

**OPTN Ad Hoc International Relations Committee - Management of International Living Donors in the
U.S Subcommittee
Meeting Summary
April 23, 2024
Webex Meeting**

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

Introduction

The Ad Hoc International Relations Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) met via WebEx teleconference on 4/23/2024 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Project Feedback Form Update
2. Revised Project Timeline
3. Project Next Steps

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

1. Project Feedback Form Update

The Subcommittee heard an update on the progress of the project feedback form.

Data Summary:

- Feedback form opened on March 14, 2024
 - The feedback form was sent to all primary program administrators at all living donor programs.
- Various reminders were sent to programs.
 - 1st reminder was sent on 3/25/2024.
 - 2nd reminder was sent on 4/1/2024.
 - 3rd reminder was sent on 4/9/2024.
- An email was sent to the OPTN Living Donor Committee to spread awareness about the form and help increase participation
- As of 4/22, there were 77 received responses to the feedback form
 - 35 of those forms are fully completed.
 - Responses were from at least 41 centers.
 - There were 41/205 confirmed responses from programs.

Summary of discussion:

No decisions were made.

The Vice Chair mentioned feedback from large transplant programs is important. They also stated that administrator interest in this topic may play a role in feedback forms being filled out, to which OPTN Staff replied that program directors will receive the feedback form in addition to the administrators at transplant to help increase participation. A HRSA representative asked if partially completed forms will be followed up with, and OPTN Staff stated that this may happen, though the form does give an option

to resume the feedback form at a later time. A Subcommittee Member mentioned that this seems to be a good response rate for the feedback form, positively citing outreach efforts.

2. Revised Project Timeline

The Subcommittee reviewed the revised project timeline, including updated dates for OPTN Research Staff to close the feedback form and start developing the guidance document. The project is slated for January 2025 public comment cycle.

Summary of discussion:

No decisions were made.

3. Project Next Steps

OPTN staff reviewed the project's next steps, with the project feedback form already completed. Upcoming next steps include further clarifying the barriers transplant programs face when evaluating an international living donor, analyzing the feedback form, developing a guidance document, and voting on guidance language.

Summary of discussion:

No decisions were made.

The Vice Chair mentioned that they believe Subcommittee work should not be restricted due to content overlap but rather that subcommittees may look at the issues with different lenses. Subcommittee members mentioned that the feedback form answers should be evaluated for thoughtfulness before a full analysis is done. The Vice Chair stated that they want the Subcommittee to begin brainstorming new ideas for upcoming topics.

Upcoming Meeting(s)

- May 28, 2024

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Peter Stock
 - Pramod Bonde
 - Scott Sanoff
 - Abby Ruiz
 - Nahel Elias
 - Vineeta Kumar
 - Ashtar Chami
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Shannon Dune
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Avery Cook
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Tamika Watkins
 - Susan Tlusty
 - Alex Carmack
- **Other Attendees**