OPTN Public Comment Orientation
Overview

- Policy development process
- Participating in public comment
- Regional Meetings
Policy Development Process

1. Idea
2. Problem Analysis
3. Project Approval
4. Evidence Gathering
5. Public Comment Approval
6. Public Comment
7. Pending Board Approval
8. Board Approval
9. Implementation
10. Post Implementation Review

OPTN Policy Development Process

ORGAN PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPLANTATION NETWORK
Two 6-Month Policy Cycles

Ongoing Committee Meetings
Ideas Can Come From

- OPTN members
- Committee members
- Community contributors
- Regional feedback
- Government mandates
- Professional societies
- Actually anywhere

Send ideas for projects to member.questions@unos.org
Project Development

- OPTN Policy Oversight Committee Role
  - Strategic Plan and Priority Alignment
  - Resource Estimates
  - Cost/Benefit Estimates

- OPTN Executive Committee Review and Approval
Public Comment is Inclusive

- Any member of the public on OPTN website
- Regional meetings
- OPTN Committees
- Stakeholder organizations
Actionable Feedback

- Alternative solutions
- Data and facts
- In-scope and informed
- Specific

Actionable Feedback
What Happens with Public Comment

1. Published on OPTN website and available for comment
2. Feedback is analyzed and summarized
3. Shared with OPTN committee
4. Proposal is modified as appropriate based on feedback
5. OPTN Board of Directors reviews proposals and public comment
Regional Meeting Information

Register for a meeting, view agenda and meeting presentations

Regional Meetings

Regional meetings are held twice each year during the winter and summer public comment periods. Regional meetings are an opportunity to influence policy proposals, prepare for upcoming changes, and hear perspectives from the transplant community about improvements to organ allocation. Here’s what you can expect at regional meetings. New to the public comment process? Learn more here.

For details about winter 2021 public comment visit the public comment webpage.

Winter 2021 Virtual Regional Meetings

The safety of our members is a top priority. Because of COVID-19 health concerns, all Winter 2021 regional meetings will be held virtually.

The virtual format will maintain objectives of in-person meetings by collecting feedback on OPTN projects, as well as, learning about and collecting feedback on policy proposals and other public comment items.

Register and find additional meeting details by visiting your region’s webpage.

Region 1 - Monday, March 8, 2021
Region 2 - Tuesday, March 16, 2021
Region 3 - Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Region 4 - Thursday, January 28, 2021
Region 5 - Thursday, February 11, 2021
Region 6 - Thursday, February 4, 2021
Plan and Prepare for Regional Meetings

- **Register** for your meeting and review agenda
- **Read** meeting related communications
- **Review** public comment documents
- **Read** relevant items; note questions and feedback
- **Review** recordings of public comment items
- **Discuss** items with your colleagues
Public Comment – we want to hear from you!