

OPTN Pediatric Transplantation Committee

Meeting Summary

May 22, 2025

Conference Call

Rachel Engen, MD, Chair
Neha Bansal, MD, Vice Chair

Introduction

The Pediatric Transplantation Committee (the Committee) met via WebEx teleconference on 5/22/2025 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Announcement: Revisions to Human Immunodeficiency Virus Policies to Align with Federal Regulatory Updates
2. Announcement: Board Elections Reminder
3. Recap: 4/3/2025 Lost to Follow-up and Transfers Workgroup meeting
4. Open Discussion
5. Open Forum

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

1. Announcement: Revisions to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Policies to Align with Federal Regulatory Updates

The proposal *Revisions to HIV Policies to Align with Federal Regulatory Updates* was available for a special public comment period, March 21 to April 17, 2025.

Summary of discussion:

No decisions were made.

The Chair gave a high-level overview of the proposal and informed the Committee that it would be considered for approval by the OPTN Board of Directors during their June 9-10, 2025 meeting. The Chair noted that HIV transplants are relatively infrequent in pediatrics. There were no questions or comments from committee members.

2. Announcement: Board Elections Reminder

The Transitional Nominating Committee (TNC) recommended a slate of candidates to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, who approved the nominees for the OPTN Board of Directors national election. The ballot for the OPTN Board of Directors national election will be open from 11 a.m. ET on May 23, 2025, to 11:59 p.m. ET on June 2, 2025.

Summary of discussion

The Chair highlighted the pediatric representation on the national ballot. There was brief discussion about pediatric representation on the OPTN Board of Directors.

3. Recap: 4/3/2025 Lost to Follow-up and Transfers Workgroup meeting

The OPTN Lost to Follow-up (LTFU) and Transfers Workgroup (the Workgroup) first met on April 3, 2025¹. As a result of that meeting, a data request was submitted to inform the LTFU and Transfers project.

Summary of discussion

There was a recap of the April Workgroup meeting, and an overview of the data request was given. There were no questions or comments from committee members.

4. Open Discussion

In their extra time on the call, the Committee received a brief update on some of the OPTN work related to allocation out of sequence; the update was provided by a committee member acting as the Committee's representative.

Summary of discussion

A committee member discussed their recent participation in an OPTN meeting to develop a definition for allocation out of sequence (AOOS), as part of the OPTN response to a HRSA directive letter.

5. Open Forum

A committee member requested to speak during the open forum portion of the meeting. More information on the public access plan can be found on the OPTN website.²

Summary of discussion

A committee member shared their concerns about state legislation surrounding vaccines mandates and vaccine status disclosure, and the potential pediatric transplant impacts. Members discussed possible avenues for advocacy outside of the OPTN.

Upcoming Meeting

- TBD

¹ Meeting summary for April 3, 2025 meeting, OPTN Lost to Follow-up and Transfers Workgroup, <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>, (accessed June 18, 2025).

² Committees, OPTN, <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>, (accessed June 18, 2025).

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Rachel Engen
 - Neha Bansal
 - Aaron Wightman
 - Gonzalo Wallis
 - Meelie Debroy
 - Daniel Ranch
 - Shawn West
 - Gonzalo Wallis
 - Reem Rafaat
 - Jennifer Vittorio
 - JoAnn Morey
 - Melissa McQueen
 - Carol Wittlieb-Weber
 - Sonya Kirmani
 - Woodlhey Ambroise
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - N/A
- **SRTR Representatives**
 - Avery Cook
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Leah Nunez
 - Matt Cafarella
 - Betsy Gans
 - Jesse Howell
 - Niyati Upadhyay
 - Laura Schmitt
 - Cole Fox