

**OPTN Transplant Administrators Committee
Fiscal Impact Advisory Group
Meeting Summary
May 19, 2025
Conference Call**

Introduction

The Fiscal Impact Advisory Group met via Webex teleconference on 05/19/2025 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. OPO – Machine Perfusion Data Collection
2. OPO – Review of DCD Policies
3. Kidney – Expedited Placement
4. Living Donor – Update and Improve Efficiency of Living Donor Data Collection Pt 1
5. Multi-Organ – Multi-Organ Allocation Policy
6. DTAC – Require West Nile Virus Seasonal Testing for Donor
7. Histocompatibility – 2025 HLA Table Update
8. Transplant Coordinators – Require Patient Notifications for Waitlist Status Change

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

1. OPO – Machine Perfusion Data Collection

Decision: The Subcommittee did not make any decisions.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup decided that this proposal would be a low fiscal and staff burden. Members stated that the main burden will be related to time spent entering new data, as well as training staff on new practices. One member stated that each data entry will take around 10-15 minutes. The support liaison stated that third-party vendors have a third form for their own data collection.

2. OPO – Review of DCD Policies

Decision: The Subcommittee did not make any decisions.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup decided that this proposal would be a low burden with a potential staff burden due to increased offers. The members did not have additional commentary to add.

3. Kidney - Expedited Placement

Decision: The Subcommittee did not make any decisions.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup decided that this proposal would have a low-cost burden and medium-high staff burden. Members stated the staff burden would be higher up-front, as forms must be updated. A histocompatibility representative stated that labs may only have 15-20 minutes to perform virtual crossmatch in the 1-hour timeframe, and additionally, some labs may not have multiple personnel to approve high-risk expedited placement offers.

4. Living Donor – Update and Improve Efficiency of Living Donor Data Collection Pt 1

Decision: The Subcommittee did not make any decisions.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup decided that this proposal would have a low-cost burden and low-medium impact on staff. Members stated that the main burden would come from filling out the extensive data forms. One member mentioned that for high-volume living donor programs, additional staff may need to be hired to fill out the data fields.

5. Multi-Organ – Multi-Organ Allocation Policy

Decision: The Subcommittee did not make any decisions.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup decided that this proposal would have a low-cost burden and low-impact on staff. Transplant program representatives said they might see a decrease in single-organ offers. The Workgroup decided to seek further OPO feedback to expand perspective.

6. DTAC – Require West Nile Virus Seasonal Testing for Donor

Decision: The Subcommittee did not make any decisions.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup decided that this proposal would have a low-cost burden and low-impact on staff. Members said the main costs will come from staff education and EMR compliance tools.

7. Histocompatibility – 2025 HLA Table Update

Decision: The Subcommittee did not make any decisions.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup decided that this proposal would have a low-cost burden and a low-medium staff burden. Lab staff may need to be trained in the implementation of p-groups, as this training is not currently done by all labs.

8. Transplant Coordinators – Require Patient Notifications for Waitlist Status Change

Decision: The Subcommittee did not make any decisions.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup decided that this proposal would have a low-cost burden and a low-staff burden. Programs that do not already have notifications in place may have increased cost and burden for developing notification systems.

Upcoming Meeting

- TBD

Attendance

Workgroup Members

- Jason Huff
 - Crystal Usenko
 - Chris Wood
 - Susan Zylicz
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Jamie Panko
 - Lindsay Larkin
 - Tamika Watkins
 - Sarah Roache
 - Ethan Studenic