

**OPTN Ethics Committee  
Meeting Summary  
December 19, 2024  
WebEx Meeting**

**Andrew Flescher, PhD, Chair  
Sanjay Kulkarni, MD, Vice Chair**

## **Introduction**

The Ethics Committee (“Committee”) met in-person in Richmond, VA and via WebEx teleconference on 12/19/2024 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Vote on Final White Paper and Associated Discussion

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

### **1. Welcome and Announcements**

There will be a staffing change, with a new liaison, facilitating the work of the Committee.

Staff provided an overview of the Public Comment process. Public Comment starts 1/21, but must first be approved by the Executive Committee. Committee members will present at their respective regional meetings. Be on the lookout for invitations to training sessions.

### **2. Allocation Out of Sequence White Paper Discussion**

#### Presentation Summary:

The Committee will vote to send the white paper, *Ethical Analysis of Allocating Organs Out of Sequence*, to Public Comment in January 2025. There are no substantive edits.

#### Summary of discussion:

The Committee voted unanimously to vote the paper to go to Public Comment. All 14 committee members on the call voted “YES.”

#### Next steps:

The white paper will be submitted to the Executive Committee to go to Public Comment in January.

## **Upcoming Meeting(s)**

- January 16

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Andy Flescher
  - Sanjay Kulkarni
  - Sheila Bullock
  - Gloria Chen
  - Lisa Paolillo
  - Laura Madigan-McCown
  - Joel Wu
  - Andrew Courtwright
  - Laura Jokimaki
  - Fisayo Adebisi
  - Felicia Wells-Williams
  - Sena Wilson-Sheehan
  - Megan Urbanski
  - Jennifer Dillon
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Shannon Dunne
- **SRTR Staff**
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Kieran McMahon
  - Cole Fox
  - Emily Ward
  - Kristina Hogan
  - Laura Schmitt
- **Other Attendees**
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