

OPTN Transplant Administrators Committee

Meeting Summary

February 24, 2025

Virtual Meeting

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Introduction

The OPTN Transplant Administrators Committee (“Committee”) met via Webex on 02/24/2025 to discuss the following agenda items:

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Monitor Ongoing eGFR Modification Policy Requirements**
- 3. Clarify Requirements for Reporting a Potential Disease Transmission**
- 4. Escalation of Status for Time on Left Ventricular Assist Device**
- 5. Pancreas Continuous Distribution**

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

1. Welcome

No decisions were made.

Summary of Presentation:

The Chair presented regional meeting dates and led discussion on the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services/OPTN crosswalk.

Summary of Discussion:

Members said they would be interested in discussing the CMS/OPTN crosswalk sometime in the future. A member added that the crosswalk doesn’t change regulations.

2. Monitor Ongoing eGFR Modification Policy Requirements

No decisions were made.

Summary of Presentation:

A representative from the Minority Affairs Committee was on the meeting to answer questions and facilitate discussion.

Summary of Discussion:

A member said that the policy requirements are straightforward and already part of their center’s practices. Another added that this policy notification requirement would be burdensome. Other members supported this statement. The speaker added that retroactive notifications are in place in this proposal to promote transparency. A member added that they do not support the look-back because of its time burden. Another member said that it’s important to have a requirement in place addressing future affected candidates, but the look back is not necessary.

A member added that the race-identification aspect for Black and African-American candidates is difficult given that some Afro-Latino candidates would self-identify as non-white Hispanic rather than Black or African-American.

The speaker mentioned that the proposal would have space for center-specific practices within the requirement frames.

3. Clarify Requirements for Reporting a Potential Disease Transmission

No decisions were made.

Summary of Presentation:

A representative from the Disease Transmission Advisory Committee presented the Committee's proposal.

Summary of discussion:

A member said that there are pathogens not listed on the special interest list that could be of concern. The member also suggested that once pathogens have been reported to the host organ procurement organization that all further information should be reported to the OPTN.

A member asked if cultures resulted prior to cross-clamp should be reported to the transplant center. The speaker answered that this is a grey area because results received by transplant center are considered expected.

4. Escalation of Status for Time on Left Ventricular Assist Device

No decisions were made.

Summary of Presentation:

A representative from the Heart Committee presented the Committee's proposal.

Summary of discussion:

The members spoke in support of the committee's changes, while one member mentioned that this proposal is a positive change, albeit not totally necessary.

5. Pancreas Continuous Distribution

No decisions were made.

Summary of Presentation:

A representative from the Pancreas Committee presented the Committee's proposal.

Summary of discussion:

A member asked how often the proposal's suggested questionnaire may need to be done for large programs. The speaker answered that this should be a low burden questionnaire. The speaker also mentioned that there is no timeline required for collecting this information. The speaker discussed pancreas wait time attributes.

Upcoming Meetings:

- March 5, 2025

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Laura Droll
 - Brian Cruddas
 - Emily Warren
 - Jamie Bucio
 - Katie Dokus
 - Chuck Zollinger
 - Kristin Smith
 - Chris Wood
 - Heidi Monroe
 - Kay Shield Ragan
 - Luke Preczewski
 - Shelley Zomak
 - Susan Stockemer
 - Jason Huff
 - Susan Zylicz
 - Sharon Klarman
- **Other Attendees**
 - JD Menteer
 - Rocky Daly
 - Oyedolamu Olaitan
 - Lara Danziger-Isakov
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Jamie Panko
 - Eric Messick
 - Cole Fox
 - Stryker-Ann Vosteen
 - Kelley Poff
 - Tamika Watkins