Review of National Liver Review Board (NLRB) Diagnoses and Update to Alcohol-Associated Diagnoses

OPTN Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee
Purpose of Proposal

- **NLRB Diagnoses:**
  - Ensure guidance and policy remain clear and aligned with current research so that the appropriate candidates receive MELD or PELD exceptions

- **Alcohol-Associated Diagnoses:**
  - Allow for more accurate and complete data collection on candidates with alcohol-associated liver disease (ALD)
Proposal: NLRB Diagnoses

- **HCC Guidance:**
  - Add guidance stating that the use of immunotherapy should not preclude HCC candidate from being considered for a MELD exception
  - Add language that makes it clear that candidates with a history of HCC more than two years ago that was resected and recurs do not need to wait six months to receive MMaT-3

- **Hepatic Encephalopathy Guidance:**
  - Non-substantive change to update references and provide clearer guidance

- **HCC Policy:**
  - Update language to make it clear that a chest CT is only required prior to the initial exception
Proposal: Alcohol-Associated Diagnoses

- ALDs are the leading indication for liver transplant
- Ongoing dialogue in liver transplant community regarding need for six-month, pre-transplant abstinence period
- Current diagnoses for ALD on transplant candidate registration (TCR) and transplant recipient registration (TRR) forms are outdated and confusing, prohibiting accurate data collection on candidates with ALD

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<td>Acute Alcoholic Hepatitis</td>
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Rationale

- NLRB Diagnoses:
  - Feedback from transplant community and committee members
  - Published research on HCC recipients treated with immunotherapy

- Alcohol-associated diagnoses:
  - Published research and clinical opinion of committee members
Member Actions

- Transplant programs and NLRB reviewers will need to be familiar with NLRB guidance and policy

- Transplant programs will need to be familiar with updated diagnoses for candidates with ALD
  - Transplant programs will not need to make any changes to historical data
What do you think?

- Do you agree with proposed changes to NLRB guidance?
- Do you have any feedback on proposed updates to diagnoses for candidates with ALD?