

OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC)

Meeting Summary

March 20, 2023

Zoe Stewart Lewis, M.D., Chair

Scott Lindberg, M.D., Vice Chair

Introduction

The Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) met virtually via Citrix GoToTraining in open and closed session on March 20, 2023. The following agenda item was discussed during open session:

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The Committee received a presentation from IT staff regarding a project aiming to solve the following problems:

- Culture reporting involves an inefficient and redundant process that is manually repeated for each organ transplanted.
- Culture reporting is not standardized by organ procurement organization (OPO) in the methodologies used for local and non-local transplant hospitals.

The goal of this project is to provide a notification system that OPOs can initiate when test results are obtained post cross-clamp that may affect the recipient, a means for transplant hospitals to acknowledge notifications and review the updated test results, and an audit log allowing OPOs to see when notifications are sent and acknowledged. This system enhancement would support Policy 15.4: *Host OPO Requirements for Reporting Post Procurement Test Results and Discovery of Potential Disease Transmissions*.

Staff emphasized that this enhancement would not replace reporting through the OPTN Improving Patient Safety Portal.

Summary of discussion:

Members appreciated the efforts being made to streamline this process and increase efficiency.

A member asked if there are concerns that these notifications may end up in the junk folder of the patient safety contact's (PSC's) email. The member also noted that it seems the PSCs would need to have some type of internal communication mechanism to disseminate this information with their team. Staff mentioned that these notifications would work the same way that current email notifications from UNOS work, but they will bring this concern to the developers.

A member expressed similar concerns with functionality and added that there would be a burden for PSCs to check their emails every one to two hours. The member also mentioned that they would be willing to volunteer testing out this system enhancement since they have an older phone and they want to ensure this enhancement works great, regardless of what type of mobile device someone may have. Staff stated that they will add their name to the volunteer list.

A member mentioned that, since the test received post cross-clamp was going to populate based on who accepted the organ on the match run, sometimes very early post-cross clamp results can be misidentified on the match run or even not yet completed for kidneys and they wanted to make sure that is being taken into consideration. Staff stated that the notifications would be based off whoever has accepted the organ at that time, so if there's an update then the new program would show up in the pop-up alert. Staff noted that the default is to select all the programs that have accepted the organ, but the OPO could deselect programs if they don't want to send them a notification again.

A member asked if some type of reporting mechanism will be built into the OPO audit log. For example, it may be important to understand how often an OPO is reporting new test results and a transplant hospital is not acknowledging them. Staff stated that the need for a reporting mechanism has come up before and will take note of that, but it is something that can be added as an enhancement in the future.

The Chair asked if the PSCs will be able to export the new test results as a PDF from the email notification. Staff explained that PSCs would have to log into the donor record and look at the results like normal – there's not anything to download or export from the email notification. The member asked if that is something that could be developed for future iterations, since sending an email including the data would ultimately streamline the workflow.

The Vice Chair stated that the data probably is not included in the email notification to avoid having to be compliant with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which would add levels of security to the notification and may make that process more difficult. Staff agreed and mentioned that they are very limited with what can be displayed in the email notification based on discussions with the security and privacy departments.

The Chair stated that many donor cultures finalized post cross-clamp will be negative and asked if each result will be sent in a separate email even though it's from one donor. Staff explained that if all results are selected then they would be sent in one email.

The Chair asked if staff had received feedback from test users about the volume of emails they were receiving. Staff stated the volume of emails is a concern, especially since some OPOs said they reported every new test result to the transplant hospital.

Members stated that it's important to understand if, how and when this enhancement becomes mandatory to use. The Chair asked, if this enhancement becomes mandatory, how it would affect the MPSC – would the MPSC issue notices of non-compliance for non-responses or a certain percentage of non-responses. Staff stated that the OPTN Disease Transmission Advisory Committee (DTAC) is aware of this effort and will be considering whether to make this enhancement mandatory or not along with changes to policy, based on the referrals the MPSC sent to DTAC. Staff noted that this is the first step towards implementing this enhancement so there can be additions or modifications to it in the future, and the MPSC will be able to provide some feedback to DTAC regarding making this mandatory and the affect on the MPSC while DTAC is modifying policy.

Upcoming Meetings

- April 24, 2023, 3-5pm, ET
- May 4, 2023, 9am-3pm, CT, Chicago
- May 22, 2023, 3-5pm, ET
- June 21, 2023, 3-5pm, ET
- July 25-27, 2023, Chicago, IL

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Alan Betensley
 - Emily Blumberg
 - Timothy Bunchman
 - Anil Chandraker
 - Todd Dardas
 - Robert Fontana
 - Reginald Gohh
 - Barbara Gordon
 - Lafaine Grant
 - Kyle Herber
 - Victoria Hunter
 - Ian Jamieson
 - Christopher Jones
 - Andrew Kao
 - Peter Kennealey
 - Catherine Kling
 - Michael Kwan
 - Dianne LaPointe Rudow
 - Carolyn Light
 - Scott Lindberg
 - Melinda Locklear
 - Gabriel Maine
 - Amit Mathur
 - Kenneth McCurry
 - Dan Meyer
 - Bhargav Mistry
 - Regina Palke
 - Michael Pham
 - Elizabeth Rand
 - Sara Rasmussen
 - Pooja Singh
 - Zoe Stewart Lewis
 - Laura Stillion
 - Sean Van Slyck
 - David Vega
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
 - Arjun Naik
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Ryo Hirose
 - Jonathan Miller
 - Jon Snyder
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Sally Aungier

- Matt Belton
- Tameka Bland
- Aileen Corrigan-Nunez
- Rebecca Brookman
- Kevin Daub
- Robyn DiSalvo
- Nadine Drumn
- Katie Favaro
- Liz Friddell
- Jasmine Gaines
- Lauren Guerra
- Asia Harden
- Trung Le
- Krissy Laurie
- Ann-Marie Leary
- Jason Livingston
- Sandy Miller
- Amy Minkler
- Alan Nicholas
- Jacqui O'Keefe
- Rob Patterson
- Michelle Rabold
- Liz Robbins Callahan
- Laura Schmitt
- Sharon Shepherd
- Kay Sheranek
- Stephon Thelwell
- Marta Waris
- Betsy Warnick
- Trevi Wilson
- Claudia Woisard
- Emily Womble
- Karen Wooten
- Amanda Young
- **Other Attendees**
 - None