

OPTN Vascularized Composite Allograft Transplantation Committee

Meeting Summary

November 14, 2024

Conference Call

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Introduction

The OPTN Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) Transplantation Committee (Committee) met via Webex teleconference on 11/14/2024 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Implementation Updates
2. OPTN VCA Patient Webpage request
3. Open Forum

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

1. Implementation Updates

Updates on the implementation of VCA recipient data submission forms, the historical VCA data clean-up effort and the implementation of VCA living donor forms were provided.

Summary of discussion:

No decisions were made.

There was no discussion.

2. OPTN VCA Patient Webpage request

The Committee has discussed potential OPTN webpage improvements for VCA patients in past meetings. The opportunity to add VCA to the “Patients” section on the OPTN website was identified. On August 28, 2024, the Committee, with input from both patient representatives, discussed the ideal state for VCA patient resources. During the September Committee meeting, the Committee discussed the scope for this request and discussed potential ways to organize the information.

Summary of discussion:

No decisions were made.

The Committee reviewed draft language for the OPTN VCA patient webpage request to the Health Services Administration (HRSA). Draft language included subsections for each covered VCA type as listed in OPTN *Policy 1.2: Definitions*. Clinicians with specific subject matter expertise suggested edits and revisions, to ensure content will be accurate and relevant to current practices in VCA transplantation. The webpage may require future updates to maintain accuracy as the field evolves. To limit future required maintenance, it may be best to refrain from external webpage links, as they would need to be periodically checked for accuracy and/or function.

Next steps:

OPTN contractor staff will evaluate resources for this request. The Committee will review revised draft language at a future meeting.

3. Open Forum

There were no open forum speakers.

Upcoming Meeting

- January 15, 2024, 3PM ET, teleconference

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Vijay Gorantla
 - Christina Kaufman
 - Charlie Thomas
 - Gerald Scott Winder
 - Ericka Harrison
 - Bruce Gelb
 - Elliott Richards
 - Sheila Advento
 - Alexa Blood
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - None
- **SRTR Representatives**
 - Avery Cook
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Susan Tlusty
 - Kristina Hogan
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Laura Schmitt