

Standardize the Patient Safety Contact and Duplicate Reporting

*OPTN Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee
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Purpose of Proposal

- Improve the functionality of the Patient Safety Contact (PSC) and infectious disease reporting processes
- Eliminate duplicate reporting of recipient illness to the OPTN Improving Patient Portal

Proposal

- Require a listed secondary contact
- Require the PSC work at the institution for which they are listed
- Require a self audit for OPOs and transplant programs to verify PSC is up to date in the OPTN Computer System every six months
- Require notification of deceased donor potential disease transmissions through system enhancement
 - Transplant program will have to confirm receipt through enhancement
 - Establishes a 24-hour timeframe for confirmation of receipt
- Eliminate the need for OPOs to report recipient illness to the OPTN
 - Will still need to report to other affected transplant programs

Rationale

- Currently, PSCs listed are often out of date and have invalid email addresses and phone numbers
 - Or are third-party contractors that are unable to communicate potential disease transmission events to the institution for which they are listed
- There is no confirmation of receipt requirement for communication of potential disease transmission events
- OPTN Policy 15.4.B and 15.5.B require both OPOs and transplant programs to report donor-derived recipient illness to the OPTN

Member Actions

- **OPOs**

- Will be required to list a secondary PSC and conduct a self-audit at least every six months to ensure the contacts listed are up to date
- Will need to use a system enhancement in the OPTN Donor Data and Matching System to communicate post cross clamp results for deceased donors to transplant programs

- **Transplant programs**

- Will be required to list a secondary PSC and conduct a self-audit at least every six months to ensure the contacts listed are up to date
- Will have to confirm receipt and acknowledge post cross clamp results for deceased donors through a system enhancement in the OPTN Donor Data and Matching System

- **Histocompatibility Laboratories**

- No impact

FAQs

- **What is the Patient Safety Contact?**
 - Each OPO and transplant program must identify a PSC and develop and comply with a written protocol for the PSC to facilitate communication of potential disease transmission events
- **What is the secondary contact?**
 - The OPO and transplant program currently have the option to provide a 'back up' PSC
 - The proposal will change this to a 'secondary contact' and require this to be listed

What Do You Think?

- Do you support the additional requirements for the Patient Safety Contact?
- Do you support the requirement of a listed secondary contact?
- Do you support the requirement that a listed Patient Safety Contact must work at the OPO or transplant program for which they are listed?
- Are there any additional requirements the Committee should consider for the Patient Safety Contact?
- Does eliminating the need for OPOs to report recipient illness to the OPTN open the potential for missed reporting to the OPTN Patient Safety Reporting Portal?
- Is the monitoring plan for this policy change sufficient?

Additional Questions?

- Please Contact Tamika Watkins at Tamika.Watkins@unos.org

Provide Feedback

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