

## **OPTN Policy Oversight Committee**

### **Meeting Summary**

**August 24, 2020**

**Conference Call**

**Alexandra Glazier, JD, Chair**

**Nicole Turgeon, MD, Vice Chair**

### **Introduction**

The Policy Oversight Committee (POC) met via Citrix GoTo teleconference on 08/24/2020 to discuss the following agenda item:

1. Public Comment Proposal: Incorporating COVID-19 Related Organ Failure in Candidate Listings

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

#### **1. Public Comment Proposal: Incorporating COVID-19 Related Organ Failure in Candidate Listings**

The Chair and the Vice Chair of the Lung Committee (Lung VC) provided an overview of the public comment proposal *Incorporating COVID-19 Related Organ Failure in Candidate Listings* and asked the POC to vote on whether they recommend that the Executive Committee approve this proposal for public comment.

#### Summary of discussion:

This proposal would add "COVID-19: Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome" and "COVID-19: pulmonary fibrosis" under Diagnosis Group D in OPTN *Policy 10.1.F.i Lung Disease Diagnosis Groups*. These diagnoses would be added to the dropdown menu for listing candidates in Waitlist<sup>SM</sup>. This proposal would be released for a special public comment period from 08/31/2020 to 10/01/2020. The Lung VC said this data will be very helpful in the future, and that feedback on whether similar diagnosis codes should be added for other organs will be vital moving forward.

The POC voted to recommend that the Executive Committee approve this proposal for public comment (16-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain).

#### Next steps:

The Executive Committee will review this proposal and vote to release the proposal for a special public comment period. The Chair asked that members use their webcams during the POC's next call on 09/09/2020 to help facilitate discussion.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- September 9, 2020
- October 14, 2020

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Alexandra Glazier, Chair
  - Nicole Turgeon, Vice Chair
  - Marie Budev
  - Rocky Daly
  - Lara Danziger-Isakov
  - Garrett Erdle
  - Andrew Flescher
  - Rachel Forbes
  - John Lunz
  - Paulo Martins
  - Stacy McKean
  - Martha Pavlakis
  - Emily Perito
  - James Pomposelli
  - Kurt Shutterly
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Vanessa Arriola
  - Shannon Taitt
- **SRTR Staff**
  - Jon Snyder
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Brian Shepard, UNOS CEO
  - James Alcorn
  - Nicole Benjamin
  - Laura Cartwright
  - Craig Connors
  - Shannon Edwards
  - Tina Rhoades
  - Leah Slife
  - Kaitlin Swanner
  - Susan Tlusty