

Pancreas Committee Update on Continuous Distribution

OPTN Pancreas Transplantation Committee
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Purpose of Update

- Inform the community of current progress on Continuous Distribution of Pancreata and share updates on the Committees work in efficiency
 - Update the community on medical urgency definition decisions
 - Provide updates on the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) modeling request

Update

- Medical urgency definition
 - The Committee has finalized criteria that would enable candidates to receive medical urgency priority and is seeking community feedback
- SRTR modeling request on non-use and non-utilization
 - The Committee received the SRTR's report on modeling non-use and non-utilization in pancreas transplantation

Medical Urgency

- The Committee has identified 3 criteria that would qualify a candidate for medical urgency priority:
 - Hypoglycemia Awareness Questionnaire impaired awareness subscore of 12, or
 - Continuous glucose monitoring data with specified Time In Range from previous 6 months,
 - 9% or more at <70ml/dL
 - 4% or more at <60ml/dL
 - 2% or more at <54ml/dL, or
 - Candidate meets Kidney medical urgency criteria (OPTN Policy 8.4.A.i)

Medical Urgency

- The Committee is seeking feedback on 4 additional criteria and how those should be considered by the Pancreas Review Board in determining a candidate's eligibility:
 - Diabetic ketoacidosis in the past 6 months
 - Severe Cardiac Autonomic Neuropathy with referral from cardiologist
 - One severe hypoglycemic event in the past 6 months
 - Pancreatic exocrine insufficiency
- The criteria aim to provide objective measures to ensure eligibility for medical urgency is equitably and fairly applied for all candidates

SRTR Modeling Request

- The SRTR finalized the analysis of modeling non-use and non-utilization
 - It was determined that simulation modeling cannot show pancreas non-use or non-utilization
 - Concerns were identified regarding simulation modeling's ability to model various pancreas allocation policies
 - The SRTR recommends the Committee use non-simulation methods for determining allocation policy changes with continuous distribution.
 - Potential alternatives include a match run analysis

What do you think?

- How effectively might the proposed criteria identify medically urgent candidates, and what aspects could be improved?
- In what ways do the proposed criteria offer clarity and guidance for transplant programs and the future review board in applying medical urgency criteria to pancreas candidates?
- What are the potential challenges or benefits of the proposed documentation requirements for transplant program staff, and how might they be made more manageable?

FAQs

What are the next steps for continuous distribution?

Additional Questions?

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Related Proposals

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Provide Feedback

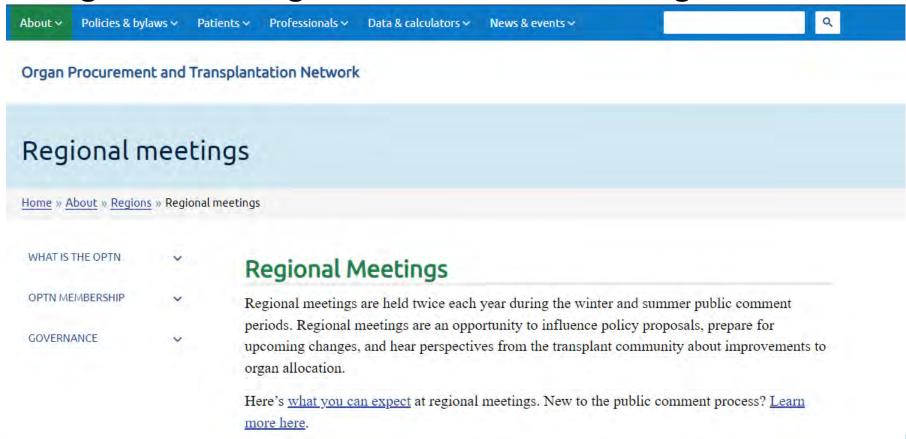
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