



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

- OPTN Kidney Transplantation Committee Update on Continuous Distribution

Provide Feedback

Submit public comments on the OPTN website

- January 21 – March 19, 2025
- **optn.transplant.hrsa.gov**



Regional Meeting Information

- Visit <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/about/regions/regional-meetings/> for the latest regional meeting information and meeting materials

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