

OPTN Kidney Transplantation Committee

Meeting Summary

April 26, 2022

Conference Call

Martha Pavlakis, MD, Chair

Jim Kim, MD, Vice Chair

Introduction

The Kidney Transplantation Committee (the Committee) met via teleconference on 4/26/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Review of Policy Language: Establish Minimum Kidney Donor Criteria to Require Biopsy
2. Review of Policy Language: Standardize Kidney Biopsy Reporting and Data Collection

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

1. Review of Policy Language: *Establish Minimum Kidney Donor Criteria to Require Biopsy*

The Committee reviewed recent feedback from the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO) and drafted policy language for the *Establish Minimum Kidney Donor Criteria to Require Biopsy* proposal.

Presentation Summary:

The Committee reviewed drafted post-public comment changes to include:

- Adding specific timeframe language to anuria and renal replacement therapy criterion
- Addition of "reasonable effort" language and requirement of documentation if biopsy cannot be performed

The Committee reviewed a summary of recent discussions with AOPO representatives regarding the proposal. AOPO representatives explained several concerns, particularly regarding standardization and quality control and concern for increased biopsy rates leading to decreased utilization. AOPO representatives also recommended removing the HbA1c aspect of the diabetes history criterion, arguing this has different implications for different donors and should be considered on a case by case basis.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee discussed whether the HbA1c language should be removed from the diabetes criterion. The Chair commented the HbA1c is important for diagnosing someone with undiagnosed long-term diabetes and favors keeping the language. Another Committee member agreed and added many donors have poor medical follow-up and HbA1c is helpful with detecting long-term diabetes. The Committee unanimously agreed with leaving the HbA1c language as is.

VOTE: The Committee unanimously approved sending the *Establish Minimum Kidney Donor Criteria to Require Biopsy* proposal to the Board of Directors in June, 2022.

2. Review of Policy Language: *Standardize Kidney Biopsy Reporting and Data Collection*

The Committee reviewed drafted policy language for the *Standardize Kidney Biopsy Reporting and Data Collection* proposal.

Presentation Summary:

The Committee reviewed drafted post-public comment changes to include:

- Addition of Arterial Hyalinosis parameter, per Banff guidelines
- Update Vascular Disease definition to reflect only arterial damage
- Addition of “Unknown” response options for some data elements
- Alignment of Interstitial Fibrosis and Tubular Atrophy (IFTA) response options with Banff Guidelines, reducing granularity at the lower end

VOTE: The Committee unanimously approved sending the *Standardize Kidney Biopsy Reporting and Data Collection* proposal to the Board of Directors in June, 2022.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 23, 2022 – Teleconference
- June 20, 2022 - Teleconference

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Martha Pavlakis
 - Amy Evenson
 - Arpita Basu
 - Bea Concepcion
 - Deirdre Sawinski
 - Elliot Grodstein
 - Marian Charlton
 - Nidyanandh Vadivel
 - Peter Kennealey
 - Precious McCowan
 - Sanjeev Akkina
 - Peter Lalli
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Marilyn Levi
 - Raelene Skerda
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Adriana Martinez
 - Bryn Thompson
 - Jonathan Miller
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Lindsay Larkin
 - Ross Walton
 - Kayla Temple
 - Amanda Robinson
 - Ben Wolford
 - Betsy Gans
 - Chelsea Haynes
 - Jennifer Musick
 - Kim Uccellini
 - Lauren Motley
 - Rebecca Murdock
 - Sara Moriarty
 - Tina Rhoades