

OPTN Ad Hoc International Relations Committee

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Conference Call

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Introduction

The OPTN Ad Hoc International Relations Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 01/28/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. OPTN Governance Presentation
2. Data Update: Reported Follow-up Among Non-citizen/Non-resident (NCNR) Deceased Donor Recipients
3. NCNR Guidance Document Discussion
4. International Kidney Paired Donation (KPD) Workgroup

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

1. OPTN Governance Presentation

The Committee reviewed the governing structures of the OPTN.

Summary of discussion:

There were no questions or comments.

2. Data Update: Reported Follow-up Among Non-citizen/Non-resident (NCNR) Deceased Donor Recipients Data

The Committee reviewed deceased donor follow-up data updated with counts and percentages.

Data summary:

Deceased donor recipient follow-up compliance rates decrease among each follow-up form for both NCNR and US citizens or residents. However, NCNR follow-up compliance is lower overall than US citizens or residents.

Summary of discussion:

A member asked what forms are required for living donors. Staff responded that living donor data is collected through the Living Donor Registration (LDR) and Living Donor Follow-up (LDF) forms. The member expressed interest in more information regarding living donor follow-up according to citizenship status. The member added that there is a need to protect living donors who travel to the U.S. to donate. Staff responded that they will look into this data.

The Chair asked for data regarding recipient survival and graft failure compared to citizenship status. Staff responded that they will review AHIRC's annual report to see if this data is incorporated, and if not the Committee can submit a data request.

There were no additional questions or comments.

3. NCNR Guidance Document Discussion

The Committee discussed the NCNR Guidance Document project.

Summary of discussion:

A member stated that the guidance document needs clear information regarding accurate classification of individuals who are residents of the U.S. but not U.S. citizens (non-citizen/resident), versus individuals who are NCNRs. The member suggested clarifying this point within the project purpose.

There were no additional questions or comments.

Next Steps:

The NCNR Guidance Document will be presented to the OPTN Data Advisory Committee on February 8, 2021. The project will seek project approval from OPTN Policy Oversight Committee on February 10, 2021.

4. International Kidney Paired Donation (KPD) Workgroup

A member expressed concerns regarding the ethical issues surrounding global kidney exchange. The member stated that Canada may be a country to explore KPD with, as it shares similarities with the U.S. The member suggested collaborating with the OPTN Ethics Committee for these discussions.

The Chair suggested a potential project for the International KPD Workgroup could be analyzing whether additional criteria or guidance is needed for international recipients and donors traveling to the U.S.

Upcoming Meetings

- February 25, 2021 (teleconference)
- March 25, 2021 (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Barry Friedman
 - Howard Nathan
 - Min Zhou
 - Peter Stock
 - Prakash Rao
 - Samy Riad
 - Sylvia Gonzalez
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
 - Vanessa Arriola
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Bryn Thompson
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Amber Wilk
 - Leah Slife
 - Matt Prentice
 - Peter Sokol
 - Rebecca Brookman
 - Rebecca Murdock
 - Robert Hunter
 - Terry Cullen