

OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee

Meeting Summary

August 17, 2023

Conference Call

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Introduction

The OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee (TCC) met via Citrix GoTo Meeting on 08/17/2023 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Deceased Donor Support Therapy Data Collection
2. Required Reporting of Patient Safety Events
3. Update Guidance on Optimizing Vascular Composite Allograft (VCA) Recovery
4. Reminders

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

1. Deceased Donor Support Therapy Data Collection

The Committee reviewed the OPTN Operations & Safety Committee's *Deceased Donor Support Therapy Data Collection* proposal.

Summary of discussion:

Decision: The Committee supported the proposal.

The Vice Chair voiced support for this proposal, saying that it will help with the efficiency of organ placement. A member agreed with the comment and added that it is important to note that organ procurement organizations (OPOs) do have access to and collect this information. They said that this proposal will help support the future work that will likely come out of the OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee regarding standardization and developing monitoring metrics for OPO performance.

Next steps:

Feedback will be summarized, and the Committee will post an official comment on the *Deceased Donor Support Therapy Data Collection* proposal on the OPTN public comment website.

2. Required Reporting of Patient Safety Events

The Committee reviewed the OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee *Required Reporting of Patient Safety Events* proposal.

Summary of discussion:

Decision: The Committee supported the proposal with suggestions for considerations.

The Vice Chair said that the near miss definitions are appropriate and very important to gather information. They said that this proposal will help alleviate discomfort with reporting events that are not necessarily required.

A member said they support the requirement of reporting for living donors placed on the wait list for any organ two years after donation, especially considering the concept paper that was issued this public comment cycle by the OPTN Living Donor Committee.

The Vice Chair expressed that they believe that transportation events included in this proposal should be tracked and to see the data of these events, specifically noting trends of non-use and to help prevent these events from occurring.

A member said they strongly supported the proposal, specifically the transparency that it allows for. The member had one concern about clearly defining what a “sanction” is and what a “other professional body” is, as both phrases can have a broad interpretation. They said that if there will be a broad definition, then operational guidance should be issued.

Next steps:

Feedback will be summarized, and the Committee will post an official comment on the *Required Reporting of Patient Safety Events* proposal on the OPTN public comment website.

3. Update Guidance on Optimizing VCA Recovery

The Committee reviewed the OPTN Vascular Composite Allograft (VCA) Committee’s *Update Guidance on Optimizing VCA Recovery* proposal.

Summary of discussion:

Decision: The Committee supported the proposal.

The Vice Chair thanked the OPTN VCA Committee, as they said this is a great guidance document and can be extremely helpful.

Next steps:

Feedback will be summarized, and the Committee will post an official comment on the *Update Guidance on Optimizing VCA Recovery* proposal on the OPTN public comment website.

Upcoming Meetings

- September 21, 2023 (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Amy Olsen
 - Ashley Cardenas
 - Ashley Hamby
 - Brandy Baldwin
 - Christine Brenner
 - Gertrude Okelezo
 - Heather Bastardi
 - Robin Petersen-Webster
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Kala Rochelle
 - Shelley Grant
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Joann White
 - Kayla Balfour
 - Kelley Poff
 - Lauren Mauk
 - Rebecca Brookman
 - Robert Hunter
 - Ross Walton
- **Other**
 - Kimberly Koontz
 - Nancy Metzler
 - Sandi Amaral