

**OPTN Ad Hoc International Relations Committee
Management of International Living Donors in the U.S
Meeting Summary
July 21, 2023
Conference Call**

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

Introduction

The OPTN Ad Hoc International Relations – Management of International Living Donors in the U.S (the Subcommittee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 07/21/2023 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Open Forum

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

1. Open Forum

The Subcommittee is divided into five groups: communications, logistics, donor follow-up, undocumented Non-U.S. Citizens/Non-U.S. Residents (NCNR), and risk of exploitation, inducement, and coercion. The undocumented NCNR group had an open discussion about undocumented NCNR as it relates to the Subcommittee’s project.

Summary of discussion:

A member asked what the focus of the undocumented NCNR section should be. A member replied that one of the most critical areas is undocumented children. He explained that undocumented residents (U.S Citizens/Non-U.S. Residents) who want to donate to their children cannot because of the risk related to their legal status. For example, if the potential living donor has complications after surgery, then the donor cannot receive healthcare because they are uninsured. He shared that if the undocumented donor has surgery-related complications at their program, they will have access to readmissions for those complications.

Another member stated that it’s important to understand medical insurance coverage for donors and recipients based on their legal status. Another member asked about the number of liver and kidney living donors and recipients by citizenship status and the center they donated from. The member also inquired about data on the relationship to whom they are donating. Additionally, the group asked if centers have protocols for handling NCNR donors. The group discussed potential contacting programs to better understand the protocols and barriers they face when evaluating and transplanting NCNR donors.

In summary, the undocumented NCNR group agreed that more data is needed to assess the scope of the problem better and potentially follow up with centers about barriers and protocols.

Next steps:

The Communications group will continue to discuss their portion of the Subcommittee’s project.

Upcoming Meeting

- July 25, 2023
- August 8, 2023

Attendance

- **(Sub)Committee Members**
 - Peter Stock
 - Scott Sanoff
 - Carrie Thiessen
 - Taryn Shapell
 - Eliana Agudelo
- **HRSA Representatives**
- **SRTR Staff**
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Tamika Watkins
- **Other Attendees**