

OPTN Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee

Meeting Summary

April 14, 2022

Conference Call

Alden Doyle, MD, MPH, Chair

Introduction

The Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation (MOT) Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 04/14/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Discuss possible post-public comment changes on *Establish Eligibility Criteria and Safety Net for Heart-Kidney and Lung-Kidney Allocation*

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

1. Discuss possible post-public comment changes on *Establish Eligibility Criteria and Safety Net for Heart-Kidney and Lung-Kidney Allocation*

UNOS staff reviewed the Committee's feedback on eligibility criteria for heart-kidney candidates and the revised draft language. UNOS staff discussed concern from Organ Procurement Organizations (OPO) that they could be penalized if a single organ offer is accepted, a late turndown occurs, and the next candidate is an MOT candidate. The Committee was asked to consider if education around monitoring would be sufficient to address the concern, or if the Committee ought to clarify the word 'available' in policy language.

Summary of discussion:

A member voiced support for not penalizing OPOs and was happy to proceed with either option. The Chair suggested starting with education on the policy and monitoring first to see if that would address the concern. If it does not, then the Committee could consider defining available.

A HRSA representative on the call asked why the language 'at the same transplant hospital' was used for required shares of the heart and kidney to the same potential transplant recipient, noting that most cities will have MOT candidates at a different hospital than the procurement hospital. UNOS staff clarified that this applies for patients who are listed for both organs at one hospital and that hospital is prepared to transplant them for both, as opposed to being multiple listed for a heart-kidney at one center and a heart alone at another center, for example.

Next steps:

UNOS staff will send a poll to members to schedule a new time to vote on the final policy language.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 9, 2022
- June 13, 2022

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Alden Doyle
 - Garrett Erdle
 - James Sharrock
 - Nicole Turgeon
 - Shelley Hall
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Jon Snyder
 - Jonathan Miller
 - Katie Audette
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Eric Messick
 - Erin Schnellinger
 - Holly Sobczak
 - James Jobs
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Laura Schmitt
 - Lindsay Larkin
 - Liz Friddell
 - Matt Cafarella
 - Melissa Lane
 - Rebecca Marino
 - Ross Walton
 - Sara Rose Wells