

## **OPTN Living Donor Committee**

### **Meeting Summary**

**May 18, 2022**

**Conference Call**

**Heather Hunt, JD, Chair**

**Nahel Elias, MD, Vice Chair**

### **Introduction**

The OPTN Living Donor Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoTo Meeting teleconference on 05/18/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Welcome & Announcements
2. Living Donor Data Collection

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

#### **1. Welcome & Announcements**

The Vice Chair informed the Committee of recent OPTN Policy Oversight Committee (POC) discussions regarding vulnerable populations.

##### Summary of discussion:

The Vice Chair presented to the OPTN Minority Affairs Committee (MAC) on behalf of the POC regarding vulnerable populations. The Vice Chair informed the Committee that the POC was recommending for living donors to be added the list of vulnerable populations.

A member asked what the benefit is of adding living donors as a vulnerable population. The Vice Chair responded that the POC is developing a benefit scoring system to review new projects. The new benefit scoring system accounts for projects that address vulnerable populations.

#### **2. Living Donor Data Collection**

The Committee continued their discussion regarding living donor data collection.

##### Summary of discussion:

The Committee reviewed the data collection principles and identified the following as they relate to living donor data collection:

- Determine member-specific performance
- Ensure patient safety when no alternative sources of data exist
- Develop transplant, donation, and allocation policies

SRTR staff stated that the barriers to living donation may be considered as an addition to the previously outlined data collection principles. SRTR staff added that while the OPTN data collection may not be able to analyze barriers to living donation, a partnership with the SRTR's Living Donor Collective may lend additional information to this topic. The Living Donor Collective may be able to provide this additional information due to its data collection on living donor candidates by providing a control group in data analyses.

The Committee focused their discussion on the goals of living donor data collection.

A member stated that understanding living donor outcomes is necessary for guiding policy. The member stated that the purpose of the Committee is to analyze policy in order to ensure the greatest impact relating to protecting living donors and optimizing their outcomes, and long-term outcome data is needed for the Committee to perform its role.

Another member stated that it is important to capture the positive effects of living donation. A member agreed and stated that collecting data on the positive impacts of living donation will help increase confidence in the transplant community. The Chair agreed and stated that the report to the OPTN Board of Directors should emphasize that increased data collection on living donors will broadly and positively influence living donation.

The Chair stated that more input is needed for living liver donation, in order to have an equal review of types of living donation.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- June 13, 2022 (Richmond, Virginia)

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Angie Nishio Lucar
  - Camille Rockett
  - Doug Penrod
  - Erik Lum
  - Heather Hunt
  - Henkie Tan
  - Katey Hellickson
  - Mark Payson
  - Nahel Elias
  - Roberto Hernandez-Alejandro
  - Stevan Gonzalez
  - Tyler Baldes
  - Vineeta Kumar
  - Yee Lee Cheah
- **SRTR Staff**
  - Caitlyn Nystedt
  - Krista Lentine
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Carol Covington
  - Cole Fox
  - Jennifer Wainright
  - Kim Uccellini
  - Lauren Motley
  - Lindsay Larkin
  - Meghan McDermott
  - Sam Weiss
  - Tina Rhoadres
- **Other Attendees**
  - Alexandra Shingina
  - Brad Kornfeld
  - Hoylan Fernandez
  - Nancy Marlin