

OPTN Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee

Meeting Summary

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Conference Call

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Introduction

The OPTN Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee (the Committee) met via WebEx teleconference on 07/09/2025 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Welcome and updates
2. Public comment messaging
3. New project ideas

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

1. Welcome and updates

Presentation:

OPTN Contractor staff (staff) discussed the timeline for the Committee's public comment proposal. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is currently reviewing the proposal. Additionally, leadership decided to reduce the monthly meeting cadence to once a month starting in August. Staff will send a poll to members to determine the new meeting time.

Summary of discussion:

No discussion.

Next steps:

Members will complete a poll to determine the best meeting time going forward.

2. Public comment messaging

Staff presented draft public comment slides for the Committee's consideration and feedback.

Presentation:

The slides include the following sections:

- Purpose and Background, including project timeline, purpose, and previous public comment feedback
- Proposed changes to allocation of organs from deceased multi-organ donors, including key changes to *OPTN Policy 5:10: Allocation of Multi-Organ Combinations*
- System solution, including how the system will guide users through allocation
- Data, including new data on covered donors, recipients, and organ offers
- Limitations and opportunities, including inability to model multi-organ allocation and opportunity to strengthen monitoring going forward
- Post-implementation monitoring, including for compliance and outcomes

- Considerations for patients and donor families
- Revisions to other sections of OPTN Policy
- Questions for the community

The slide deck contains several graphics to help promote understanding of the potential impacts on stakeholders.

Summary of discussion:

A Co-Chair asked the Committee for feedback on whether the presentation slides are understandable from a layperson's perspective. They noted that the visuals may assist, especially for people who are unfamiliar with the Committee's work. Members agreed, and discussed whether the "Example allocation" visual should be placed before or after the textual description of the allocation process. Members supported including two versions of the visual throughout the textual description to show the evolution of the process. A Co-Chair noted that layering visuals with information at a slower pace could help reduce confusion. Another member proposed showing the allocation table example earlier in the presentation, explaining how it works, and then revisiting it at the end to reinforce understanding of the Committee's work. Several members expressed support for this approach.

A member noted that the slide introducing the multi-organ plan might be unclear to some OPOs and recommended stating explicitly that the plan will be generated by the OPTN Computer System. Another member suggested including data on the scope of coverage—such as the percentage of donors to whom the multi-organ allocation tables apply—to help contextualize the proposal. A Co-Chair and other members agreed with these recommendations.

The Committee reviewed the set of questions intended for community feedback. Several members expressed concern that the list was too long and recommended reducing the number of questions. One member suggested distributing a one-page summary to the community ahead of the presentation to help participants better understand the proposal and come prepared for discussion at Regional Meetings. Staff noted that an email will be sent to the community at the beginning of public comment to bring awareness to the proposal and encourage members to engage with the proposal and supporting materials.

Next steps:

Staff will revise the visuals and the list of questions for the community as recommended by the Committee.

3. New project ideas

This item was postponed due to lack of time.

Upcoming Meetings

- To be determined

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Chris Sonnenday (Vice-Chair)
 - Rocky Daly
 - Rachel Engen
 - Jonathan Fridell
 - Shelley Hall
 - Oyedolamu Olaitan
 - Precious McCowan
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Avery Cook
 - Jon Miller
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Amelia Devereaux
 - Houlder Hudgins
 - Sarah Roache
 - Erin Schnellinger
 - Stryker-Ann Vosteen
 - Susan Tlusty