

**OPTN Histocompatibility Committee
Meeting Summary
July 09, 2024
Webex Meeting**

**John Lunz, MD, Chair
Gerald Morris, MD, Vice Chair**

Introduction

The Histocompatibility Committee (“Committee”) met via WebEx teleconference on 07/09/2024 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Orientation
2. New Histocompatibility Business

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

1. Orientation

No decisions were made.

Presentation Summary:

OPTN Staff presented a committee orientation to inform new members.

2. New Histocompatibility Business

No decisions were made.

Presentation Summary:

OPTN staff called for volunteers for an Operations and Safety Committee project. OPTN IT staff presented an update on null alleles. A mockup was shown of the update for donor typing, which has “no second antigen detected” and “null allele” options at the top of the list. Staff also gave a brief update that a virtual cross-matching webinar is being worked on. The Chair mentioned that WHO nomenclature may require transition time, so this is something the committee should continue looking into.

Summary of discussion:

A member asked if the null alleles would be specified, and staff stated that the update includes a general null allele.

Upcoming Meeting

- August 13, 2024

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Bobbie Rhodes-Clark
 - Crystal Usenko
 - Dave Pinelli
 - Gerald Morris
 - Helene McMurray
 - Hemant Parekh
 - Kelley Hitchman
 - Julie Houp
 - John Lunz
 - Laurine Bow
 - Michael Gautreaux
 - Ryan Pena
 - Tiffany Bratton
 - Qingyong Xu
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Marilyn Levi
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Avery Cook
 - Rajalingam Raja
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Thomas Dolan
 - Jamie Panko
 - Joann White
 - Susan Tlusty
 - Laura Schmitt
 - Amelia Devereaux
 - Betsy Gans