

**OPTN Heart Committee
Meeting Summary
December 6, 2023
Conference Call**

**Richard Daly, MD, Chair
J.D. Menteer, MD, Vice-Chair**

Introduction

The Heart Committee (“Committee”) met via WebEx teleconference on 12/06/2023 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Continuous Distribution (CD) Hearts: Overview of pediatric waiting time consideration
2. Other Committee Business

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

1. Continuous Distribution (CD) Hearts: Overview of pediatric waiting time consideration

The workgroup lead provided updates on pediatric waiting time criteria considerations.

Summary of discussion:

The discussion started with a question posed by the Chair, who asked the members how they think priority should be allocated to appropriately account for longer waiting times among pediatric candidates. Support staff noted that although precise numbers are not needed yet, that the Committee should discuss whether points are allocated using the medical urgency attribute or the patient access attribute. The Chair clarified that continuous distribution would help with “tiebreakers.” A member noted that the perception of waiting time is important to include from the patient perspective. The Vice Chair noted that although the perception of waiting time is important, the conversation should focus on pediatrics.

Next steps:

The workgroup will work toward adjusting the formula in CD for pediatric patients.

2. Other Committee Business

The Committee discussed public comment and regional meeting dates, in addition to the new policy changes to Amend Adult Heart Status 2 Mechanical Device Requirements proposal.

Summary of discussion:

Some Committee members agreed to work on education related to the new proposal changes.

Upcoming Meeting

- January 16, 2024

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Richard Daly, MD, Chair
 - J.D. Menteer, MD, Vice Chair
 - Tamas Alexy
 - Amrut Ambardekar
 - Jennifer Cowger
 - Timothy Gong
 - Eman Hamad
 - Jennifer Hartman
 - Glen Kelley
 - John Nigro
 - Cristy Smith
 - Martha Tankersley
 - Dmitry Yaranov
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Yoon Son Ahn
 - Katie Audette
 - Monica Colvin
 - Grace Lyden
- **UNOS Staff**
 - James Alcorn
 - Gabrielle Hibbert
 - Kelsi Lindblad
 - Akina Martinez
 - Eric Messick
 - Holly Sobczak
 - Sara Rose Wells
- **Other Attendees**
 - Shelley Hall
 - Samantha Taylor