

OPTN Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee

Meeting Summary

January 8, 2025

Conference Call

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Introduction

The Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation (MOT) Committee met via WebEx teleconference on 01/08/2025 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Welcome and updates
2. Preparations for public comment and regional meetings
3. Overview of 2025 Committee work
4. Open forum

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

1. Welcome and updates

OPN contractor staff reviewed the meeting schedule, noting that the Committee will continue to meet twice a month. Staff also shared an update on the vice chair selection process. The top four candidates selected by Committee members will be interviewed by Committee leadership. Committee leadership will then select two finalists for the position and the OPTN President-Elect will make the final appointment.

2. Preparations for public comment and regional meetings

OPTN contractor staff reviewed the regional meeting schedule and the slides that Committee members will present during the OPTN winter regional meetings on the *Establish Comprehensive Multi-Organ Allocation Policy* Request for Feedback.

Summary of discussion:

Decision #1: The Committee will confirm the presenters for all regional meetings by email.

Decision #2: The Committee will highlight the adult donation after circulatory death (DCD) 35-85% Kidney Donor Profile Index (KDPI) donor group in the regional meeting presentation as a donor group for which the Committee is considering developing an additional allocation table to include in the multi-organ policy proposal slated for public comment in Summer 2025.

Decision #3: Talking points will be provided for the presentation which include highlighting the goal of maximizing the donor's gift.

Members discussed their willingness and availability to present to their OPTN region and noted there are some regions that are not represented on the Committee. Other members of the Committee may present virtually to those regions if they do not wish to travel to the meeting in person.

Regarding the presentation slides, a member asked what proportion of multi-organ transplants are covered by the proposal under development versus the proportion of multi-organ transplants that fall outside the scope of the proposal. Staff shared that around 6% of multi-organ transplants were from donors not covered by the allocation tables, and about 4% were from adult DCD donors with a KDPI of 35-85%. Staff noted that further discussion on developing an additional allocation table for higher KDPI DCD donors is slated for discussion at the next Committee meeting. Members agreed it is important to highlight donors not covered by the proposal during the regional meeting presentation, especially with increasing utilization of DCD donors. A Chair recommended mentioning the higher KDPI adult DCD donor group specifically on the slide where it says that the Committee is considering whether to develop additional allocation tables.

A member recommended adding language to the talking points for the slides highlighting that the goal is to maximize a donor's gift in addition to or in lieu of maximizing organ placement. The member felt that this was an important distinction, though the sentiment is similar.

Next steps:

Committee members will coordinate with staff via email to ensure each regional meeting has a presenter from the Committee. Staff will share the latest draft version of the Request for Feedback and offered to provide additional preparation sessions if requested by committee members.

3. Overview of 2025 Committee work

OPTN contractor staff presented an overview of the Committee's work for the coming year.

Summary of discussion:

Decision #3: Members confirmed support for continuing to meet twice a month.
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4. Open forum

There were no open forum requests for this meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

- January 22, 2025
- February 12, 2025
- February 26, 2025

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Lisa Stocks, Co-Chair
 - Zoe Stewart Lewis, Co-Chair
 - Marie Budev
 - Vincent Casingal
 - Chris Curran
 - Rocky Daly
 - Rachel Engen
 - Jonathan Fridell
 - Shelley Hall
 - Jim Kim
 - Heather Miller Webb
 - Dolamu Olaitan
 - Deanna Santana
 - Sharyn Sawczak
 - Chris Sonnenday
 - Nicole Turgeon
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Jon Miller
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Houlder Hudgins
 - Sara Langham
 - Kelsi Lindblad
 - Sarah Roache
 - Laura Schmitt
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Ross Walton
 - Ben Wolford