

OPTN Transplant Administrators Committee

Meeting Summary

March 05, 2025

Virtual Meeting

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Introduction

The OPTN Transplant Administrators Committee (“Committee”) met via Webex on 03/05/2025 to discuss the following agenda items:

- 1. Establishing Multi-Organ Allocation**
- 2. Kidney Continuous Distribution**
- 3. Operations Standardization Checklist**
- 4. Updates**

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

1. Establishing Multi-Organ Allocation

No decisions were made.

Summary of Presentation:

The Chair of the Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee presented a request for feedback on Multi-Organ Allocation work.

Summary of Discussion:

A few members expressed concern over the proposed priority for Lung Composite Allocation Scores, with high status livers and hearts being prioritized over high-CAS lungs. The MOT Chair stated that the lung placement was based on reviewed data and conversations with related committees. Another member added that a CAS of 30 or 31 would be a good place to start. This member also suggested auto-population for multi-listing candidates, as well as indicating if a candidate could receive one organ at a time versus other candidates who would need all organs at once.

The Chair and a member discussed how deceased circulatory donors will be evaluated, and the Chair responded that this information will be available for review once the work is finished by the committee.

A member had a question about how multiviscerals transplants will be prioritized. He suggested that the MOT committee could consider a higher liver status for multivisceral transplants.

2. Kidney Continuous Distribution

No decisions were made.

Summary of Presentation:

A representative of the Kidney Committee presented their continuous distribution updates.

Summary of Discussion:

A member suggested a way to delineate when a program hires a new surgical leader, as that can change organ acceptance patterns. A member said that their status as a small program has led to less organ offers. Another member added that policies should be increasing transparency around organ offers.

A member stated that offers should be focused on candidates instead of centers and their historical practices.

3. Operations Standardization Checklist

No decisions were made.

Summary of Presentation:

A representative from the Transplant Coordinators Committee presented an internal operations checklist to guide committee projects.

Summary of discussion:

A member said that data definitions should be clarified when projects are implemented.

4. Updates

No decisions were made.

Summary of Discussion:

The Committee chair presented updates on the Patient Awareness of Listing Status project and said TAC's subject matter expertise may be needed during the project work.

Upcoming Meetings:

- April 28, 2025

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Laura Droll
 - Brian Cruddas
 - Emily Warren
 - Jamie Bucio
 - Katie Dokus
 - Chuck Zollinger
 - Kristin Smith
 - Chris Wood
 - Kay Shield Ragan
 - Luke Preczewski
 - Shelley Zomak
 - Jason Huff
 - Susan Zylicz
 - Sharon Klarman
- **Other Attendees**
 - Lisa Stocks
 - Christine Brenner
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Jamie Panko
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Kristina Hogan
 - Carly Rhyne
 - Sarah Roache