

# Request for Feedback: Update Transplant Program Key Personnel Training and Experience Requirements

*OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC)*

# Purpose of Request for Feedback

- Continuation of holistic review of OPTN membership requirements project
- Framework used to develop training and experience requirements for primary surgeon and physician
- Requesting community feedback now on proposed framework and principles
- MPSC will work with organ specific committees to finalize future proposals for public comment

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- **Simplify:**
  - Consolidate multiple pathways into one comprehensive pathway that would accept fellowship and clinical experience
  - Create certain exemptions for surgeons or physicians who have been primaries in last 10 years
  - Replace overly-specific experience requirements with broader language
  - Replace letter of reference and letter recommendation with single electronic, OPTN-provided certification form

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- **Expand:**
  - Conditional approval pathway available for all primary surgeons and physicians when programs experience an unanticipated vacancy
- **Add:**
  - Incorporate currency through a requirement that surgeon or physician experience be within a recent time frame
  - OPTN orientation curriculum for surgeons or physicians who have not been primary for any program within last 10 years

# Request for Feedback: Foreign Equivalency

- Viable option for surgeons/physicians who trained or gained experience outside US
  - Equivalent to the rigorousness for US surgeons/physicians
  - Objective and clearly defined, for predictability and consistency
  - Flexible, to accommodate multiple combinations of foreign training and experience
- **Historically**
  - Pre-2017 – broad vague language
  - Post 2017 – more specific & restrictive

# Request for Feedback: Availability to Program

- Primary surgeon/physician are clinical leaders of program and responsible for ensuring program complies with OPTN obligations
- Only primaries must meet training & experience requirements in bylaws
- Current requirement for primary surgeons and physicians to be “on site”
- Requesting feedback for future project to evaluate appropriate responsibilities & expectations for primary surgeons/physicians

# What do you think?

1. Any unintended consequences if these suggested changes are adopted?
2. Foreign training or experience
  - A. Equivalent training to board certified practitioner?
  - B. Should primaries be required to have some experience in US? For what time period or level of experience?
  - C. Thoughts on alternatives considered by MPSC or other suggested options?
3. For future project to replace On Site requirement for primaries
  - A. Responsibilities of primary surgeon and physician?
  - B. Level of commitment to transplant program to fulfill role?