

# Refine Lung Data Fields

*OPTN Lung Transplantation Committee  
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# Purpose of Proposal

- Clarify data entry and impact of specific diagnoses for the Lung Allocation Score (LAS)
- Ensure that data is reported consistently
- Promote equity among candidates

# Proposal

- **BMI**
  - Add separate date collected fields for the candidate's values for height and or weight
  - Update policy to only require weight to be updated every six months
- **Diagnoses**
  - Consolidate diagnosis option for “secondary pulmonary fibrosis” into “Pulmonary fibrosis: other specify cause”
  - Clarify that the diagnoses “pulmonary fibrosis: other” and “COVID-19: pulmonary fibrosis” use the same coefficient in the LAS calculation
  - Clarify that the diagnoses “obliterative bronchiolitis” and “constrictive bronchiolitis” use the same coefficient in the LAS calculation

# Proposal - continued

- **Pulmonary Artery (PA) Pressure for Sarcoidosis**
  - Clarify that if the value for “mean PA pressure” is missing for a candidate, the value will be assumed to be 30 or less
- **Label consistency**
  - Align names of three diagnosis codes between policy and UNet

| Current diagnosis label in policy                              | New diagnosis label                                    |
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| Surfactant protein B mutation                                  | Surfactant protein B deficiency                        |
| Surfactant protein C mutation                                  | Surfactant protein C deficiency                        |
| Primary pulmonary hypertension/pulmonary arterial hypertension | Pulmonary hypertension/pulmonary arterial hypertension |

# Rationale

## **Data Consistency and Record Maintenance**

- Refining data fields will address confusion
- Allow for seamless data imports from electronic medical records (EMR)
- Increase level of detail in reporting

# Member Actions

- Will include minor changes to data collection for transplant hospitals when submitting official OPTN data in way that are not collected by the OPTN currently

# FAQs

- Will this proposal change how LAS is calculated?

# Additional Questions?

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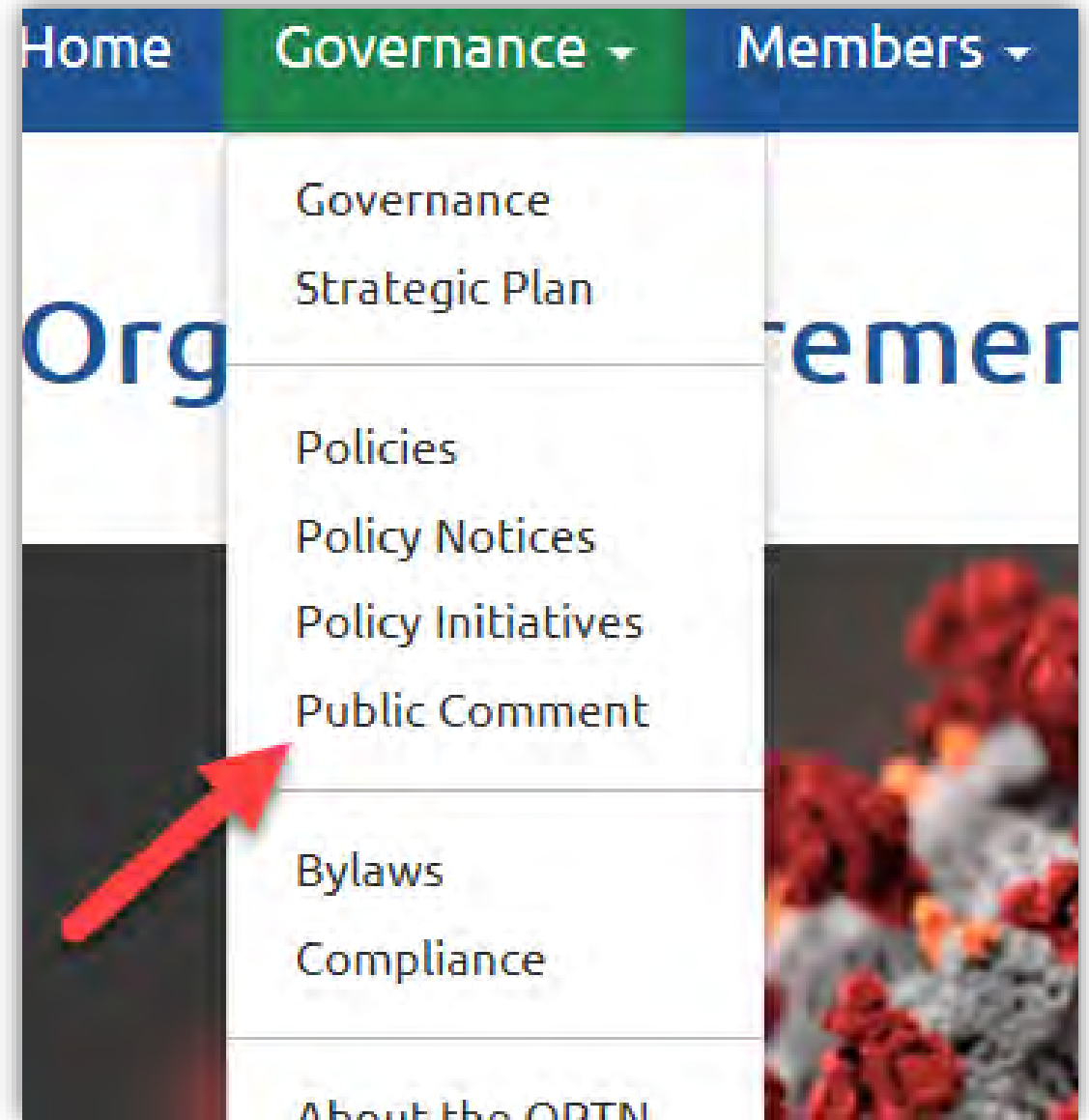
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