


Patient Affairs Committee Update

My Experience

OPTN Patient Affairs Committee (PAC)

Advises the OPTN Board of Directors and engages with its committees from the perspectives of transplant candidates, recipients, living and deceased donors, and their families



Works independently or in cross-committee collaboration to develop initiatives and policy proposals of significant importance to patients, including transplant access, outcomes, and safety



Reviews public comment items and provides patient-centric feedback to OPTN committees



Represents transplant recipients, living donors, and donor and transplant recipient families

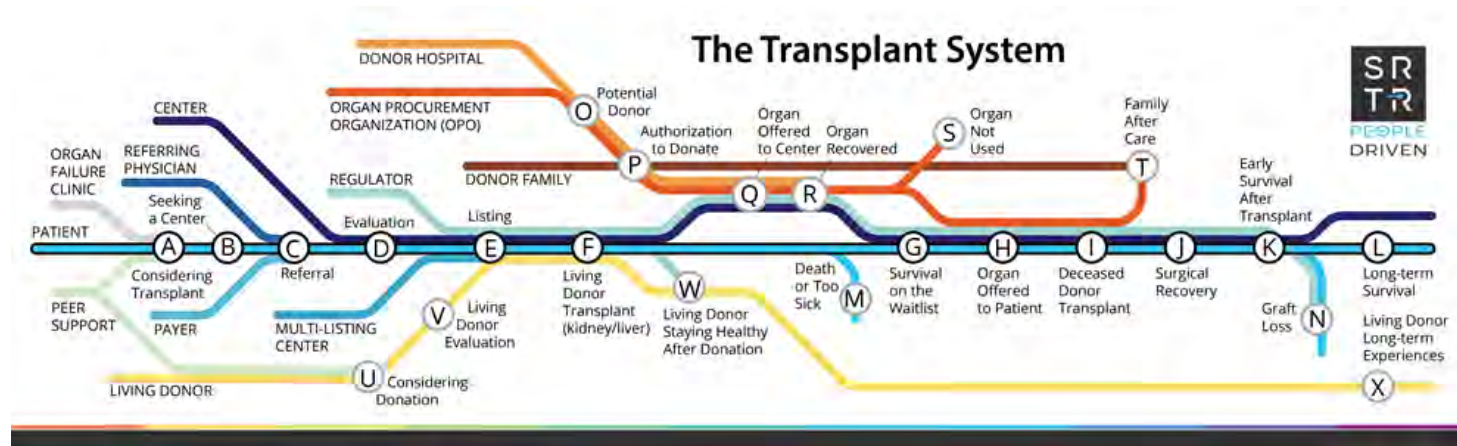
OPTN PAC Members

- 3 Living donors
- 3 Kidney recipients
- 3 Heart recipients
- 2 Lung recipients
- 2 Liver recipients
- 1 Multi-organ recipient
- 3 Family caregivers



Committee Activity

- Public comment proposal review and feedback to sponsoring committees
- PAC members participate in committee workgroups and other OPTN projects impacting the transplant system to provide patient and donor affairs perspective



Get patients and families involved!

- In addition to PAC, every OPTN committee has at least 2 patient and donor affairs representatives to provide the patient, donor and family perspective
- Patients and families can submit a volunteer interest form on the OPTN website year round
 - Visit optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/about/how-to-get-involved/
- Donation and transplant professionals are encouraged to promote OPTN volunteer opportunities to people with a personal connection
- Want to learn more about PAC? Contact Molly McCarthy (mollymccarthy@outlook.com) or Lorrinda Davis (ldavis@trioweb.org)

Questions?