

**OPTN Living Donor Committee & OPTN Vascular Composite Allograft Transplantation Committee
Joint Virtual Session
Meeting Summary
October 26, 2020
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The OPTN Living Donor Committee (LDC) and the OPTN Vascular Composite Allograft (VCA) Transplantation Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 10/26/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Review and discuss public comment feedback on *Modify Living Donor Policy to Include Living VCA Donors*
2. Review and discuss public comment feedback on *Modify Data Collection on Living VCA Donors*
3. VOTE (Living Donor Committee): *Modify Living Donor Policy to Include Living VCA Donors*
4. VOTE (VCA Committee): *Modify Data Collection on Living VCA Donors*

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

1. Review and discuss public comment feedback on *Modify Living Donor Policy to Include Living VCA Donors*

Summary of discussion:

LDC members reported the importance of keeping this proposal's language broad enough to include living donation of all genitourinary organs. This broad language aims to accommodate any future developments in the VCA field while providing structure and safety for living VCA donors. A VCA committee member noted that most living donation of genitourinary organs other than uterus are hypothetical, but understood the overall reason for keeping the language broad. An LDC member added that the genitourinary language aligns with the updated definition of VCA soon to be implemented in policy.

An LDC member added that this proposal has been largely supported, but those who have opposed have been members of the general public. No comments accompanied this sentiment, but the LDC suspects this opposition may be due to unfamiliarity of the public with VCAs. The member further commented there may be a need for general VCA education for the public.

2. Review and discuss public comment feedback on *Modify Data Collection on Living VCA Donors*

Summary of discussion:

The Chair of the VCA Committee presented an overview of changes made to the proposal since the VCA Committee's meeting on 10/14/2020. These changes include:

- Retain the “induced abortion” data element on the Living Donor Registration (LDR) but rename the data element as “induced termination” to align with International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) nomenclature
 - Members said that it is very important for uterus transplantation to get a full obstetrical history of the donor
 - History of induced termination is important to assess if there may be intrauterine adhesions as a result of instrumental abortion, and a hysteroscopy will not provide enough information
- Retain the “spontaneous abortion” data element as is
 - Members said that abortion is a medical term used in transplant recipient evaluation
 - This information is helpful in assessing the capability of the uterus to carry pregnancy to full term and identify issues like cervical incompetence that will not be identified through a hysteroscopy
 - This nomenclature aligns with the ICD-10
- Remove “any readmission after initial discharge” from the LDR
 - Per OPTN policy, the data on the LDR should reflect the patient’s status at discharge
 - Any readmissions will be documented via the Living Donor Follow-up (LDF)
 - The OPTN Data Advisory Committee may explore removing this data element for other organs
 - This is not removing the data collection on readmission; just collecting it at the right time
 - Eliminating this data element will reduce administrative burden and IT programming requirements, without compromising data collection

An LDC member expressed support for aligning medical terminology with ICD-10 nomenclature.

3. VOTE (Living Donor Committee): *Modify Living Donor Policy to Include Living VCA Donors*

Summary of discussion:

Members of the LDC took a vote to approve sending the proposed policy language to the Board.

All (18) - Approve, 0 – Oppose, 0 – Abstain

4. VOTE (VCA Committee): *Modify Data Collection on Living VCA Donors*

Summary of discussion:

Members of the VCA Committee took a vote to approve sending the proposed policy language to the Board.

All (14)- Approve, 0 – Oppose, 0 - Abstain

Attendance

- **LDC Members**
 - Nahel Elias
 - Omar Garriott
 - Stevan Gonzalez
 - Carol Hay
 - Katey Hellickson
 - Roberto Hernandez
 - Heather Hunt
 - Vineeta Kumar
 - Carolyn Light
 - Angie Lucar
 - Mark Payson
 - Randy Schaffer
 - Aneesha Shetty
 - Pooja Sigh
 - Jessica Spiers
 - Mary Beth Stephens
- **VCA Members**
 - Sandra Amaral
 - Darla Granger
 - Liza Johannesson
 - Nicole Johnson
 - Alexander Maskin
 - Debbi McRann
 - Gary Morgan
 - Bohdan Pomahac
 - Paige Porrett
 - Debra Priebe
 - Patrick Smith
 - Stefan Tullius
 - Mark Wakefield
 - Linda Cendales
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Vanessa Arriola
 - Jim Bowman
 - Arjun Naik
 - Raelene Skerda
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Michael Conboy
 - Bertram Kasiske
 - Bryn Thompson
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Sarah Booker
 - Nicole Benjamin
 - Matt Cafarella
 - Lindsay Larkin

- Elizabeth Miller
- Kelley Poff
- Matt Prentice
- Michelle Rabold
- Tina Rhoades
- Kaitlin Swanner
- Jen Wainright
- Karen Williams
- **Other Attendees**
 - Robert Goodman (Visiting board member, VCA Committee)