

OPTN Minority Affairs Committee (MAC)

Meeting Summary

June 21, 2021

Conference Call

Irene Kim, MD, MAC Chair

Paulo Martins, MD, PhD, MAC Vice Chair

Introduction

The OPTN Minority Affairs Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 06/21/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. 2022 Call for Nominations
2. Calculated Panel Reactive Antibodies (CPRA) Revision Project Update
3. Public Comment Voting Item: Reassess Race in Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR) Calculation Request for Feedback (RFF)

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

1. 2022 Call for Nominations

The Committee was provided an overview of the OPTN 2022 Call for Nominations process.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee Chair stated that in order to provide a more accurate depiction of the organization's diversity, the race/ethnicity of OPTN Committee and Board members should be presented as whole percentages. Committee members were asked to refer any OPTN Committee and Board candidates to UNOS staff and to share nomination information with anyone who they believe would be an engaged OPTN volunteer. Members who are rolling off the Committee were encouraged to update their OPTN applications and to reach out if they had interest in serving on the Board.

Next steps:

The Committee determined they would discuss plans for referring potential volunteers to the OPTN during their next meeting.

2. CPRA Revision Project Update

The Committee was provided an overview and update on the OPTN Histocompatibility Committee's CPRA Revision Project.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee Chair inquired whether bone marrow registry was the most accurate way to get human leukocyte antigen (HLA) typing. The Histocompatibility Committee representative stated that for their purposes, accessibility to the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) is the best source of data. The Committee Chair asked about bias in the NMDP dataset due to the volunteer sample size. The Histocompatibility Committee representative stated that in the context of the current CPRA calculator, there are high degrees of similarity at an antigen resolution level. The representative stated that there is the ability to adjust some of the frequencies in mass based on the ethnicity of the patient or make up of

the donor pool. The Committee Vice Chair expressed concern that the database does not reflect the donor population or United States population. This member suggested that in public comment, the OPTN compare the demographics of the database with that of the U.S. population.

The Committee Vice Chair asked whether this proposal aims to increase accessibility or safety of transplantation. The representative stated that the proposal intended to refine virtual cross matching, expand safety to include the unacceptable antigens, and reduce manual vetting of a donor-recipient pairing. This proposal aims to increase both efficiency and safety.

3. Public Comment Voting Item: Reassess Race in estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) Calculation Request for Feedback (RFF)

The Committee voted to send the Reassess Race in eGFR Calculation RFF to OPTN August 2021 Public Comment period.

Vote: 11- Support, 0-Abstain, 0- Oppose

Summary of discussion:

The Committee unanimously voted in support of the Reassess Race in eGFR Calculation RFF. The RFF will be submitted to Public Comment in August 2021.

Upcoming Meeting

- July 12, 2021

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Juan Del Rio Martin
 - Stephen Gray
 - Nicole Hayde
 - Christine Hwang
 - Irene Kim
 - Paulo Martins
 - Okechukwu Ojogho
 - Oyedolamu Olaitan
 - Tahaunty Pena
 - Manual Rodriguez Davalos
 - Wayne Tsuang
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Vanessa Arriola
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Bryn Thompson
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Savanah Holmes
 - Kelsi Lindblad
 - Sara Moriarty
 - Kelley Poff
 - Tina Rhoades
 - Susie Sprinson
 - Niyati Upadhyay
 - Anna Wall
 - Ross Walton
 - Joann White
- **Other**
 - Alejandro Diez (Incoming MAC Vice Chair, July 2021)
 - Jon Lunz (OPTN Histocompatibility Vice Chair)
 - Jason Narverud (Incoming MAC member, July 2021)
 - Pono Shim (MAC visiting Board member)