

**OPTN Operations & Safety Committee  
Meeting Summary  
December 16, 2021  
Conference Call**

**Chris Curran, CPTC, CTBS, CTOP, Chair  
Alden Doyle, MD, MPH, Vice Chair**

## **Introduction**

The Operations & Safety Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoTo Meeting teleconference 12/16/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. IT Update: Multi-Factor Authentication
2. Update: Redefining Provisional Yes and the Approach to Organ Offers Request for Feedback
3. Project Update: Mandatory Usage of Offer Filters

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

### **1. IT Update: Multi-Factor Authentication**

The Committee received an update regarding the upcoming multi-factor authentication for UNet<sup>sm</sup>.

#### Summary of discussion:

There were no comments or questions.

### **2. Update: Redefining Provisional Yes and the Approach to Organ Offers Request for Feedback**

The Committee was updated on the Redefining Provisional Yes and the Approach to Organ Offers project. A Request for Feedback will not be submitted for Winter 2022 Public Comment. The Match Run Rules Workgroup will continue to develop the project.

#### Summary of discussion:

A member stated the any changes made will need to be clearly defined and meet basic levels of health literacy. The member explain that the patient population will need to be actively engaged.

The Chair stated that it is important for the community to understand this project coincides with other improvement projects. The Chair explained that accountability plus improvement of organ offer and acceptance tooling will aid in relief of the number of organ offers.

Another member emphasized that transplant coordinators should continue to be engaged during the development of this project. A member stated that the tiered approach to organ acceptance will need great insight from the transplant community as a whole. Another member stated that they have received some input from their local transplant programs that the tiers will need to depend on the type of kidney offer. The Committee agreed it may be important to engage businesses which take call for organ offers and manage provisional yes for larger transplant programs.

### **3. Project Update: Mandatory Usage of Offer Filters**

The Committee received an update of the Mandatory Usage of Offer Filters project.

#### Summary of discussion:

The Vice Chair suggested the Mandatory Usage of Offer Filters Workgroup should discuss how transplant programs will be able to update the filters as they adapt and change behavior.

A member stated that transplant programs should have the ability to make data driven decisions on their filters. The member explained that transplant programs should be provided data to encourage the usage of filters while also informing the transplant program about which filters would be helpful.

The Vice Chair asked whether there would be mandates for transplant programs to make their filters more restrictive if it is found that certain filters are leading to inefficient use of the system. A member responded that it would be challenging to restrict or require exact filters. The member added that it would be necessary to show transplant programs the benefits of offer filters to encourage voluntary usage before mandating usage.

A member stated that candidate specific offer filters would be very valuable because individuals will have different offers they would be interested in. Other Committee members agreed. The Vice Chair added that compounding filters would also be beneficial. Another member stated that the ability to create filter profiles to apply certain profiles to certain candidates would be useful. The Chair stated that it would be helpful for OPOs to be able to view the filters that transplant programs have in place, within the OPO's area.

There were no further comments or questions. The meeting was adjourned.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

- January 27, 2022 (teleconference)
- February 25, 2022 (teleconference)

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Alden Doyle
  - Andy Bonham
  - Audrey Kleet
  - Charles Strom
  - Chris Curran
  - Dominic Adorno
  - Jami Gleason
  - Kimberly Koontz
  - Melissa Parente
  - Paige Oberle
  - Renee M
  - Rich Rothweiler
  - Stephanie Little
  - Steven Johnson
  - Susan Stockemer
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Jim Bowman
  - Marilyn Levi
  - Raelene Skerda
  - Vanessa Arriola
- **SRTR Staff**
  - Katie Audette
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Janis Rosenberg
  - Joann White
  - Kerrie Masten
  - Kristine Althaus
  - Lauren Mauk
  - Mike Ferguson
  - Meghan McDermott
  - Randall Fenderson