

OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee

Meeting Summary

August 19, 2020

Conference Call

Sharon Klarman, RN-BC, BSN, CCTC, Chair

Stacy McKean, RN, Vice Chair

Introduction

The Transplant Coordinators Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 08/19/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Public Comment Proposal: Align OPTN Policy with U.S. Public Health Service Guideline, 2020
2. Public Comment Proposal: Modify Data Collection on Living VCA Donors

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

1. Public Comment Proposal: Align OPTN Policy with U.S. Public Health Service Guideline, 2020

DTAC Vice Chair presented the proposal to the Committee and requested their feedback.

Summary of discussion:

The TCC member who participated in the workgroup discussed major points of controversy as well as points most relevant to a transplant coordinator. The major point of controversy discussed was the requirement for 10 years' storage for living donor specimens, and how this is not necessarily relevant for HIV/HBV/HCV, but that the CDC created this guideline with other transmissible diseases in mind. This may create not only financial burden for transplant hospitals, but also brings up the question of consent for storage of specimens from living persons. Concerns around the use of stored specimens also has the potential to affect donation rates, as living donors may not be comfortable with this. The second point of controversy was a potential documentation burden for transplant programs documenting the HBV vaccination status for all waitlisted candidates. The major beneficial portion of the proposal for a transplant coordinator is no longer needing a separate informed consent when a donor has risk criteria for HIV/HBV/HCV, and instead discussing all of the factors around the acceptance of specific donor organs for that specific candidate. Another coordinator commented that broadening the post-transplant testing window is helpful, so that testing can be done in conjunction with clinic visits.

VOTE: 1 Strongly support, 10 support, 0 neutral/abstain, 0 oppose, 0 strongly oppose

Next steps:

UNOS TCC support staff will work with Committee leadership to draft a committee comment to post to the OPTN website.

2. Public Comment Proposal: Modify Data Collection on Living VCA Donors

UNOS VCA liaison presented the proposal to the Committee and requested their feedback.

Summary of discussion:

Committee members commented that the proposed data points feel well thought out and very mindful. One member asked if uterine donors are informed of what information is collected initially and on follow up, especially since living donors are doing this voluntarily.

VOTE: 3 Strongly support, 5 support, 1 neutral/abstain, 0 oppose, 0 strongly oppose

Next steps:

UNOS TCC support staff will work with Committee leadership to draft a committee comment to post to the OPTN website.

Upcoming Meetings

- September 30, 9 AM CST, Teleconference
- October 21, 2 PM EST, Teleconference
- November 18, 2 PM EST, Teleconference

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Angele Lacks
 - Brenda Durand
 - Donna Campbell
 - Hannah Murry
 - Jaime Myers
 - JoAnn Morey
 - Lisa Gallagher
 - Maria Casarella
 - Melissa Walker
 - Natalie Blackwell
 - Randee Bloom
 - Sergio Manzano
 - Sharon Klarman
 - Stacey Lerret
 - Stacy McKean
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Raelene Skerda
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Courtney Jett
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Susan Tlusty
- **Other Attendees**
 - Lara Danziger-Isakov