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?