

**OPTN Board Policy Group
Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee, Histocompatibility Committee, Executive Committee,
and VCA Committee
Meeting Summary
May 23, 2022
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The OPTN Board Policy Group met via WebEx teleconference on 05/23/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Establish Eligibility Criteria and Safety Net for Heart-Kidney and Lung-Kidney Allocation- Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee
2. Change Calculated Panel Reactive Antibody (CPRA) Calculation- Histocompatibility Committee
3. Modify Graft Failure Definition for VCA- VCA Committee
4. Proposal to Revise the OPTN Charter- Executive Committee
5. Cross Organ Data Alignment- Executive Committee

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

1. Establish Eligibility Criteria and Safety Net for Heart-Kidney and Lung-Kidney Allocation

The Ad-Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee aims to require OPOs to offer kidney with heart or lung if candidate meets medical criteria and add a safety net for heart and lung recipients with kidney dysfunction to receive some priority in kidney allocation.

Summary of discussion:

Group members vocalized support and emphasized that this will increase survival rates for patients. A group member stated this is about compromise and acknowledging that multi-organ allocation is an ongoing conversation. It was noted that this proposal is an important first step. There was no further discussion on the proposal.

9 Approve | 0 Decline | 0 Abstain
8 Discussion | 1 Consent | 0 Abstain

2. Change Calculated Panel Reactive Antibody (CPRA) Calculation

The Histocompatibility Committee proposes a change CPRA calculation to better reflect actual sensitization and improve access to transplant for the highly sensitized and minority OPTN candidates.

Summary of discussion:

A committee member expressed concern that this proposal reflects how donors identify personally and is not reflective of "how much they identify with an ethnic group by blood." The Chair addressed this concern by explaining there is data that shows different HLA types follow specific ancestral patterns and

standard ethnicities. The Chair highlighted those patients that have different HLA types have an inaccurate percentage of donors that they are incompatible without this determinant added to the calculator. The Chair noted that ethnicity is determined through family members and hospital charts, and this is an topic that often results in some sort of confusion. There was no further discussion on the proposal.

9 Approve | 0 Decline | 0 Abstain
0 Discussion | 9 Consent | 0 Abstain

3. Modify Graft Failure Definition for VCA

The VCA Committee aims to appropriately tailor the definition of graft failure and associated data collection for covered VCAs to represent VCA transplantation outcomes more accurately.

Summary of discussion:

A member asked for clarification on the lack of approval from societies due to uterus being the only planned removal VCA. The Vice Chair explained that it was taken into consideration and the planned removal definition is limited to uterus. The member also stated the committee agreed to revisiting the definition in the future if needed. A member asked for clarification on whether removal of a uterus before a successful outcome would be recognized as a failure. A committee member stated this would be indicated as graft failure, not removal. There was no further discussion on the proposal.

9 Approve | 0 Decline | 0 Abstain
0 Discussion | 9 Consent | 0 Abstain

4. Proposal to Revise the OPTN Charter

The OPTN Executive Committee identified some revisions to the OPTN Charter that will eliminate redundancy and enhance consistency with both NOTA and the Final Rule.

Summary of discussion:

There was no discussion on the proposal.

7 Approve | 0 Decline | 0 Abstain
0 Discussion | 8 Consent | 0 Abstain

5. Cross Organ Data Alignment

The Executive Committee aims to uncouple the single 'date of measurement' field for both height and weight for all organ types so that fields have their own, distinct corresponding 'date of measurement' fields.

Summary of discussion:

There was no discussion on the proposal.

8 Approve | 0 Decline | 0 Abstain
0 Discussion | 8 Consent | 0 Abstain

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