

OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee

Meeting Summary

April 17, 2025

Conference Call

Christine Brenner, RN, BSN, CPTC, CCTC, Chair

Heather Bastardi, RN, MSN, CPNP, Vice Chair

Introduction

The Transplant Coordinators Committee (“the Committee”) met via Citrix WebEx on 04/17/25 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Inactive Patient Notification Discussion

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

1. Inactive Patient Notification Discussion

The Committee did not make any decisions.

Summary of Presentation:

The Chair reviewed the current status of the Inactive Patient Notification project, mentioning that it had been referred by the Policy Oversight Committee (POC) to the Executive Committee for project approval. The Chair reviewed the current *OPTN Policy 3.6: Patient Notification*.

The Chair also discussed feedback from the POC, which included support for the project’s transparency for patient status.

Supportive feedback included:

- Support for transparency
- Support for patient perspective and empowerment
- Support of practicality of a one-time notification within 10-days of status change

It also included:

- Potential lack of data showing that notifications improve candidate movement from inactive to active
- Potential administrative burden
- Issues with measurability of success

The Chair re-emphasized that the goal of the project is patient awareness.

Summary of Discussion:

The Chair mentioned that her program has notification requirements for candidates who moved from active to inactive and inactive to active, but she recognized that not all programs currently do this.

The Chair asked about whether or not notifications should apply to pre-implementation inactive candidates. Members agreed that given the heavy administrative burden, they support only requiring these notifications for candidates with a status change post-implementation of this project.

The committee discussed potential policy language, which they agreed should outline notification requirements for candidate status changes. Members also agreed that policy language should reflect notification language currently used in *OPTN Policy 3.6: Patient Notification*.

Next Steps:

The Committee will wait for Executive Committee project approval. The Committee will vote for final policy language at a future meeting.

Upcoming Meeting

- May 22, 2025

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Christine Brenner
 - Eve Cabatan
 - Karl Neumann
 - Courtney Risley
 - Stacy McKean
 - Katherine Meneses
 - Stewart Jusim
 - Whitney Holland
 - Amy Olsen
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Laura Schmitt
 - Lindsay Larkin
 - Cole Fox
 - Jamie Panko