

**OPTN Operations & Safety Committee
Broader Distribution Data Collection Workgroup
Meeting Summary
May 18, 2021
Conference Call**

Dominic Adorno, Chair

Introduction

The Broader Distribution Data Collection Workgroup (the Workgroup) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 05/18/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Recap of 4/20 Meeting
2. Review and Discussion: Review of Feedback Proposed New Data Elements, Data Definitions
3. Next Steps

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

1. Recap of 4/20 Meeting & Project Update

The Workgroup reviewed discussions from the previous meeting.

Summary of discussion:

During the Workgroup's April meeting, they discussed potential new data elements and data definitions.

- Transport time – voted to not include due to global position system (GPS) tracker that would directly collect this information
- Transportation mode – defer to GPS project for data collection of transport time and transportation mode
- Transplant time – added as new data element

The Workgroup is unable to propose a mandate for GPS trackers. Currently, UNOS Labs is working on a GPS tracking pilot project, however the data is not yet accessible for OPTN use. The timeline for when this information would be available is unknown. The Workgroup recommends to collect this data until further information through GPS tracking becomes available.

2. Review and Discussion of Current Data Elements

The Workgroup continued discussing potential new data elements.

Summary of discussion:

Proposed New Data Element: Transportation Mode

The Chair stated they were not in support of proposing transportation mode as a new data element due to its complex nature. The Chair expressed that the data gathered from transportation mode would not give a clear understanding of allocation. A member agreed and added that there are variations in complexity according to geographic regions resulting in differences of data gathered.

The Chair stated that capturing transplant time aids in a more accurate calculation for cold ischemic time which can account for baseline expectations of travel. The Chair added that, in a future

development of this project, transportation mode can be assessed for situations where travel time is outside of the established baseline expectation.

The Workgroup agreed to exclude proposing transportation mode as a data element.

Proposed New Data Element: Transplant time (first anastomosis)

The Chair stated that while date of implant is currently collected, time of implant (first anastomosis) will allow for a more accurate calculation of cold ischemic time. The Chair explained that cold ischemic time would be calculated from cross clamp to first anastomosis. A member agreed and added that their program captures transplant time in their electronic medical record, as well as time of reperfusion.

The Workgroup discussed where this data element would be added. Members suggested that this data element would best be captured when removing a patient on the waitlist.

Proposed New Data Element: Organ check-in time

The Chair stated that organ check-in time is an important data element to propose collecting in order to have a more accurate capture of travel time. The Chair explained that some organs will wait at a transplant program due to scheduling logistics, which is not reflective of allocation. The Workgroup agreed organ check-in time is an important data element to collect.

The Workgroup discussed where this data element would be added. Members suggested that this data element would best be captured when removing a patient on the waitlist.

Next Steps:

The Workgroup will finalize their recommendations. The Operations and Safety Committee will vote on a finalized proposal on June 10, 2021 to send to Summer 2021 Public Comment.

Attendance

- **Workgroup Members**
 - Anna Mello
 - Daniel Stanton
 - Dominic Adorno
 - Kim Koontz
 - Rich Rothweiler
 - Steve Johnson
 - Susan Stockemer
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Arjun Naik
 - Jim Bowman
 - Raelene Skerda
- **SRTR Representatives**
 - Katie Audette
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Ben Wolford
 - Casey Humphries
 - Dawn Beasley
 - Joann White
 - Katrina Gauntt
 - Kiana Stewart
 - Kimberly Uccellini
 - Leah Slife
 - Meghan McDermott
 - Melissa Lane
 - Nicole Benjamin
 - Randall Fenderson
 - Supraja Malladi