

OPTN Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee

Meeting Summary

January 17, 2025

Conference Call

Scott Biggins, MD, Chair

Shimul Shah, MD, MHCM, Vice Chair

Introduction

The OPTN Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee (the Committee) met via WebEx teleconference on 01/17/2025 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Update: Additions to Modify Organ Offer Acceptance Limit Monitoring Report
2. Continuous Distribution: Split Liver (Continued Discussion)

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

1. Update: Additions to Modify Organ Offer Acceptance Limit Monitoring Report

Summary of discussion:

The Committee previously discussed interest in the following metrics:

- How many candidates are waiting at the end of each month with a MELD 37-40 and Status 1A/1B?
- How many of these candidates die with an accepted offer?
- How many had a provisional yes on the same day as death?

The Vice Chair expressed interest in data that reviewed how many times a DCD liver offer was accepted and that subsequently did not expire. A member asked for data on the number of declines for other offer accepted. Another member noted that OPOs capture intraoperative liver declines and ultimate outcomes, the member suggested this may be information would be valuable but may not be accessible. A member stated it would be informative to know how many livers that were declined in the operating room had a bedside biopsy. Another member asked for data on time from first accepted offer to transplant.

Next steps:

The Committee will follow-up with the OPO Committee on potential amendments to their monitoring report.

2. Continuous Distribution: Split Liver (Continued Discussion)

Summary of discussion:

A member supported the split liver attribute proposal asked whether the extra proximity points given to the accepting center may be inequitable since some pediatric programs are not affiliated with adult centers.

Another member wondered whether the criterion related to split liver experience in the last five years should be based on surgeon experience rather than center experience. The Vice Chair stated that the five year experience criterion may not be necessary but it was intended to encourage efficiency.

The Vice Chair wondered whether if centers would split a DCD liver. A member asked how this process would work if a center decided to split a liver that did not meet the proposed criteria.

Next steps:

The Committee will continue to develop the split liver attribute and its operational aspects.

Upcoming Meetings

- February 7, 2025 at 2 pm ET (teleconference)
- February 21, 2025 at 2 pm ET (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Aaron Ahearn
 - Allison Kwong
 - Cal Matsumoto
 - Christine Radolovic
 - Chris Sonnenday
 - Colleen Reed
 - Joseph DiNorcia
 - Marina Serper
 - Mike Kriss
 - Neil Shah
 - Omer Junaidi
 - Scott Biggins
 - Shimul Shah
 - Shunji Nagai
 - Vanessa Pucciarelli
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Bryn Thompson
 - David Scladt
 - Nick Wood
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Alex Carmack
 - Alina Martinez
 - Benjamin Schumacher
 - Joann White
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Keighly Bradbook
 - Laura Schmitt
 - Meghan McDermott
 - Niyati Updahyay
 - Rob McTeir