

Concepts Related to Liver Allocation and Distribution

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9:00am – 5:00pm EDT

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Introductions

- James Wynn, MD, OPTN/UNOS President – Forum Moderator
- W. Kenneth Washburn, MD, Chair, Liver/Intestine Committee and Co-moderator
- OPTN/UNOS Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee members – “Hosts” and “Listeners”

Forum: Overall Goals - I

- Start a new conversation with the community about possibilities for improving liver allocation and distribution.
- Share information and perspectives on current liver allocation and distribution policies, and potential opportunities for, and challenges associated with, improving patient outcomes (pre- and post-transplant).

Forum: Overall Goals - II

- Get input from the community about possible directions for policy development and what evidence would be important to support any allocation and distribution improvements.
- Discuss and get input on several concepts for improving patient outcomes.
- Explore additional research and feedback that will help evaluate any future options.

What today is NOT

- Not a debate or “point-counterpoint”
- Not intended to promote any specific proposal
- Not a decision-making forum i.e., not the end of the conversation, but the beginning

There are no specific proposals being considered at this time

Forum Agenda

- Background / history / current status of Liver Allocation/Distribution
- Overview of policy development and RFI feedback
- Several “Community Perspectives”, invited participant from RFI feedback
- Concept presentations based on feedback from Spring 2009 public comments, RFI Survey Feedback

Ground Rules - I

- Put cell phones/pages on mute
- Move side conversations outside the meeting room
- We can disagree without being disagreeable

Ground Rules - II

- Questions can be posed by participants via the microphones in the aisle
- Questions can also be e-mailed to Liver@UNOS.org or submitted on 3x5 cards
- Please keep questions brief/concise, constructive, and related to the topic at hand (no more than 1 minute)

Lunch

- Please remain at your table – Tables will be called to the buffet one-by-one
- Committee members will be seated at each table
- Please use this opportunity for further feedback to the Liver Committee
- Discussion starter: Questions on conference evaluation form