

# Meeting Agenda

**Region 3 - 2024 Summer Meeting**  
**Friday, September 13, 2024, 10:00am-3:30pm ET**  
**Hilton Atlanta Airport**  
**Atlanta, GA**  
**\*New Start Time\***

**Virtual Meeting Link:** [Webex Link](#)

**Councillor:** J. David Vega, MD

**Associate Councillor:** Christy Keahey, MSN, BSN, RN, CPTC, CTBS

**Board Members:** Glen Kelley; J. David Vega, MD

**Transplant Community Administrator:** Betsy Gans

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker(s)
10:00-10:20am	Councillor Update	J. David Vega, MD Emory University Hospital
10:20-10:35am	Engaging Patients and Families <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Patient and Donor Affairs Representative welcome and introduction</li><li>The Patient Affairs Committee update</li></ul>	Calvin Henry OPTN Patient Affairs Committee
10:35-10:55am	Network Operations Oversight Committee: <a href="#">Revise Conditions for Access to the OPTN Computer System</a>	Daniel Yip, MD Mayo Clinic Hospital Florida
10:55-11:15am	Lung Transplantation Committee: <a href="#">Promote Efficiency of Lung Donor Testing</a>	Thomas Kaleekal, MD University of Alabama Hospital
11:15-11:45am	OPTN Executive Update	Lloyd Ratner, MD, MPH Vice President, OPTN Board of Directors
<b>11:45am-12:45pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
12:45-1:15pm	HRSA Remarks	Chris McLaughlin Division of Transplantation, HHS
1:15-1:45pm	OPTN Expeditious Task Force Update	Virginia McBride, RN, MPH OurLegacy

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1:45-2:10pm	Histocompatibility Committee: <a href="#">Require Reporting of HLA Critical Discrepancies and Crossmatching Event to the OPTN</a>  <a href="#">Update Histocompatibility Bylaws</a>	John Lunz, PhD, F(ACHI) LifeLink Transplantation Immunology Laboratory
2:10-2:20	Break	
2:20-3:20pm	Continuous Distribution Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Continuous Distribution of Hearts</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Continuous Distribution of Livers and Intestines Update</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Continuous Distribution of Pancreata Update</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Continuous Distribution of Kidneys Update</a></li></ul>	Martha Tankersley, MSN, RN University of Alabama Hospital  Vanessa Pucciarelli, RN, CCTC AdventHealth Orlando  Neeraj Singh, MD Willis-Knighton Medical Center  TBD
3:20-3:30pm	Closing Remarks & Poll Everywhere Results	Betsy Gans

## Summer 2024 Public Comment

### Discussion

- Revise Conditions for Access to the OPTN Computer System, *OPTN Network Operations Oversight Committee*
- Promote Efficiency of Lung Donor Testing, *OPTN Lung Transplantation Committee*
- Require Reporting of HLA Critical Discrepancies and Crossmatching Event to the OPTN, *OPTN Histocompatibility Committee*

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- Update Histocompatibility Bylaws, *OPTN Histocompatibility Committee*
- Continuous Distribution of Kidneys Update, *OPTN Kidney Transplantation Committee*
- Continuous Distribution of Hearts, *OPTN Heart Transplantation Committee*
- Continuous Distribution of Livers and Intestines Update, *OPTN Liver & Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee*
- Continuous Distribution of Pancreata Update, *OPTN Pancreas Transplantation Committee*

## Resources

Regional Meeting Materials: <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/members/regions/regional-meetings/>

OPTN Policies: <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/governance/policies/>

Final Rule: <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/about/final-rule/>