

OPTN Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee

Meeting Summary

September 16, 2020

Conference Call

Diane Brockmeier, Committee Chair

Kurt Shutterly, Vice-Chair

Introduction

The Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 9/16/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Align OPTN Policy with U.S. Public Health Service Guideline, 2020
2. Programming Vascular Composite Allograft (VCA) Allocation in UNet
3. COVID-19 Emergency Policies and Data Collection
4. Policy Oversight Committee Workgroups Update

The following is a summary of the Committee's discussions on the public comment proposals.

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

The Committee was provided with an overview of this public comment proposal sponsored by the OPTN Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee (DTAC).

Summary of discussion:

The OPO Committee appreciates the effort to align OPTN policies with the 2020 U.S. Public Health Service Guideline. The Committee expressed concern about the 96-hour requirement to perform repeat testing as this will lead to increased costs for OPOs and potentially increase case times. One member inquired about whether OPOs needed to have the repeat testing results back before allocating organs.

The Committee indicated the following sentiments for the proposal: 2 Strongly Support, 7 Support, 0 Neutral/Abstain, 1 Oppose, 0 Strongly Oppose.

2. Programming VCA Allocation in UNet

The Committee was provided with an overview of this public comment proposal sponsored by the OPTN VCA Committee.

Summary of discussion:

The OPO Committee supports the effort to integrate VCA allocation into the system like other organs. One member inquired if additional screening criteria will be developed in the future.

3. COVID-19 Emergency Policies and Data Collection

The Committee was provided with an overview of this public comment proposal sponsored by the OPTN Executive Committee. The presentation focused on the incorporation of COVID-19 infectious disease testing into DonorNet.

Summary of discussion:

The OPO Committee supports making the COVID-19 testing fields in UNet mandatory. The only concern was whether OPOs could still send organ offers prior to receiving the test results. The Committee recommends that the policy language clearly address this issue.

4. Policy Oversight Committee Workgroups

The Committee was provided with a brief update on the following workgroups:

- Local recovery workgroup
- Biopsy standards and practices workgroup
- Provisional yes workgroup

UNOS staff noted that the workgroups will provide recommendations to the POC for further discussion. The POC will discuss these in further detail during their October 2020 meeting.

The POC will then assign the work to sponsoring committees so the OPO Committee will be involved in all of this work, either as a sponsoring or collaborating committee.

Upcoming Meeting

- October 21, 2020 (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Diane Brockmeier
 - Kurt Shutterly
 - Bruce Nicely
 - Helen Irving
 - David Marshman
 - Debra Cooper
 - Jeffrey Trageser
 - Jennifer Muriett
 - Jillian Wojtowicz
 - Malay Shah
 - Mary Zeker
 - Meg Rogers
 - Sue McClung
 - Jill Grandas
 - Chad Trahan
 - Larry Suplee
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Adriana Martinez
 - Vanessa Arriola
 - Jim Bowman
- **SRTR Representatives**
 - Katie Audette
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Robert Hunter
 - Alice Toll
 - Darby Harris
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Pete Sokol
 - Rebecca Brookman
 - Nicole Benjamin
 - Leah Slife
 - Chelsea Haynes
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Emily Ward
 - Elizabeth Miller
 - Sara Rose Wells
 - Courtney Jett
 - Chad Waller
- **Other Attendees**
 - Sandra Amaral, MD
 - Lara Danzinger-Isokov, MD