

OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee

Meeting Summary

May 19, 2021 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET

Conference Call

Sharon Klarman, RN-BC, BSN, CCTC, Chair

Stacy McKean, RN, Vice Chair

Introduction

The Transplant Coordinators Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 05/19/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. OPTN Lung Transplantation Committee: Refine Lung Data Fields
2. OPTN Policy Oversight Committee Update
3. Closing Remarks

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

1. OPTN Lung Transplantation Committee: Refine Lung Data Fields

UNOS staff presented the OPTN Lung Transplantation Committee's current proposal out for public comment.

Data summary:

The *Refine Lung Data Fields* proposal is aimed at clarifying data entry and impact of specific diagnoses for the Lung Allocation Score (LAS), ensure that data is reported consistently, promote equity among candidates, and provide further clarity in policy language.

Summary of discussion:

A member asked about the implementation time frame for this policy. The goal is for this policy to go into effect at the same time as the LAS changes that were approved by the OPTN Board of Directors in December 2020, which ideally will be this fall. By combining implementation of both policies it increases efficiency and will provide more clarity for the community when done simultaneously. The Committee Chair praised the OPTN Lung Transplantation Committee's work in improving the system for a clearer and more concise method of data sharing. The Chair also noted the importance of this proposal in ensuring the waitlist is as accurate as possible.

Next steps:

If any additional questions arise, please reach out to UNOS staff to get those answered. This proposal will be open for public comment on the OPTN website until May 27, 2021.

2. OPTN Policy Oversight Committee Update

UNOS staff provided an overview of the OPTN Policy Oversight Committee (POC), which is comprised of the Vice Chairs from each OPTN Committee, its role in policy development, and the current strategic policy priorities.

Data Summary:

The POC sets the OPTN's Strategic Policy Priorities, which are currently comprised of efficient matching, multi-organ allocation, continuous distribution, and post-implementation evaluation processes.

Summary of discussion:

The Chair commended the work of the POC in focusing on clear and efficient communication between Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) and transplant hospitals. Utilizing an anticipatory perspective, in partnership with considering unintended outcomes, will allow for the most successful implementation and ease of use especially for Transplant Coordinators.

3. Closing Remarks

UNOS staff informed the members that next month's meeting will include an Effective Practice Discussion and encouraged them to reach out if they are interested in presenting an effective practice to the Committee. The Chair encouraged the inclusion of a group conversation to discuss and reflect on changes within kidney allocation, following the recent Region 1 Kidney Consortium. UNOS staff informed the Committee that the first data report on the new kidney allocations will be available soon and can be incorporated into that discussion.

Upcoming Meetings

- June 16, 2021

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Alexandria Dillard
 - Angele Lacks
 - Brenda Durand
 - Donna Campbell
 - Jaime Myers
 - Jill Campbell
 - Lisa Gallagher
 - Natalie Santiago-Blackwell
 - Maria Casarella
 - Randee Bloom
 - Stacy McKean
 - Susie Ditsworth
 - Sharon Klarman
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Raelene Skerda
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Elizabeth Miller
 - Krissy Laurie
 - Laura Schmitt
 - Ross Walton
- **Other Attendees**
 - Stacey Lerret