

## **OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee**

### **Meeting Summary**

**June 26, 2025**

**Conference Call**

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

**Heather Bastardi, RN, MSN, CPNP, Vice Chair**

### **Introduction**

The Transplant Coordinators Committee (“the Committee”, “TCC”) met via Citrix GoToMeeting on 06/26/25 to discuss the following agenda items:

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

- 1. Waitlist Status Project Feedback from Transplant Administrators Committee (TAC)**
- 2. Checklist Discussion**
- 3. New Project Ideas**

### **1. Waitlist Status Project Feedback from TAC**

<b>The Committee did not make any decisions.</b>
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#### Summary of Presentation:

Staff presented feedback from the Transplant Administrators Committee:

- One TAC member suggested adding a minimum status time change for avoiding influxes of notifications for patients with consistently changing statuses
- One TAC member mentioned that written notifications may be burdensome, and that phone calls and/or verbal conversations may be appropriate in some situations

#### Summary of Discussion:

One member said they thought a week would be a reasonable minimum status time change. A member added that use of “internal holds,” rather than inactive statuses, may lead patients to offers declined without the formal inactive status process. One member said they notify their patients of status changes regardless of the time spent in the status change. Another asked for data on frequency of status changes for insight on additional administrative burden.

A member said they were unsure of choosing a specific amount of time for minimum time in a status change, but they did support eliminating the writing requirement for notifications. A staff member mentioned that changes can be made following public comment feedback. A member added that specific medical circumstances with short inactivations may cause notification burdens. This member said they would be supportive of proof of communication to patient. One member said that additional data around number of status changes should be stratified by organ to give more insight into program-specific burdens.

## 2. Checklist Discussion

**The Committee did not make any decisions.**

### Summary of Discussion:

A member added that they'd be interested in hearing other committee feedback on the checklist and its potential utility. The Committee decided they would discuss this in-depth at their next meeting.

## 3. New Project Ideas

**The Committee did not make any decisions.**

### Summary of Discussion:

The Committee decided to discuss this at their next meeting.

### **Upcoming Meeting**

- July 17 2025

## **Attendance**

- **Committee Members**
  - Kati Robinson
  - Robin Petersen-Webster
  - Ashley Cardenas
  - Karl Neumann
  - Whitney Holland
  - Brandy Baldwin
  - Eve Cabatan
  - Anne O'Boye
  - Christine Brenner
  - Katherine Meneses
  - Kenny Laferriere
  - Heather Bastardi
  - Gertrude Okelezo
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Jamie Panko
  - Lindsay Larkin
  - Cole Fox