

## **OPTN Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee**

### **Meeting Summary**

**June 11, 2025**

**Conference Call**

**Lisa Stocks, RN, MSN, FNP, Chair**

**Zoe Stewart Lewis, MD, PhD, MPH, FACS, Chair**

### **Introduction**

The OPTN Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee (the Committee) met via WebEx teleconference on 06/11/2025 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Welcome and updates
2. Review draft policy proposal for Summer 2025 public comment cycle

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

#### **1. Welcome and updates**

OPTN Contractor staff (staff) shared an update of the policy project timeline. The policy proposal is currently in draft form. Staff will revise the proposal based on the Committee's feedback and it will be provided to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for review.

Staff noted that they had revised the draft policy language in accordance with the Committee's feedback during the last meeting and circulated the final language to Committee members.

#### Summary of discussion:

No discussion.

#### **2. Review draft policy proposal for Summer 2025 public comment cycle**

Staff presented an overview of the policy proposal for the Committee's consideration and input. Following the meeting, staff will circulate the draft policy proposal to Committee members for any additional feedback.

#### Summary of presentation:

The proposal includes tables, graphics and call outs to help readers understand the complex proposal and to facilitate engagement and feedback.

The proposal addresses the goals of the project, to promote equity among multi- and single organ candidates, and to facilitate consistent and efficient allocation practices. It includes information on the key differences between current and proposed multi-organ allocation policy. There are graphics showing how the proposal would promote access to transplant for high priority single-organ candidates and the benefits of standardizing allocation.

The proposal describes the changes to OPTN Policy 5.10, including directing allocation order across match runs and standardizing multi-organ offers and processes. It explains the seven multi-organ allocation tables and provides a visual example of how allocation may occur according to the tables. It describes the system solution that is being developed to guide users and support implementation. It also describes proposed changes to other sections of policy to ensure consistency and coherence.

Data included in figures and tables includes:

- Median appearance data
- Percent of accepted organs allocated within the proposed tables for deceased donors with match runs in 2024 by organ
- Data on the seven multi-organ donor groups covered by a multi-organ allocation table
- Percent of multi-organ recipients who received a transplant from covered multi-organ donors

The policy describes post-implementation monitoring of compliance and policy evaluation. It also includes 10 questions for community feedback.

Summary of discussion:

No decisions made.
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Members suggested clarifying wording describing the removal of priority for multi-organ candidates above single-organ candidates to ensure that priority of multi- and single-organ candidates is clearly described. Another member voiced concern that the term “median appearance data” might be confusing for some stakeholders and requested language that explains the meaning of this data in clear and accessible terms.

A member emphasized the importance of seeking feedback from organ procurement organizations (OPOs) on expected challenges and barriers to implementation. The member expressed concern about translation of complex policy into real-world practice and called for a question on this issue in the policy proposal. Another member questioned whether OPOs will face challenges when completing allocation plans and allocating any remaining organs from individual match runs.

Next steps:

- Staff will refine the draft policy proposal based on member feedback
- Staff will circulate the draft policy proposal for any additional feedback

**Upcoming Meetings**

- June 25, 2025
- July 9, 2025

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Lisa Stocks, Co-Chair
  - Marie Budev
  - Vincent Casingal
  - Rocky Daly
  - Rachel Engen
  - Jim Kim
  - Precious McCowan
  - Oyedolamu Olaitan
  - Chris Sonnenday
  - Nicole Turgeon
- **SRTR Staff**
  - Avery Cook
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Amelia Devereaux
  - Houlder Hudgins
  - Sarah Roache
  - Erin Schnellinger
  - Kaitlin Swanner
  - Susan Tlusty
  - Stryker-Ann Vosteen