

OPTN Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

July 11, 2023

Conference Call

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Introduction

The OPTN Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 07/11/2023 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Duplicate Reporting
2. New Member Orientation

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

1. Duplicate Reporting

The Committee heard an overview of the Patient Safety Contact Workgroup's (the Workgroup) current project to standardize the patient safety contact and duplicate reporting system, outlined in OPTN [Policy 15.1 Patient Safety Contact](#). This project is a referral from the OPTN Membership and Professional Standard Committee (MPSC) that aims to ensure that the patient safety contact is regularly updated and audited and to reduce OPO and transplant hospital duplicate reporting in the OPTN Improving Patient Safety Portal.

OPTN Policies 15.4.B and 15.5.B require organ procurement organizations (OPOs) and transplant programs to report recipient illness, leading to duplicate reporting and an increased burden on the system. The Committee was asked if they would like the Workgroup to address standardizing the patient safety contact and duplicate reporting system.

Summary of discussion:

Decision #1: The Committee had no objections to the Workgroup moving forward with standardizing the patient safety contact and duplicate reporting system. The Workgroup will move forward with standardizing the patient safety contact and duplicate reporting.

2. New Member Orientation

The Committee heard a presentation on new member orientation.

Summary of discussion:

No decisions were made by the Committee. The purpose of this agenda item was to onboard incoming Committee members.

Upcoming Meetings

- July 24, 2023

- August 1, 2023

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Anna Hughart-Smith
 - Charles Marboe
 - Cindy Fisher
 - Gerald Berry
 - Helen Te
 - Lara Danziger-Isakov
 - Maheen Abidi
 - R. Patrick Wood
 - Riki Graves
 - Sarah Taimu
 - Stephanie Pouch
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
- **CDC Representatives**
 - Isabel Griffin
- **SRTR Staff**
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Alina Martinez
 - Laura Schmitt
 - Logan Saxer
 - Sandy Bartal
 - Tamika Watkins
 - Taylor Livelli
- **Other Attendees**