
Meeting Agenda

2025 Summer Region 9 Meeting
Thursday, September 25, 2025, 10:00am-3:00pm ET
Virtual

Councillor: Meelie DebRoy, MD

Associate Councillor: Niraj Desai, MD

Board Members: Meelie DebRoy, MD

Transplant Community Administrator: Sara Rose Wells

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker(s)
10:00-10:15 am	Councillor Update	Meelie DebRoy, MD Westchester Medical Center
10:15-10:30 am	Patient Affairs Committee Update	Elizabeth DeVivo OPTN Patient Affairs Committee
10:30-11:00 am	OPTN Executive Update	Shelley Hall, MD Vice President, OPTN Board of Directors
11:00-11:30 am	HRSA OPTN Modernization Update	HRSA Division of Transplantation
11:30-11:40 am	Break	
11:40 am-12:00 pm	Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee: Require West Nile Virus Seasonal Testing for All Donors	Shirish Hupikar, MD Mount Sinai Medical Center
12:00-12:20 pm	Living Donor Committee: Update and Improve Efficiency in Living Donor Data Collection	Laura Butler, MMHC, MSN OPTN Living Donor Committee
12:20-12:40 pm	Transplant Coordinators Committee: Require Patient Notification for Waitlist Status Changes	Gertrude Okelezo, BSN, MSN, RN Mount Sinai Medical Center
12:40-1:30 pm	Lunch	
1:30-2:45 pm	Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee: Establish Comprehensive Multi-Organ Allocation Policy	Chris Sonnenday, MD, MHS OPTN Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee
2:45-3:00 pm	Closing Remarks & Poll Everywhere Results	Meelie DebRoy, MD

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Summer 2025 Public Comment

Non-Discussion – *Sentiment collection only; no presentation or discussion*

- [Modify Guidance for Pediatric Heart Exception Requests to Address Temporary Mechanical Circulatory Support Equipment Shortage](#), *OPTN Heart Transplantation Committee*
- [Histocompatibility HLA Table Update 2025](#), *OPTN Histocompatibility Committee*

Discussion

- [Require West Nile Virus Seasonal Testing for All Donors](#), *OPTN Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee*
- [Establish Comprehensive Multi-Organ Allocation Policy](#), *OPTN Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Allocation Committee*
- [Update and Improve Efficiency in Living Donor Data Collection](#), *OPTN Living Donor Committee*
- [Require Patient Notification for Waitlist Status Changes](#), *OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee*

Resources

- Regional Meeting Materials: <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/members/regions/regional-meetings/>
- OPTN Public Comment: <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/policies-bylaws/public-comment/>
- OPTN Policies: <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/governance/policies/>
- Final Rule: <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/about/final-rule/>