

OPTN Pediatric Transplantation Committee

September 15, 2025, 3:00 – 6:00 PM ET

Teleconference

Chair: Rachel Engen, MD

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Time (ET)	Agenda Item	Presenter(s)
3:00 PM	Welcome, Agenda Overview	Dr. Rachel Engen, Chair
3:02 PM	OPTN Updates	Dr. Rachel Engen, Chair
3:20 PM	Public Comment Presentation: <i>Modify Guidance for Pediatric Heart Exception Requests to Address Temporary Mechanical Circulatory Support Equipment Shortage</i>	Heart Transplantation Committee member
3:35 PM	Public Comment Presentation: <i>Require Patient Notification for Waitlist Status Changes</i>	Christine Brenner, Transplant Coordinators Committee Chair
4:00 PM	Public Comment Presentation: <i>Establish a Comprehensive Multi-Organ Allocation Policy 2025</i>	Dr. Christopher Sonnenday, Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee Vice Chair
5:00 PM	Project Check-in: <i>Standardize Reporting & Enhance Data Collection on Lost to Follow-up and Transfers of Care</i>	Dr. Rachel Engen, Chair
5:40 PM	Open Discussion	Dr. Rachel Engen, Chair
5:55 PM	Open Forum	Dr. Rachel Engen, Chair

Resources

OPTN Strategic Plan – <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/governance/strategic-plan/>

OPTN Policies (<http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/policiesAndBylaws/policies.asp>)

Final Rule (http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/policiesAndBylaws/final_rule.asp)

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- November 13, 2025, 4-5 PM ET, teleconference