

**OPTN Policy Oversight Committee
Meeting Summary
April 10, 2025
Teleconference
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Erika Lease, MD, Vice Chair**

Introduction

The OPTN Policy Oversight Committee (“POC” or “the Committee”) met via teleconference on 04/10/2025 to discuss the following agenda item:

1. Welcome and updates
2. New Project Review: *Require Patient Notifications for Inactive Status*

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

1. Welcome and updates

The Committee received an update on the OPTN Executive Committee’s actions regarding the March 2025 projects sent for approval. The *2025 HLA Table Update* project sponsored by the Histocompatibility Committee and the *Develop Lung Review Board Educational Narrative Examples* sponsored by the Lung Transplantation Committee were both approved.

Summary of discussion:

There were no questions or comments.

2. New Project Review: Require Patient Notifications for Inactive Status

The Committee reviewed the following project: *Require Patient Notifications for Inactive Status*.

Summary of discussion:

Does the Committee recommend approval of the new project to the Executive Committee?

Votes: 14 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain

Many members expressed strong support for the project’s goals, highlighting its potential to increase transparency, patient awareness, and access to care. It was noted that inactive patients often face barriers to transplantation, and ensuring they are informed could help them take necessary steps toward reactivation.

Some members pointed out that inactive status can serve to protect patients while they complete medical evaluations or recover from temporary issues. Others noted that many transplant programs may already be notifying patients, and questioned whether the proposal would create unnecessary administrative burden without clearly demonstrating a measurable benefit.

There was discussion around the lack of clear data on how many patients are currently notified, whether those notifications lead to better outcomes, and if the estimated positive impact of the proposal might

be overstated. Committee members also debated whether the proposed metrics, such as time spent inactive, are the most appropriate ways to evaluate the success of the project.

The committee suggested the benefit score for the proposal may need to be revised or presented as a range, and emphasized the importance of further data collection from transplant centers and patients. Committee members also recommended the sponsoring committee revise the key metric.

The Committee then voted on advancing the project to the OPTN Executive Committee for approval. The outcome was 14 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining.

Next steps:

Contractor staff will send a survey to the committee members in order to build a cumulative benefit score. The Committee's recommendation will be communicated to the Executive Committee. The project will be reviewed by the Executive Committee for approval.

Upcoming Meeting(s)

- May 8, 2025 - Teleconference

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Aneesha Shetty
 - Cynthia Forland
 - Dennis Lyu
 - Erika Lease
 - Heather Bastardi
 - Jason Huff
 - Neha Bansal
 - Lisa McElroy
 - Lori Markham
 - Lorrinda Gray-Davis
 - Ty Dunn
 - Steven Potter
 - Sanjay Kulkarni
 - Rachel Miller
 - Kelley Hitchman
- **SRTR Representatives**
 - Allyson Hart
 - Jon Snyder
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Brianna Doby
 - Stephanie Grosser
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Lindsay Larkin
 - Cole Fox
 - Rebecca Murdock
 - Stryker-Ann Vosteen
 - Jamie Panko
 - Samantha Noreen
 - Susan Tlusty