

**OPTN Ad Hoc International Relations Committee
International Kidney Paired Donation Workgroup
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Conference Call**

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Introduction

The OPTN Ad Hoc International Relations Committee International Kidney Paired Donation (KPD) Workgroup (the Workgroup) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 04/28/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

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The Committee explored the idea of international KPD as a way to increase the number of transplants.

Summary of discussion:

A member suggested that the OPTN should work to collaborate with the other KPD systems within the United States (US). Another member agreed and stated that the impetus for this idea is to increase the number of organs available and that could be accomplished through a US national KPD program. The member stated it is premature for the OPTN to consider cross border organ sharing before working on a national program. Staff reminded the Workgroup that it is outside the scope of these discussions to address a national program. Staff stated they will take these discussions to the Kidney Transplantation Committee and the Kidney Paired Donation Workgroup.

Members agreed that addressing the financial aspects of cross border organ sharing is an important starting point. Other members stated that the net impact on patients is another topic that needs to be addressed initially. The Chair expressed interest in addressing the clinical characteristics of the patient population which would receive access to cross border sharing, as well as ethical concerns and data sharing issues.

A member suggested utilizing the National Kidney Registry (NKR) to facilitate financial structures of cross border organ sharing. The Chair responded that utilizing KPD programs other than the OPTN KPD Pilot Program is possibly outside the purview of a project.

Some members emphasized that a project addressing KPD programs in the US to collaborate within a national program is the most important step forward. Staff will refer these discussions to the appropriate OPTN committees.

There were no additional questions or comments. The last meeting of the Workgroup was adjourned.

Next steps:

The Ad Hoc International Relations Committee will begin to address feasibility of cross border organ sharing during their monthly meetings. Expertise from OPTN committees will be asked to join meetings according to each barrier and concern.

Attendance

- **Workgroup Members**
 - Aneesha Shetty
 - Barry Friedman
 - Karl Schillinger
 - Nahel Elias
 - Peter Kennealey
 - Prakash Rao
 - Peter Stock
 - Samy Riad
 - Tracey McRacken
 - Sylvia Gonzalez
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
- **UNOS**
 - Jen Wainright
 - Leah Slife
 - Meghan McDermott
 - Robert Hunter
 - Ruthanne Leishman
 - Supraja Malladi