
Meeting Agenda

2025 Summer Region 5 Meeting
Thursday, September 18, 2025, 10:00am-3:00pm PT
Virtual

Councillor: Andrew Courtwright, MD, PhD

Associate Councillor: Abbas Ardehali, MD

Board Members: Andrew Courtwright, MD, PhD, Joshua Gossett, DNP, MBA, RN, FACHE,
Annette Needham, DNP, NP-C, NEA-BC, CCTC

Transplant Community Administrator: Betsy Gans

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker(s)
10:00-10:15 am	Councillor Update	Andrew Courtwright, MD, PhD University of Utah Medical Center
10:15-10:30 am	Patient Affairs Committee Update	Karlett Parra, PhD, BS, MS, MBA Patient Affairs Committee Representative
10:30-11:00 am	OPTN Executive Update	Alan Reed, MD Treasurer, OPTN Board of Directors
11:00-11:20 am	Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee: Require West Nile Virus Seasonal Testing for All Donors	Maheen Abidi, MD, FAST Mayo Clinic Hospital Arizona
11:20-11:30 am	Break	
11:30-11:50 am	Living Donor Committee: Update and Improve Efficiency in Living Donor Data Collection	Trysha Galloway Living Donor Committee Representative
11:50 am-12:10 pm	Transplant Coordinators Committee: Require Patient Notification for Waitlist Status Changes	Ashley Cardenas, MAS Renown Regional Medical Center
12:10-1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00-1:30 pm	HRSA OPTN Modernization Update	HRSA Division of Transplantation
1:30-2:45 pm	Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee: Establish Comprehensive Multi-Organ Allocation Policy	Lisa Stocks, RN, MSN, FNP OneLegacy
2:45-3:00 pm	Closing Remarks & Poll Everywhere Results	Andrew Courtwright, MD, PhD

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Summer 2025 Public Comment

Non-Discussion – *Sentiment collection only; no presentation or discussion*

- [Modify Guidance for Pediatric Heart Exception Requests to Address Temporary Mechanical Circulatory Support Equipment Shortage](#), *OPTN Heart Transplantation Committee*
- [Histocompatibility HLA Table Update 2025](#), *OPTN Histocompatibility Committee*

Discussion

- [Require West Nile Virus Seasonal Testing for All Donors](#), *OPTN Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee*
- [Establish Comprehensive Multi-Organ Allocation Policy](#), *OPTN Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Allocation Committee*
- [Update and Improve Efficiency in Living Donor Data Collection](#), *OPTN Living Donor Committee*
- [Require Patient Notification for Waitlist Status Changes](#), *OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee*

Resources

- Regional Meeting Materials: <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/members/regions/regional-meetings/>
- OPTN Public Comment: <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/policies-bylaws/public-comment/>
- OPTN Policies: <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/governance/policies/>
- Final Rule: <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/about/final-rule/>