

**OPTN Ad Hoc International Relations Committee - Management of International Living Donors in the
U.S Subcommittee
Meeting Summary
May 28, 2024
Webex Meeting**

**Pramod Bonde, MD, Chair
Peter Stock, MD, Vice Chair**

Introduction

The Ad Hoc International Relations Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) met via WebEx teleconference on 5/28/2024 to discuss the following agenda items:

- Project Feedback Form Update
- Project Next Steps
- Review: Guidance Document Outline

The following is a summary of the Subcommittee’s discussions.

1. Project Feedback Form Update

No decisions were made.

Presentation Summary:

The Subcommittee heard an update on the feedback form progress. As of 5/28/2024:

- There was a total of 108 responses received
- Over half of the forms are fully complete (56/108)
- Responses are from 74 identifiable centers
 - This may include duplicates
 - Good response distribution from low, medium, and high center volumes
- Received responses from 74/205 programs

Summary of discussion:

There were no further discussions.

2. Project Next Steps

No decisions were made.

Presentation Summary:

OPTN Staff reviewed the project's next steps, including reviewing the draft guidance document outline, analyzing the feedback form, developing a guidance document, and voting on the guidance document.

Summary of discussion:

There were no further discussions.

3. Review: Guidance Document Outline

No decisions were made.

Presentation Summary:

Staff led the discussion to review the outline of the Managing International Living Donations in the US guidance document.

Summary of discussion:

The subcommittee looked at the background outline. A subcommittee member clarified that the project's scope can include international living donors and US residents. A member mentioned that the international and resident intricacies could be outlined in each section of the guidance document, to which a member replied that international and resident differences could be included.

A member said that initial screening options for international donors, including blood screenings, should be analyzed. The subcommittee discussed limitations to these options due to resources available for long-distance donors. A group within the subcommittee mentioned their conversations regarding post-donation follow-up care, including lab work and potential medical complications. A member suggested adding information about ethical considerations related to the provision of care for post-operative complications.

The Living Donor Chair discussed the importance of long-term follow up care in living donation. The subcommittee decided to include barriers to post-donation data collection as a logistical barrier. Additionally, short and long-term complication was included in the donor follow up section of the outline.

The subcommittee discussed potential cultural and language barriers impacting international living donation. A member suggested adding definitions to the exploitation, inducement, and coercion section.

The subcommittee discussed issues with insurance access for international living donation, as well as definitions of residents and non-citizens, and included "other barriers" to the outline.

Next Steps:

The Subcommittee will finalize the guidance document outline at an upcoming meeting.

Upcoming Meeting

- June 27, 2024

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Peter Stock
 - Pramod Bonde
 - Scott Sanoff
 - Abby Ruiz
 - Angele Lacks
 - Eliana Agudelo
 - Cynthia Forland
 - Taryn Shappell
 - Nancy Marlin
 - Nahel Elias
 - Carrie Thiessen
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Avery Cook
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Tamika Watkins
 - Houlder Hudgins
 - Susan Tlusty
 - Alex Carmack
 - Laura Schmitt
- **Other Attendees**
 - Mita Shah