Establish Membership Requirements for Uterus Transplant Programs

OPTN Vascularized Composite Allograft Transplantation Committee
Purpose of Proposal

- Establish membership requirements specific to uterus transplant programs
- Update general requirements with more tailored requirements
- Reflect expertise needed to safely perform uterus transplants
Proposal

- Split the “genitourinary organ” VCA type into 3 categories
Proposal

- New requirements for uterus transplant programs regarding:
  - Primary surgeon
  - Medical expert support
  - Addition of a primary obstetrician-gynecologist role
  - Hospitals performing living donor uterus recoveries

- No changes to requirements for male external genitalia or other genitourinary organ transplant programs
Rationale

- Uterus transplantation expected to continue growing
Rationale

- At least 32 uterus transplants performed in U.S. to date
  - 20 transplants made possible through living donation
  - Resulted in at least 21 live births
- More tailored membership requirements will help ensure appropriate expertise to protect living donor and transplant recipient safety
  - 8 of 32 uterus grafts failed prior to pregnancy
Member Actions

- All transplant programs performing genitourinary organ transplants will need to re-apply for membership to the OPTN.

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<th>VCA Type</th>
<th>Covered VCA(s)</th>
<th>Purpose of re-applying for membership</th>
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<td>Uterus</td>
<td>Uterus, cervix, vagina</td>
<td>Demonstrate compliance with new requirements</td>
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<td>Penis and scrotum</td>
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<td>Other genitourinary organ</td>
<td>Internal male genitalia; External and internal female genitalia other than uterus, cervix, and vagina; and urinary bladder</td>
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- No other VCA transplant programs will need to re-apply for membership.
What do you think?

- Are the proposed categories of the “genitourinary organ” VCA type clinically appropriate?
- Will the proposed membership requirements ensure that approved uterus transplant programs have the expertise needed?
- Are there any requirements that should be removed or relaxed, or any additional requirements that should be included?
- Is it clear which procedures qualify as “radical hysterectomies”? 