

OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC)

Meeting Summary

January 20, 2022

Conference Call with GoToTraining

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Introduction

The Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) met by conference call in open session via Citrix GoToTraining on January 20, 2022, and discussed the following agenda item:

1. Overview of Transnet Check In and Match Functionalities

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

1. Overview of TransNetsm Check In and Match Functionalities

During a previous meeting, the Committee discussed common themes from certain serious safety events that the Committee has reviewed in recent years. Some of those cases involved the incorrect verification of a patient or the organ intended for that patient. The MPSC recommended that staff look into ways to improve programming within the various systems that members use to try to minimize the likelihood of serious safety events. One specific request the MPSC made was to evaluate whether TransNet could be better utilized.

At this meeting, staff provided an overview and demonstration of TransNet for transplant hospitals. This presentation was intended to help provide MPSC members with a good base understanding of how TransNet works for transplant hospitals. The demonstration explained how members could use TransNet to document receipt of an expected organ package electronically according to OPTN Policy 5.7 (*Organ Check In*) and to document visual confirmation of donor and recipient compatibility electronically according to OPTN Policy 5.8.B (*Pre Transplant Verification Upon Organ Receipt*). Additionally, staff mentioned plans for Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) so that member electronic health care records (EHRs) can integrate with the OPTN system and allow members to utilize TransNet without having to leave their EHR.

A Committee member asked, and staff confirmed, that TransNet is funded by the OPTN but not all OPTN members are required to use TransNet. The committee member suggested that the OPTN should consider requiring all transplant hospitals to use TransNet. Another committee member suggested that utilizing TransNet for all aspects of verification would be beneficial to members, and encouraged its use by all members. HRSA representatives noted that the MPSC could recommend an OPTN Policy be developed to require utilization, if the MPSC felt that it would benefit the system and minimize safety events.

Staff clarified that TransNet functionality is currently limited to documenting visual verification of ABO source documentation. Specifically, TransNet organ recipient verification currently does not assess ABO compatibility, since some matches permit ABO incompatibility transplants. A committee member noted that it would be useful to incorporate that functionality to the system, but only if the system was going to be universally adopted.

The Committee will continue this discussion during its February meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

- February 23-24, 2022, Conference Call
- March 25, 2022, 1-3pm, ET, Conference Call
- April 22, 2022, 1-3pm, ET, Conference Call
- May 31, 2022, 3-5pm, ET, Conference Call
- June 29, 2022, 1-3pm, ET, Conference Call
- July 12-14, 2022, Chicago

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Mark Barr
 - Nicole Berry
 - Christina Bishop
 - Emily Blumberg
 - Timothy Bunchman
 - Theresa Daly
 - Todd Dardas
 - Catherine Frenette
 - Reginald Gohh
 - Barbara Gordon
 - John Gutowski
 - Nicole Hayde
 - Ian R. Jamieson
 - Christopher Jones
 - Andrew Kao
 - Mary Killackey
 - Anne M. Krueger
 - Gabriel Maine
 - Amit Mathur
 - Virginia (Ginny) T. McBride
 - Jerry McCauley
 - Kenneth McCurry
 - Dan Meyer
 - Bhargav Mistry
 - Willscott Naugler
 - Michael Pham
 - Sara Rasmussen
 - Pooja Singh
 - Jason Smith
 - Laura Stillion
 - Parsia Vagefi
 - Sean Van Slyck
 - Gebhard Wagener
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Christopher McLaughlin
 - Raelene Skerda
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Jon Miller
 - Jon Snyder
 - Bryn Thompson
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Sally Aungier
 - Matt Belton
 - Tameka Bland
 - Lloyd Board

- Tory Boffo
- Shawn Brown
- Tommie Dawson
- Robyn DiSalvo
- Nadine Drumn
- Demi Emmanouil
- Katie Favaro
- Liz Friddell
- Lauren Guerra
- Asia Harris
- Kay Lagana
- Trung Le
- Ann-Marie Leary
- Ellen Litkenhaus
- Maureen McBride
- Sandy Miller
- Amy Minkler
- Steven Moore
- Alan Nicholas
- Samantha Noreen
- Jacqui O'Keefe
- Dina Phelps
- Michelle Rabold
- Liz Robbins Callahan
- Sharon Shepherd
- Leah Slife
- Olivia Taylor
- Stephon Thelwell
- Roger Vacovsky
- Gabe Vece
- Marta Waris
- Betsy Warnick
- Trevi Wilson
- Claudia Woisard
- Emily Womble
- Karen Wooten
- Amanda Young
 - **Other Attendees**
- None