

OPTN Ethics Committee

October 1, 2025

11:00 AM – 2:30 PM, EDT

Teleconference Meeting

Chair: Andrew Flescher, PhD

Vice Chair: Sanjay Kulkarni, MD

UNOS Primary Point of Contact: Emily Ward

UNOS Support Team: Lindsay Larkin, Ross Walton, Cole Fox, Tory Boffo

Time (Eastern)	Agenda Item	Presenters
11:00 – 11:15 AM	Welcome, Announcements, and Icebreaker	Andrew Flescher, Chair
11:15-11:30 AM	Workgroup Updates: • AOOS Directive • DCD Directive • Modify Living Donor Psychosocial Evaluation	Workgroup Members
11:30 – 1:00 PM	First Draft Review White Paper: Ethical Analysis of Possible Impacts Xenotransplantation on Human Allograft Organ Allocation	Andy Flescher, Chair
1:00 - 1:15 PM	BREAK	
1:15 – 1:40 PM	Overview and Q and A for Collaborating Committees: Ethical Analysis of Possible Impacts Xenotransplantation on Human Allograft Organ Allocation	Andy Flescher, Chair
1:40 – 2:00 PM	Discussion: Liver Paired Donation Project Idea (OPTN Liver and Intestinal Transplantation Committee)	Andy Flescher, Chair
1:40 – 2:25 PM	New Project Discussion and Prioritization	Sanjay Kulkarni, Vice Chair
2:25 - 2:30 PM	Open Forum	
2:30 PM	Adjourn	All

Resources

OPTN Strategic Plan – <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/governance/strategic-plan/>

OPTN Policies (<http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/policiesAndBylaws/policies.asp>)

Final Rule (http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/policiesAndBylaws/final_rule.asp)

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Ethics Full Committee Meeting, November 20th, 2025 (Virtual) – 11a.m.-12p.m. ET

Ethics Full Committee Meeting, December 18th, 2025 (Virtual) – 11a.m.-12p.m. ET