

**OPTN Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee
National Liver Review Board (NLRB) Subcommittee
Meeting Summary
January 13, 2022
Conference Call**

James Trotter, MD, Chair

Introduction

The National Liver Review Board Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 01/13/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Ongoing Review of NLRB Diagnoses

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

1. Ongoing Review of NLRB Diagnoses

The Subcommittee discussed the next round of NLRB diagnoses.

Summary of discussion:

A member suggested the Subcommittee should review *Policy 9.5.B: Requirements for Cystic Fibrosis (CF) MELD or PELD Score Exceptions*, as new CF medications and treatments have recently been developed. Another member suggested the need for a forced expiratory volume at one second (FEV1) cutoff for CF should be reassessed.

The Subcommittee determined they would begin to review *Policy 9.5.C: Requirements for Familial Amyloid Polyneuropathy (FAP) MELD or PELD Score Exceptions* by consulting with FAP subject matter experts (SMEs).

The Subcommittee also determined the next round of diagnosis review will include guidance for Bud Chiari, Hepatic Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma, Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia, Multiple Hepatic Adenomas, and Pruritus.

Additionally, the Subcommittee will review criteria listed in *Policy 9.5.E: Requirements for Hepatopulmonary Syndrome (HPS) MELD or PELD Exceptions* to determine if a candidate with severe HPS should be considered for a higher model for end-stage liver disease (MELD) exception score.

Next steps:

The Subcommittee will review the diagnoses discussed today during future meetings.

Upcoming Meeting

- February 10, 2022 @ 2:30 PM ET

Attendance

- **Subcommittee Members**
 - James Trotter
 - Allison Kwong
 - Alan Gunderson
 - James Pomposelli
 - Jennifer Kerney
 - Jorge Reyes
 - Kym Watt
 - Scott Biggins
 - Sophoclis Alexopoulos
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
 - Raelene Skerda
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Katie Audette
 - Nicholas Wood
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Matt Cafarella
 - Megan Oley
 - Susan Tlusty
 - Niyati Upadhyay
 - Jenn Musick
 - Kelley Poff
 - Leah Slife
 - Betsy Gans
 - Julia Foutz
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