

**OPTN Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee
OPTN NLRB Subcommittee
Meeting Summary
December 10, 2020
Conference Call**

**Julie Heimbach, MD, Subcommittee Chair
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James Pomposelli, MD, PhD, Committee Vice Chair**

Introduction

The OPTN National Liver Review Board (NLRB) Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 12/10/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Systematic Review of NLRB Guidance and Standardized Diagnoses
2. Feedback on Current NLRB Guidance and Standardized Diagnoses in Policy

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

1. Systematic Review of NLRB Guidance and Standardized Diagnoses

Summary of discussion:

The Subcommittee discussed creating a process to ensure diagnoses included in NLRB guidance and policy are reviewed and updated on a regular basis. Members of the Subcommittee created a schedule for reviewing the diagnoses and assigned members to review specific diagnoses based upon their specialty.

2. Feedback on current NLRB Guidance and Standardized Diagnoses Policy

Summary of discussion:

A member confirmed that the Subcommittee has already submitted a data request on Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC)/ Secondary Sclerosing Cholangitis (SSC) that is intended to inform their discussion on a more comprehensive update to the PSC/SSC guidance. The Subcommittee decided to prioritize guidance on Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC) for review. They agreed that guidance for metabolic disease along with pediatric guidance could be deferred, as the guidance on metabolic disease and the pediatric guidance document were both recently updated, and the OPTN Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee (the Committee) is working on a project to update the PELD score.

The Subcommittee continued to discuss the order for reviewing diagnoses based on when each diagnoses was last updated, the anticipated need for review, and prevalence of the diagnosis.

The Subcommittee provided input on a template that outlined instructions for NLRB policy and guidance diagnosis review. A member clarified that reviewers would use their discretion when selecting which criteria would be most appropriate for each diagnosis. The Subcommittee felt the template was a comprehensive review tool.

Next steps:

Members were asked to continue considering what areas of guidance and policy should be prioritized for review.

Upcoming Meetings

- January 14, 2020

Attendance

- **Subcommittee Members**
 - Alan Gunderson
 - Julie Heimbach
 - Jennifer Kerney
 - James Pomposelli
 - Jorge Reyes
 - James Trotter
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
 - Adriana Martinez
- **SRTR Staff**
 - John Lake
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Matt Cafarella
 - Betsy Gans
 - Samantha Noreen
 - Kelley Poff
 - Karen Williams