

OPTN Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee

Meeting Summary

May 28, 2025

Conference Call

Lisa Stocks, RN, MSN, FNP, Chair

Zoe Stewart Lewis, MD, PhD, MPH, FACS, Chair

Introduction

The OPTN Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee (the Committee) met via WebEx teleconference on 05/28/2025 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Welcome and updates
2. Review draft policy language – Voting item

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

1. Welcome and updates

OPTN Contractor staff (staff) shared an update of the policy project timeline. Today, the Committee will vote on the draft policy language. Staff will share the draft policy proposal for the Committee’s consideration in June.

Summary of discussion:

No discussion.

2. Review draft policy language – Voting item

Staff presented an overview of the draft policy language for the Committee’s review.

Summary of presentation:

Staff reviewed revisions to *OPTN Policy 5.10: Allocation of Multi-Organ Combinations*. The revised policy language would standardize allocation order for most deceased donors by inserting seven multi-organ allocation tables into policy. It would also standardize allocation processes and require that OPOs generate a multi-organ allocation plan for covered donors. It would establish which organs could follow the primary organ on each match run. It incorporates existing medical eligibility criteria for multi-organ combinations.

Staff reviewed minor revisions to other sections of OPTN policy, including *1.2: Definitions*, *5.4.B: Order of Allocation*, and *8.6.A: Choice of Right versus Left Donor Kidney*.

Summary of discussion:

Committee decisions:

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the draft policy language, subject to the following minor revisions:

- Add reference to *Policy 5.6.D: Effect of Acceptance* in *5.10.C: Re-executing Multi-Organ Allocation Plans*

- Revise 5.10.E: *Medical Eligibility for Multi-Organ Offers* to make clear that medical eligibility criteria do not apply to pediatric candidates

A member sought clarification on whether the pancreas and kidney pancreas match runs must be run simultaneously. Staff clarified that currently these match runs need not be run at the same time, as would be required for heart and heart-lung match runs and the liver and intestine match runs. This is consistent with current practice.

A member recommended clarifying that the OPOs must generate the allocation plan according to the proposed tables, perhaps by referencing the policy numbers or proposed tables listed later. Staff highlighted that “multi-organ allocation plan” is a newly defined term and the definition refers to the policy tables.

Members discussed the language in 5.10.C and requested clarification that 5.6.D: *Effect of Acceptance* prevents reallocation of organs that have been accepted.

A member questioned the need for the phrase “after the OPO has made an offer to a primary potential transplant recipient” in 5.10.B. Staff clarified that this defines the point in time by which OPOs must generate an allocation plan.

A member expressed concern that the policy language does not explicitly state that the medical eligibility for multi-organ offers does not apply to pediatric candidates. Other members supported including more explicit language regarding pediatric patient eligibility for multi-organ transplants. Staff agreed to revise that language accordingly.

The Committee continued reviewing the draft policy language and there were no additional questions or clarifications raised. The Co-Chair called for a motion to vote on the language and the motion was seconded. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the draft policy language, subject to the following minor revisions described above.

Next steps:

Staff will make the revisions requested by the Committee and confirm the final language with Committee leadership.

Upcoming Meetings

- June 11, 2025
- June 25, 2025

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Lisa Stocks, Co-Chair
 - Zoe Stewart Lewis, Co-Chair
 - Marie Budev
 - Vincent Casingal
 - Rocky Daly
 - Rachel Engen
 - Jonathan Fridell
 - Shelley Hall
 - Jim Kim
 - Precious McCowan
 - Oyedolamu Olaitan
 - Deanna Santana
 - Chris Sonnenday
 - Nicole Turgeon

- **SRTR Staff**
 - Avery Cook
 - Jon Miller

- **UNOS Staff**
 - Houlder Hudgins
 - Sarah Roache
 - Erin Schnellinger
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Susan Tlusty
 - Stryker-Ann Vosteen
 - Ross Walton
 - Ben Wolford