

OPTN Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

February 22, 2021

Conference Call

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Introduction

The Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee (DTAC) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 02/22/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Data Collection on Public Health Service (PHS) Risk Criteria
2. OPTN 2021-2024 Strategic Plan

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

1. Data Collection on Public Health Service (PHS) Risk Criteria

The DTAC discussed a new project related to collecting more granular data on PHS risk criteria in DonorNet®.

Summary of discussion:

The DTAC reviewed the problem: there is not enough granular data collection in DonorNet regarding PHS Guideline risk criteria. The only discrete field in DonorNet is a "yes/no" field whether risk criteria are present; there are several places including open text fields where the specific criterion could be noted, and uniform language or terminology is also a challenge. Because these data are not collected, it is difficult to track specific risk criterion in DonorNet and analyze trends in infectious disease risk factors that impact patient safety. Addressing this issue indicates alignment with the OPTN data collection principle to ensure patient safety when no alternate sources of data exist.

A member clarified that the initial question of whether PHS risk criteria are present overall should be kept so members needn't fill out unnecessary questions if no risk criteria are present. The DTAC also agreed this project would be useful in understanding the impact of the change to align OPTN policy with the new 2020 PHS Guideline. The DTAC clarified that this data would positively impact patient safety by allowing adept analysis of the actual risk of particular risk factors. Members discussed potential alignment with the uniform donor risk assessment interview (UDRAI) form, which also captures information relevant to potential risk factors but is not an OPTN form. The DTAC will focus on changes to DonorNet to collect this information. It was suggested the fields could include dates and not merely a "30 days, yes/no" with respect to the risk criteria.

Next steps:

The Data Advisory Committee and Policy Oversight Committee will review this project and provide feedback at their respective meetings for the DTAC to consider on subsequent committee calls.

2. OPTN 2021-2024 Strategic Plan

The DTAC reviewed the OPTN Executive Committee's public comment proposal on the new OPTN 2021-2024 strategic plan.

Summary of Discussion:

The DTAC appreciated the opportunity to review this proposal. The DTAC acknowledged the importance of the new Strategic Plan and noted the alignment of DTAC work in reviewing cases of potential disease transmission with the Strategic Plan Goal 3: promote living donor and transplant recipient safety. There were no other concerns or comments expressed.

Next Steps:

The feedback from the DTAC will be posted as a public comment.

Upcoming Meetings

- March 19, 2021 (teleconference)
- March 22, 2021 (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Ann Woolley
 - Avi Agarwal
 - Charles Marboe
 - Debbie Levine
 - Gary Marklin
 - Jason Goldman
 - Heather Stevenson-Lerner
 - Helen Te
 - Kelly Dunn
 - Lara Danziger-Isakov
 - Marian Michaels
 - Meenakshi Rana
 - Raymund Razonable
 - Ricardo La Hoz
 - Saima Aslam
 - Stephanie Pouch
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Marilyn Levi
- **CDC Staff**
 - Ian Kracalik
 - Pallavi Annambhotla
 - Rebecca Free
 - Sridhar Basavaraju
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Abigail Fox
 - Cassandra Meekins
 - Courtney Jett
 - Kiana Stewart
 - Kristine Althaus
 - Laura Cartwright
 - Leah Slife
 - Nicole Benjamin
 - Sandy Bartal
 - Susan Tlusty
- **FDA Staff**
 - Brychan Clark