

**OPTN Operations & Safety Committee
Broader Distribution Data Collection Workgroup
Meeting Summary
February 16, 2021
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Broader Distribution Data Collection Workgroup (the Workgroup) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 02/16/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Recap of 1/19 Meeting
2. Review and Discussion of Current and Proposed Data Elements

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

1. Recap of 1/19 Meeting

The Workgroup reviewed discussions from the previous meeting.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup completed a comprehensive review of current data elements related to cold ischemic time and perfusion data. The Workgroup provided several recommendations for data elements:

- Include in data collection proposal
- Remove
- Data definition clarification
- Refer to respective Committee for further input

2. Review and Discussion of Current Data Elements

The Workgroup continued reviewing and discussing current data elements related to broader distribution.

Summary of discussion:

Data element: Transferred to transplant center on pump

- A member stated that OPOs most likely send organs on pumps locally. Because of that, the member stated that it would not be relevant in assessing broader distribution. Members agreed.

Data element: Recovery Team Number

- Members agreed with the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee's recommendation to change the 6-digit provider number to the 4-digit OPTN center code and 3-digit OPTN center type of the transplant center recovery team, in their Modify the Deceased Donor Registration (DDR) Form proposal.

- A member asked if data entry for this field is required when teams recover heart valves, which is not an organ transplant. The member expressed concern regarding data integrity if the data is required even though an organ was not recovered for transplant. This feedback will be brought to the OPO Committee.

Data element: Organ Disposition

- The Chair asked why “N/A” is an option. The Chair stated that the six organ disposition options cover the range of scenarios, and “N/A” might be more confusing than helpful.

Data element: Organ Reason Codes

- The Chair stated that the organ reason codes seem to overlap which leaves unclear data on root causes.

Data element: Organ Discard Reason

- Members agree that “208 - no recipient located” is not a clear reason. The members agreed that the reason that a recipient was not located because of poor organ function or because the match run list was exhausted.
- A member asked if there was guidance for prioritizing organ discard reasons. The member explained that organs will get declined for multiple reasons but, when entering this data transplant teams can only choose one discard reason. The Chair suggested a prioritization algorithm to help transplant teams with this data entry.
- Another member asked for data related to these codes. The member expressed interest in knowing if certain codes are not regularly utilized.

The Workgroup discussed potential data elements to add.

Suggested data elements from request for feedback:

- Transportation mode
- Who recovered the organ
- Time (hours) of organ transport from donor hospital to recipient hospital
- Costs
- Data should be collected to reflect coordination time/allocation
- Preservation mode
- Organ discard rates

Data elements related to cost are outside the scope of the project and beyond the purview of OPTN to directly collect. Organ check-in data from TransNet is variable and not all transplant programs have the capability to scan organ labels. Late turn down data is currently being evaluated by the OPTN Data Advisory Committee (DAC).

The Workgroup Chair stated that transportation mode is relevant and important, but it is a cumbersome data element to track because of the multiple steps in transporting an organ.

A member expressed support for collecting late turn down data and emphasized the need for it to be collected by each organ.

Next Steps

The Workgroup will continue review and discuss data to identify gaps and recommend data element changes. In the next couple months, the progress will be presented to the OPTN Operations & Safety

Committee, OPTN Data Advisory Committee, and other stakeholder committees. A data collection proposal will be developed and is expected to go out for Summer 2021 Public Comment.

Upcoming Meeting

- March 16, 2021 (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Workgroup Members**
 - Anna Mello
 - Asif Sharfuddin
 - Daniel Stanton
 - Dominic Adorno
 - James Trotter
 - Jillian Wojtowicz
 - Kim Koontz
 - Rachel White
 - Staci Carter
 - Stacy McKean
 - Susan Stockemer
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Raelene Skerda
 - Vanessa Arriola
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Joann White
 - Katrina Gauntt
 - Kristine Althaus
 - Lauren Motley
 - Meghan McDermott
 - Sarah Taranto