

OPTN Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

March 2, 2021

Conference Call

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Introduction

The Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 03/02/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Closed session: Confidential peer case review
2. Other Significant Discussion

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

1. Closed session: Confidential peer case review

Summary of discussion:

The Committee had a closed session of confidential medical peer review of potential donor derived transmission events.

2. Other significant discussion

After review of COVID-19 cases, the committee expressed concern about the potential for additional COVID-19 cases if there is no policy to require lower respiratory testing for SARS-CoV-2. They were concerned that if the transplant community is split on the requirement for lower respiratory testing, OPOs will follow the path of least resistance and allocate lungs to programs that do not require it.

One OPO committee member brought up that whenever they request lower respiratory testing, the hospital requires that the donor enter isolation until the test result is received. They have a significant amount of concern about separating donor family members.

The committee was also concerned about the potential for performance issues of NP swabs in the setting of head or facial trauma.

Upcoming Meetings

- March 19, 2021, Teleconference
- April 6, 2021, Teleconference
- April 26, 2021, Teleconference

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Ann Woolley
 - Avi Agarwal
 - Charles Marboe
 - Gary Marklin
 - Heather Stevenson-Lerner
 - Helen Te
 - Jason Goldman
 - Kelly Dunn
 - Lara Danziger-Isakov
 - Marian Michaels
 - Meenakshi Rana
 - Raymund Razonable
 - Ricardo La Hoz
 - Saima Aslam
 - Stephanie Pouch
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
- **CDC Staff**
 - Rebecca Free
 - Ian Krackalik
 - Pallavi Annambhotla
 - Sridhar Basavaraju
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Abby Fox
 - Courtney Jett
 - Roger Brown
 - Susan Tlusty
- **FDA Staff**
 - Brychan Clark
 - Scott Brubaker