

OPTN Minority Affairs Committee (MAC)

Meeting Summary

April 19, 2021

Conference Call

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Introduction

The OPTN Minority Affairs Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting on 04/19/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Continuous Distribution Update
2. Inactive Codes Revision Project
3. Reassess Race in Estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) Calculation Workgroup Update

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

1. Continuous Distribution Update

The Committee heard the latest on Continuous Distribution.

Summary of discussion:

A member asked if post-transplant graft survival will be considered in continuous distribution. The presenter responded that the weight assigned to all attributes including organ longevity will vary across different organ types. Another member asked why continuous distribution was initiated with lung as opposed to kidney. The presenter responded that because the community selected continuous distribution as the preferred framework, lung was selected as the first organ system as it is a simpler than other organs and already uses a composite lung allocation score (LAS).

2. Inactive Codes Revision Project

The Committee heard a presentation from the Transplant Coordinators Committee (TCC) and provided feedback.

Summary of discussion:

A member suggested the addition of a code to indicate lack of social support and/or the lack of an adequate caregiver. Another member asked if it was possible to add multiple codes in the system if a patient has more than one reason for inactivation. The presenter responded that as of now, only one code may be added because the TCC wanted to first focus on improving the codes for better data collection. Another member suggested the TCC could consider using primary and secondary codes.

3. Reassess Race in eGFR Calculation Workgroup Update

The Committee heard about recent project developments and provided feedback.

Summary of discussion:

A member reminded the Committee that the OPTN does not prescribe which eGFR formula must be used for listing. They encouraged other members to discuss the removal of the race coefficient with

their program's if they have not already. A member asked about the National Kidney foundation (NKF) – American Society of Nephrology (ASN) Task Force's progress thus far. A member responded that the task force asserted that the race coefficient should not be used when calculating eGFR. A member asked about the scientific validity of the removal of race from the eGFR formula. Another member responded that while there is some evidence, the Workgroup is currently seeking more information to support the project. The Committee agreed that the Workgroup should be prepared to use data to respond to potential resistance to change.

Next steps:

The Reassess Race in eGFR Calculation Workgroup will consider this feedback as they develop the request for feedback.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 17, 2021

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Stephen Gray
 - Nicole Hayde
 - Irene Kim
 - Adrian Lawrence
 - Reynold Lopez- Soler
 - Paulo Martins
 - Okechukwu Ojogho
 - Wayne Tsuang
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Lauren Darensbourg
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Bryn Thompson
- **UNOS Staff**
 - James Alcorn
 - Elizabeth Miller
 - Laura Schmitt
 - Niyati Upadhyay
 - Ron Vample
 - Ross Walton
 - Joann White
 - Anne Zehner
- **Other Attendees**
 - Alejandro Diez (incoming MAC vice chair, July 2021)
 - Jason Narverud (Incoming MAC member, July 2021)
 - Sharon Klarman (TCC chair)