

OPTN Vascularized Composite Allograft Transplantation Committee

Meeting Summary

September 18, 2024

Conference Call

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Introduction

The OPTN Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) Transplantation Committee (Committee) met via Webex teleconference on 09/18/2024 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Implementation Update: VCA TRR and TRF Forms
2. OPTN VCA Patient Webpage request
3. Open Discussion
4. Open Forum

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

1. Implementation Update: VCA TRR and TRF Forms

The Committee was informed that implementation of VCA TRR and TRF forms in the OPTN Data System is now expected in November 2024 to allow for thorough review. As part of a VCA data clean-up effort, the Committee decided on August 28, 2024 that historical TRR and TRF forms should be expected by 6 months after the implementation date.

Summary of discussion:

No decisions were made.

There was no discussion.

2. OPTN VCA Patient Webpage request

The Committee has discussed potential OPTN webpage improvements for VCA patients in past meetings. The opportunity to add VCA to the “Patients” section on the OPTN website was identified. On August 28, 2024, the Committee, with input from both patient representatives, discussed the ideal state for VCA patient resources.

Summary of discussion:

No decisions were made.

The Committee discussed the scope for the effort. Content for this requested webpage should align with written text of other solid organ pages¹ in the Patients section (i.e. functions of the organs, transplant procedures, reasons for transplant). There was agreement that a section for every VCA type would be

¹ <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/patients/by-organ/kidney/>.

preferred but could prove challenging due to the various anatomical structures included in each VCA type. Members were prompted to explore any resources used to educate potential candidates at their institutions.

3. Open Discussion

In their extra time on the call, the Vice Chair followed up with members on informal community discussions regarding CMS definitions of VCA.

4. Open Forum

There were no open forum speakers.

Upcoming Meeting

- TBD

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Paige Porrett
 - Christina Kaufman
 - Todd Levy
 - Charlie Thomas
 - Gerald Scott Winder
 - Amanda Gruendell
 - Ericka Harrison
 - Gregory McKenna
 - Joseph Hendrix
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Shannon Dunne
 - James Bowman
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Leah Nunez
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Susan Tlusty
 - Houlder Hudgins