

OPTN Pancreas Transplantation Committee

Meeting Summary

January 10, 2022

Conference Call

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Introduction

The Pancreas Transplantation Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 1/10/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Project Update and Discussion: Continuous Distribution of Kidneys and Pancreata
2. New Project Ideas

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

1. Project Update and Discussion: Continuous Distribution of Kidneys and Pancreata

The Committee received a high level overview of the Request for Feedback and analytic hierarchy process (AHP) exercise that will be going out for the winter 2022 public comment cycle.

The Request for Feedback includes the following:

- Provides an update on the progress of the Kidney & Pancreas continuous distribution project
 - Goes further into detail on the proposed attributes and summarizes discussions that helped determine the attributes' proposed rating scales
 - Overview of next steps in the project –Weighing attributes against each other
- Asks for community feedback on Workgroup's progress:
 - Confirmed attributes
 - Rating scale recommendations
 - Considerations on attributes (i.e., waiting time, time/placement efficiency)

There will be two Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) exercises – (1) kidney and (2) kidney-pancreas and pancreas. The Committee reviewed how to participate in the exercise and how the exercise will be used for the continuous distribution project.

Summary of discussion:

There was no discussion.

2. New Project Ideas

The Committee reviewed the following new project ideas that are currently under review:

- Modifications to the Transplant Recipient Follow-up (TRF) form
 - Modifications to TRF form to improve data collection efforts to evaluate/monitor impact of pancreas graft failure definition
 - Revisions to help documentation regarding insulin

- Status: Pending/under internal review
- Modifications to total insulin dosage units
 - Status: Pending/IT is aware and currently working to fix issue
- Adding weight data element back on TRF form
 - Recommendation: Comprehensive review of TRF
- Evaluating/monitoring patients who are non-compliant post-transplant
 - Examining if/how non-compliance may potentially affect graft failure

Summary of discussion:

The Committee was asked if there were any data elements that should be removed or added to the TRF form, from their initial review. This is a summary of their discussion:

A member mentioned that, in the ‘patient status’ section, the ‘hospitalized since last status date’ question is confusing because it is unclear whether the hospitalization needs to be because of the patient’s transplant or if it can be due to any other reason. It is also unclear if hospitalization means the patient goes to the ER, is admitted overnight, or is on 24 hour observation. The Chair inquired if the member’s center default is to put unknown. The member responded yes and the Chair agreed that that data is probably not helpful.

A member also noted that the answer for the ‘working for income’ question is also typically unknown, so that may not be helpful data either.

A member stated that the medication section of the form may be outdated because oral medication or diet should no longer be the only options – there are injectable medications, like Trulicity, that aren’t insulin and there isn’t a field to document this information.

The Chair inquired if there’s a workgroup for this project. Staff explained that there isn’t one yet, but this project will be co-sponsored with the Data Advisory Committee (DAC) and it still needs to be approved by the Policy Oversight Committee (POC).

The Chair stated it may be worth forming a subgroup from the Committee to go further into detail for each question on the TRF form. Staff explained that there is a process for data collection projects, which include a spreadsheet cataloging each question of the TRF form and the Committee will have to answer specific questions that have been created by the DAC.

A member stated that there are some questions that are either required or not required to be answered on the TRF form and the Committee should keep that in mind when reviewing the questions to make sure the required questions are appropriate. The member also mentioned that the ‘functional status’ question is unclear and that the ‘Body mass index (BMI)’ question should be reviewed as well.

A member expressed concern that the ‘average total insulin dosage per day’ question isn’t going to collect accurate data. The definition for ‘average total’ is unclear is it defined as over the last week, the last 6 months, etc.? Then in addition, the question is asking centers to calculate this by bodyweight. The member stated that, in their opinion, the Committee should consider removing that question entirely and instead ask whether or not the patient has resumed insulin.

There were no further comments. The meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings

- February 28th, 2022 (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Rachel Forbes
 - Oyedolamu Olaitan
 - Silke Niederhaus
 - Antonio Di Carlo
 - Dean Kim
 - Luke Shen
 - Maria Friday
 - Nikole Neidlinger
 - Parul Patel
 - Pradeep Vaitla
 - Todd Pesavento
 - Ty Dunn
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Bryn Thompson
 - Jonathan Miller
 - Raja Kandaswamy
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Joann White
 - Rebecca Brookman
 - Anne McPherson
 - James Alcorn
 - Lauren Motley
 - Leah Slife
 - Sarah Booker