
Meeting Agenda

2025 Summer Region 3 Meeting
Friday, September 5, 2025, 10:00am-3:00pm ET
Virtual

Councillor: Ari Cohen, MD, MBA, MSc, FRCSC, FACS

Associate Councillor: Kenneth Newell, MD, PhD

Board Members: James Cason, MA; Ari Cohen, MD, MBA, MSc, FRCSC, FACS; Darren Lahrman, MBA, CPTC, BSRC

Transplant Community Administrator: Betsy Gans

Time (Eastern)	Agenda Item	Speaker(s)
10:00-10:15 am	Councillor Update	Ari Cohen, MD, MBA, MSc, FRCSC, FACS Ochsner Foundation Hospital
10:15-10:30 am	Patient Affairs Committee Update	Calvin Henry OPTN Patient Affairs Committee
10:30-11:00 am	OPTN Executive Update	John Magee, MD President, OPTN Board of Directors
11:00-11:20 am	Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee: Require West Nile Virus Seasonal Testing for All Donors	Stephanie Pouch, MD, MS Emory University Hospital
11:20-11:30 am	Break	
11:30-11:50 am	Living Donor Committee: Update and Improve Efficiency in Living Donor Data Collection	Tiffany Caza, MD, PhD Arkana Laboratories
11:50 am-12:10 pm	Transplant Coordinators Committee: Require Patient Notification for Waitlist Status Changes	Stewart Jusim, BS, CPTC Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency
12:10-12:40 pm	HRSA Update	HRSA Division of Transplantation
12:40-1:30 pm	Lunch	
1:30-2:45 pm	Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee: Establish Comprehensive Multi-Organ Allocation Policy	Rachel Engen, MD At Large member, OPTN Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee
2:45-3:00 pm	Closing Remarks & Poll Everywhere Results	Ari Cohen, MD, MBA, MSc, FRCSC, FACS

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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/>