

OPTN Minority Affairs Committee (MAC)

Meeting Summary

October 18, 2021

Conference Call

Paulo Martins, MD, PhD, Chair

Alejandro Diez, MD, Vice Chair

Introduction

The OPTN Minority Affairs Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 10/18/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. eGFR Proposal: Language Review and Vote
2. Kidney Donor Profile Index Discussion

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

1. eGFR Proposal Language Review and Vote

The Committee reviewed and voted on the *Establish OPTN Requirement for Race- Neutral estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR) Calculation* policy language.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee reviewed the definition of GFR to be added to OPTN policy and all other policies the proposal would impact upon implementation. Then the Committee voted on this language.

Vote: 11-Yes, 0- No, 0 – Abstain

Next steps:

The *Establish OPTN Requirement for Race- Neutral eGFR Calculations* proposal has been approved by the Committee for the OPTN Winter 2022 public comment period.

2. Kidney Donor Profile Index Discussion

The Committee discussed the reassessment of race in the Kidney Donor Profile Index (KDPI) as a potential next project.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee observed a presentation which showed that race is being treated as an independent predictor of KDPI and that the lower KDPI in race is exclusive to Black race. A member pointed out that race is a variable used in pulmonary function tests and that the Committee could consider this as a prospective project as well. This member continued, noting the national movement to remove racial bias from clinical tools. Another member confirmed that the Black race coefficient in the KDPI formula is statistically derived and asked who determines the race of donors. A member responded that OPOs often rely on the hospitals records, but if there is any question about the patient's race they will reach out to the donor's family. Another member noted the importance of science- derived policy solutions when developing projects. Committee members determined that they are interested in developing a project in the future that aims to reassess race in the KDPI.

Next steps:

The Committee will discuss this issue further during a future call.

Upcoming Meetings

- November 15, 2021 @ 1pm ET

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Alejandro Diez
 - Paulo Martins
 - Tahaunty Pena
 - Ayana Andrews- Joseph
 - Christine Hwang
 - Jason Narverud
 - Joey Nuqui
 - Juan Del Rio Martin
 - Irene Kim
 - Okechukwu Ojogho
 - Wayne Tsuang
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Bryn Thompson
 - Monica Colvin
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Chelsea Haynes
 - Eric Steigleder
 - Kelley Poff
 - Kelsi Lindblad
 - Leah Slife
 - Lindsay Larkin
 - Matt Prentice
 - Sara Moriarty