and procurement in order to ensure greater safety against unexpected transmission.

COVID-19 Emergency Policies and Data Collection:

- COVID-19 infectious disease testing should be mandatory for all donors.
- Repeat COVID-19 testing should occur on previously positive donors.
- OPOs should obtain a bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) donor sample for testing for all COVID-positive donors
- History of diagnosis of COVID-19 should be included in the donor summary.
- Retrospective data entry could be a tremendous burden on centers

Next Steps:

UNOS primary liaison will draft a Committee response to the proposals in conjunction with Committee leadership.

3. Open Session: PHS Proposal Update

UNOS staff presented on the current feedback given on the DTAC Public Comment proposal to align OPTN Policies with the U.S. Public Health Service Guideline (2020). Feedback overall has been positive, with the following requested amendments:

- Modify living donor specimen storage requirement to less than 10 years
- Reconsider universal post-transplant testing
- Allow more than a 96-hour pre-procurement window for repeat infectious disease testing for deceased donors
- Allow for more than a 24-hour window for serologic sample collection for deceased donor samples for storage
- Clarify new “informed consent” process

Committee members acknowledged the feedback and will take it into consideration when drafting the final proposal for review by the OPTN Board of Directors.

Upcoming Meetings

- September 28, 12 PM EDT, Teleconference
- October 13, 11 AM EDT, Teleconference
- October 26, 12 PM EDT, Teleconference

Closed Session Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Ann Woolley
 - Charles Marboe
 - Deb Levine
 - Gary Marklin
 - Heather Stevenson-Lerner
 - Helen Te
 - Jason Goldman
 - Kelly Flynn
 - Lara Danziger-Isakov
 - Marian Michaels
 - Meenakshi Rana
 - Raymund Razonable
 - Ricardo La Hoz
 - Saima Aslam
 - Stephanie Pouch
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Adriana Martinez
 - Marilyn Levi
- **CDC Staff**
 - Ian Kracalik
 - Jefferson Jones
 - Pallavi Annambhotla
 - Sridhar Basavaraju
- **UNOS Staff**
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 - Emily Ward
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