

OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC)

Meeting Summary

June 24, 2021

Conference Call with GoToTraining

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Introduction

The Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) met by conference call in open and closed session via Citrix GoToTraining on June 24, 2021, and discussed the following agenda item in open session:

1. Performance Monitoring Enhancement Project Update

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

1. Performance Monitoring Enhancement Project Update

At its June conference call, the Committee considered whether to release the Enhance Transplant Program Performance Monitoring proposal for summer 2021 public comment. Staff reviewed the goals of the project and provided a high-level summary of the bylaw proposal and the operational aspects of the public comment document. She also reviewed the proposal language and provided Committee members an opportunity to ask questions prior to a vote.

A Committee member asked about the use of the word "conditional" in the proposal (Appendix A.1.D). Staff explained that conditional in this context meant that the cohort for the 1-year graft survival would exclude any transplants where the graft was lost in the first 90 days to make sure that the 1-year graft survival is looking at a different aspect of care from the 90-day. Many committee members stated appreciation for all of the work and engagement in the project. The committee members participated in a poll to measure support for approving the performance monitoring project proposal for public comment. The MPSC unanimously supported releasing the proposal for summer 2021 public comment.

Following the vote, Committee members also reviewed the list of questions suggested by the subcommittee to ask the transplant community regarding the proposal, the implementation plan and the evaluation plan. Staff summarized the proposed implementation plan noting that the post-transplant metric implementation would start at least 6 months after board approval and the pre-transplant metrics would be implemented based on the first available SRTR reports that include a full cohort following board approval. The staff member also mentioned that the OPTN may ask programs that would be identified using pre-transplant metrics to provide information voluntarily to evaluate criteria, develop resources, and identify areas of inquiry. She described other aspects of the implementation plan, which included the OPTN's collaboration with high performing programs to identify effective practices, and also the OPTN's intent to provide educational offerings prior to implementation. The Performance Monitoring Subcommittee Chair stated that the proposal should highlight the fact that the changes would not happen all at once, so education would be developed around the changes.

A staff member described the proposed evaluation plan for monitoring the effects of the proposal post-implementation. The staff member explained that there are many potential outcomes to monitor, so it

is important to have a monitoring plan to know if the project is meeting the project goals. The staff member described the seven outcomes of interest:

- Trends in Utilization Rates
- Trends & Variability in Listing Rates
- Trends & Variability in Offer Acceptance
- Trends & Variability in Waitlist Mortality
- Trends & Variability in Post-Transplant Mortality
- Number of New/Unique Programs Identified
- Qualitative insights from individual program interactions

The staff member also explained the scope of monitoring and stated that monitoring would take place over an extended period of time and would involve separate organ specific analyses. He also stated that certain outcomes may not be measurable immediately after implementation, but others can and should be. The staff member also explained timing considerations and reported that the pre-transplant metrics should not be evaluated until they have been fully implemented. He concluded the discussion and requested feedback from the MPSC. The Performance Monitoring Subcommittee Chair stated that it is important to make sure that some groups are not disadvantaged by the implementation of new metrics. The Committee had no further questions or comments at this time.

A staff member reviewed the next steps of the project with committee members, including public comment, regional meeting presentations, review of public comment feedback and potential presentation for OPTN Board of Directors approval of the proposal in December 2021.

Upcoming Meetings

- July 20-21, 2021, MPSC Meeting, Conference call
- August 24, 2021, MPSC Meeting, 3-5pm, ET, Conference Call
- October 1, 2021, MPSC Meeting, 2-4pm, ET, Conference Call
- October 26-28, 2021, MPSC Meeting, Chicago
- December 9, 2021, MPSC Meeting, 1-3pm, ET, Conference Call

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Sanjeev K. Akkina
 - Nicole Berry
 - Christina D. Bishop
 - Errol Bush
 - Matthew Cooper
 - Theresa Daly
 - Maryjane A. Farr
 - Richard N. Formica Jr
 - Adam M. Frank
 - Jonathan A. Fridell
 - Michael Gautreaux
 - David A. Gerber
 - Edward F. Hollinger
 - Ian R. Jamieson
 - Christy Keahey
 - Mary Killackey
 - Jon Kobashigawa
 - Anne M. Krueger
 - Jules Lin
 - Didier A. Mandelbrot
 - Virginia(Ginny) T. McBride
 - Clifford D. Miles
 - Saeed Mohammad
 - Willscott Naugler
 - Matthew J. O'Connor
 - Steve Potter
 - Scott Silvestry
 - Zoe Stewart Lewis
 - Lisa M. Stocks
 - Parsia A. Vagefi
 - Gebhard Wagener
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Marilyn Levi
 - Arjun Naik
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Ryo Hirose
 - Nicholas Salkowski
 - Jon Snyder
 - Bryn Thompson
 - Andrew Wey
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Sally Aungier
 - Tameka Bland
 - Robyn DiSalvo

- Nadine Drumn
- Demi Emmanouil
- Katie Favaro
- Amanda Gurin
- Asia Harris
- Danielle Hawkins
- Kay Lagana
- Ann-Marie Leary
- Jason Livingston
- Sandy Miller
- Amy Minkler
- Sara Moriarty
- Jacqui O'Keefe
- Rob Patterson
- Dina Phelps
- Liz Robbins Callahan
- Sharon Shepherd
- Tynisha Smith
- Olivia Taylor
- Stephon Thelwell
- Roger Vacovsky
- Gabe Vece
- Marta Waris
- Betsy Warnick
- Emily Womble
- Karen Wooten
- **Other Attendees**
 - None