

OPTN Data Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

June 12, 2023

Conference Call

Sumit Mohan, MD, MPH, Chair
Jesse Schold, PhD, M.Stat, M.Ed, Vice Chair

Introduction

The Data Advisory Committee (DAC) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 06/12/2023 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Farewell to Departing Members
2. Update from Policy Oversight Committee
3. Check-in 1: Promote Efficiency of Lung Allocation, Lung Transplantation Committee
4. Update HLA Equivalency Tables 2023

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

1. Farewell to Departing Members

Departing DAC members were thanked for their service and contributions.

2. Update from Policy Oversight Committee

The Vice Chair provided an update regarding the work of the OPTN Policy Oversight Committee (POC).

Summary of discussion:

The Chair asked if the POC has discussed the importance of data collection projects in the context of the overall policy portfolio. The Vice Chair stated there appears to be an increased understanding of the importance of data collection projects but that more work is likely needed.

There were no additional comments or questions.

3. Check-in 1: Promote Efficiency of Lung Allocation, Lung Transplantation Committee

A representative from the OPTN Lung Transplantation Committee presented the Committee's new project, *Promote Efficiency of Lung Allocation*.

Overview of Proposal:

The purpose of the Lung Transplantation Committee's proposal is to promote the efficiency of lung allocation by considering the following:

- Creation of offer filters for lung
- Changes to offer notification limits
- Updates to donor acceptance criteria
- Updates to required lung donor testing

The Lung Transplantation Committee does not yet have an identified data collection change but seeks to engage the DAC in the development of this project. Any changes to donor acceptance criteria or lung donor testing would require changes to data collection in the OPTN Computer System.

Summary of discussion:

Decision #1: The DAC endorsed the Lung Transplantation Committee's new project.

A member noted that a faster process for this proposal should be considered in order to support the continuous distribution of lungs in a responsive and efficient manner.

Another member recommended that the Lung Transplantation Committee should solicit feedback from individuals who work with DonorNet and organ offers. The member also recommended that expanding the donor listing criteria for thoracic organs may be beneficial. The member noted that CMS metrics for organ procurement organizations (OPO) have also added to the increase in organ offers.

The Chair noted concern regarding the unintended consequences of lung continuous distribution and the impact on organ offers and how that may also occur with the implementation of kidney continuous distribution. A member agreed.

The Vice Chair stated that Committees should develop back-up plans if it is determined in post-implementation monitoring that there are unintended consequences in order to act faster. The Chair noted that the identified inefficiencies may be unintended consequences, but they were likely predictable.

The Chair noted that the Lung Transplantation Committee's project is valuable for the system.

The DAC endorsed the Lung Transplantation Committee's new project.

Next steps:

The DAC will engage in the development of the Lung Transplantation Committee's project as needed.

4. Update HLA Equivalency Tables 2023

The Chair informed the DAC that the OPTN Histocompatibility Committee is working to update the HLA equivalency tables which is a recurring project that the Histocompatibility Committee undertakes.

Next steps:

The DAC will be sent additional materials regarding the updates to HLA equivalency tables.

Upcoming Meetings

- July 10, 2023 (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Bilal Mahmood
 - Jesse Schold
 - Macey Levan
 - Michael Ison
 - Michael Marvin
 - Paul MacLennan
 - Rebecca Baranoff
 - Sumit Mohan
- **HRSA Staff**
 - Adriana Martinez
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Ajay Israni
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Ashley Woodards
 - Brooke Chenault
 - Courtney Jett
 - Divya Yalgoori
 - Joann White
 - Joel Newman
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Kayla Temple
 - Kim Uccellini
 - Krissy Laurie
 - Laura Schmitt
 - Lindsay Larkin
 - Meghan McDermott
 - Michael Hollister
 - Nadine Hoffman
 - Serena Straub
 - Taylor Livelli