

**OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee
Performance Monitoring Enhancement Subcommittee
Meeting Summary
April 26, 2024
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The MPSC Performance Monitoring Enhancement Subcommittee met in open session virtually via Webex on April 26, 2024, to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Review Pre-transplant Mortality Questionnaire Draft and Survey Responses
2. What data and data analysis should be provided to MPSC reviewers and/or to hospitals in inquiries?
3. Next Steps

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

1. Review Pre-transplant Mortality Questionnaire Draft and Survey Responses

After the last Subcommittee meeting, members completed a survey with the potential questions to be included on the pre-transplant mortality questionnaire in order to provide feedback on the review process. Staff reviewed the results of the survey and the potential questions with the Subcommittee.

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Subcommittee feedback on the potential questions for the pre-transplant mortality questionnaire included question reformatting and reorganization, verbiage rephrasing, combining related questions, and eliminating superfluous or irrelevant questions to improve clarity and relevancy. Members discussed the relevancy of specific questions to different organ types, noting that the same survey would be used for all types of organ transplant. Members reviewed questions through the lens of how answers could be quantified, whether potential answers would contribute to a meaningful review, and thinking about what a program that was flagged for this metric would want reviewers to know about their program. Members considered what question topics inform a program's pre-transplant mortality rates and the need for balance between questionnaire conciseness and thoroughness.

Staff noted that there will be an opportunity to rework the questionnaire in the future if further opportunities for improvement are identified. The Subcommittee Chair requested that staff update the draft questionnaire to incorporate feedback and then provide it back to the Subcommittee for further

review. The Subcommittee aims to finalize the draft for presentation to the full MPSC at its June meeting.

Next Steps

Staff will provide the revised questionnaire draft to the Subcommittee and gather feedback prior to the next Subcommittee meeting in May.

2. What data and data analysis should be provided to MPSC reviewers and/or to hospitals in inquiries?

Staff provided the Subcommittee a list of potential data to be provided to MPSC reviewers and/or to hospitals in inquiries, including time to transplant, either single reports or trends over time; transplant rates; candidates added and/or removed from waiting list and reasons for removal; active versus inactive data; and pre-transplant mortality cumulative summations (CUSUMS). The Subcommittee was asked for input on the suggested data and any additional data to include.

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Members affirmed support for including active versus inactive data.

A member requested that reviewers be provided information on rejected offers a program received for patients included in patient death numbers, noting that a program flagged for both pre-transplant mortality and offer acceptance would raise concerns. Another member suggested offer acceptance rate ratio overall, for different categories, and indication whether the program was flagged for that metric. Members discussed the appropriate level of detail for each patient death along with how best to present the information, as the number of deaths can vary greatly from program to program, as can the number of offers from patient to patient.

The Subcommittee Chair commented that as part of review, he would want to know how a program is reviewing patient deaths, and that the program should provide a summary of patients that includes at least the age, diagnosis, date listed for transplant, date of death, and cause of death. This would inform review and contribute to program improvement efforts.

SRTR and OPTN staff indicated that they would be able to provide data that ties patient deaths to offers received at the next Subcommittee meeting.

Next Steps

Staff will bring suggestions for data presentation to the next Subcommittee meeting for further discussion. The next meeting will also include discussion of guidance for reviewers who are assigned to review programs flagged for this metric.

Upcoming Meetings

Subcommittee Conference Call, May 16, 2024, 3:00 – 5:00 pm ET

MPSC Meeting, May 21, 2024, 2:00 – 5:00 pm ET

MPSC Meeting, May 29, 2024, 4:00 – 6:00 pm ET

Attendance

- **Subcommittee Members**

- Amit Mathur, Subcommittee Chair
- Victoria Hunter
- Michelle James
- David Vega
- Scott Lindberg
- Anil Chandraker
- Dipankar Gupta
- Candy Wells
- Shelley Hall
- Catherine Kling
- Martha Pavlakis
- Nancy Metzler
- Zoe Stewart Lewis
- Darla Granger
- Roshan George
- Robert Fontana

- **HRSA Representatives**

- Jim Bowman
- Arjun Naik

- **SRTR Staff**

- Jon Miller
- Bryn Thompson
- Jon Snyder

- **UNOS Staff**

- Heather Neil
- Sharon Shepherd
- Rebecca Goff
- Jasmine Gaines
- Melissa Santos
- Stephanie Anderson
- Betsy Warnick
- Sally Aungier
- Marta Waris
- Katie Favaro