

**OPTN Ethics Committee  
Multiple Listing Subcommittee  
Meeting Summary  
September 14, 2022  
Conference Call**

**David Bearl, MD, Chair**

## **Introduction**

The Multiple Listing Subcommittee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 09/14/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Discuss Second Data Request
2. Discuss Revised Outline and Next Steps

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

### **1. Discuss Second Data Request**

Katrina Gauntt, from UNOS Research, presented the findings from the second research request *Characteristics of Multiple Listed Kidney and Liver Candidates by Geography*. This data request was a follow up to *Characteristics of Multiple Listed Candidates by Organ Type* which the subcommittee received in May.

#### Summary of data:

The full data report can be found on the Ethics Committee Sharepoint.

#### Summary of discussion:

The subcommittee discussed the findings from the data request, some of which were consistent with their assumptions and others which surprised the group. The group expected that a reduction in multiple listing would occur as a result of allocation shifting from donor service areas (DSAs) to acuity circles, but were surprised to see the large proportion of patients who multiple listed within 250 NM of the primary transplant hospital. This furthered the subcommittee's inquiry of what the benefit of multiple listing may be if the donor pool is not being greatly expanded. A member posed the question of whether the patients who are pursuing multiple listing in a closer proximity are highly sensitized patients who are harder to match to donor organs. The potential of highly sensitized patients utilizing multiple listing was further confirmed when the group reviewed the longer wait time that multiple listed patients had when compared to single listed liver or kidney recipients. While unable to be confirmed by the existing data, the subcommittee opined that multiple listing might be occurring to correct other disparities in the system. The subcommittee requested research to link the waiting time data with CPRA data to gain insight on this potential.

The subcommittee was surprised to see that multiple listing did not inherently lead to shorter waiting times or higher transplant rates across the board. This data is important to better understand the scope of the problem and the level of advantage that multiple listed patients have compared to single listed patients. Identifying the scope of the issue is essential to determining how the ethical principles apply, and whether there are trends of disparities for certain, distinct populations.

## **2. Outline and Next Steps**

The subcommittee agreed that using the revised outline from the last meeting is still ideal and the data presented can be incorporated into some of the sections. Members volunteered for various sections and the group identified sections for discussion at their next meeting.

### Next steps:

Subcommittee members are tasked with writing their initial drafts and bringing them to the next meeting for circulation and review.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- October 12, 2022

## Attendance

- **Subcommittee Members**
  - Keren Ladin
  - Melissa Anderson
  - Sanjay Kulkarni
  - Sena Wilson-Sheehan
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Jim Bowman
  - Marilyn Levi
- **SRTR Representative**
  - Bryn Thompson
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Cole Fox
  - Houlder Hudgins
  - Katrina Gauntt
  - Laura Schmitt
  - Stryker-Ann Vosteen