

**OPTN Ethics Committee  
Multiple Listing Subcommittee  
Meeting Summary  
November 9, 2022  
Conference Call**

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## **Introduction**

The Multiple Listing Subcommittee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 11/09/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Discuss Recommendations and Conclusion Section

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

### **1. Discuss Recommendations and Conclusion Section**

The Subcommittee continued their discussion on the recommendations and conclusions outlined in the white paper. This discussion is a follow up from the in person meeting where the full committee discussed the data and white paper.

#### Summary of discussion:

The subcommittee discussed the challenges transplant programs face to successfully level up to provide fair equality of access and opportunity to all patients. Members agreed that all patients should have an equal opportunity to pursue multiple listing, but acknowledge there are real challenges to that occurring. Members recommended resources could be provided to patients who are facing difficulties meeting the requirements to multiple list. These resources could include scholarship programs to cover expenses, housing opportunities, or waiving residency requirements post-transplant. A member countered that the residency requirements are in place to ensure the patient receives the follow up care they need in their recovery. However, it could be possible to transfer patients to a satellite office or connected clinic to support their continuity of care.

Members considered if, and how, the existing multiple listing policy should be revised. Members agreed that highly sensitized patients should continue to have access and priority to multiple listing. The subcommittee recognized that it is outside of their scope to determine what medically complex or hard to match is, but that should not limit their ability to make this recommendation. The Chair clarified that the white paper could highlight the need for medical complexity to be considered and call on other OPTN Committees to determine the definition or criteria. Members also agreed that further review of OPTN data on the access, utilization, and outcomes of multiple listing should be regularly reviewed and considered. The two data requests provided a preliminary review of the practice, but additional research is needed to fully understand the impact of the practice. Currently, this data is not regularly reviewed.

#### Next steps:

Subcommittee members are asked to send their writing sections to UNOS staff. The full Ethics Committee will discuss the draft at next week's meeting, with a focus on the recommendations and conclusions of the white paper.

## Attendance

- **Subcommittee Members**
  - David Bearl
  - Keren Ladin
  - Melissa Anderson
  - Sena Wilson-Sheehan
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Jim Bowman
- **SRTR Representative**
  - Bryn Thompson
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Cole Fox
  - Houlder Hudgins
  - Katrina Gauntt
  - Laura Schmitt
  - Stryker-Ann Vosteen