

**OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee  
Meeting Summary  
November 18, 2020  
Conference Call**

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## **Introduction**

The Transplant Coordinators Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 11/18/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Temporary Inactive Codes Revision Update
2. Vice Chair Selection Process Update

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

### **1. Temporary Inactive Codes Revision Update**

Committee Chair and UNOS staff presented on the progress of the inactive codes revision project.

#### Data summary:

The proposed added codes are as follows:

- From code 3, candidate work-up incomplete
  - Initial transplant work-up incomplete
  - Need updated transplant screening tests
  - Standard of care testing incomplete
  - Psychosocial barriers to maintenance care
  - Transportation issues
- From code 4, insurance issues
  - Financial constraints
  - Insurance approvals pending
  - Loss of insurance
- From code 7, temporarily too sick
  - Medical comorbidity
  - Acute medical event
  - Malignancy
  - Temporary illness
  - Transplant diagnosis-related procedure

The proposed code groupings are as follows:

- Medical: Transplant-related
- Medical: Not Transplant-related
- Candidate Access
- Administrative
- Financial

- Emergency

The presenters then discussed that a data definition will allow for further clarity and uniform usage when applying the codes, both within a program and across the country.

Summary of discussion:

The committee discussed the proposed wording for data definitions:

- Not eligible for transplantation
- Not eligible for active transplantation
- Not eligible for active transplant listing

The committee was in agreement that they were most comfortable with “not eligible for active transplant listing” being used within the data definitions.

Next steps:

A group of committee members will meet to draft data definitions to present to the workgroup and the full committee.

## **2. Vice Chair Selection Process Update**

UNOS staff presented on the Vice Chair selection process for the upcoming committee vacancy.

Data summary:

The goals of the updated nomination and selection process are to increase transparency, promote inclusiveness, and create a thorough review and vetting of all vice chair candidates.

Candidate volunteer interest form and personal statement will be sent to current committee members to select their top four candidates for nomination. The top four candidates, as voted on by the committee, will then be interviewed by the current chair and/or vice chair. They will then select primary and secondary candidates and recommend them to the OPTN President-Elect for consideration and final appointment.

The committee has received applications from three current TCC members, two recent TCC alumni, and one recent PAC alumnus.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee had no questions or concerns. They were happy that the process increased transparency and feedback from the committee as a whole.

Next steps:

Committee members are asked to select their top four applicants for Vice Chair by Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

- December 16, 2020, Teleconference
- January 20, 2021, Teleconference
- February 17, 2021, Teleconference

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Alexandria Dillard
  - Brenda Durand
  - Donna Campbell
  - Jaime Myers
  - Jill Campbell
  - JoAnn Morey
  - Lisa Gallagher
  - Maria Casarella
  - Melissa Walker
  - Natalie Blackwell
  - Sergio Manzano
  - Sharon Klarman
  - Stacey Lerret
  - Stacy McKean
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Courtney Jett
  - Elizabeth Miller
  - Ross Walton
  - Shannon Edwards
  - Susan Tlusty