

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
OF THE MINUTES
OPTN/UNOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

March 2-3, 2009

Houston, Texas

Dr. Higgins called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on March 2, 2009. A quorum was present, and 29 of the Board members were in attendance during the meeting.

The Board approved several resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda in a single vote. The subject of the various individual resolutions follows here:

1. The Board approved modifications to Policy 2.0 (Minimum Procurement Standards for an Organ Procurement Organization). These proposed changes would update terminology, clarify policy language that may place OPOs at risk for noncompliance, and modify policy language to reflect current OPO practice.
2. The Board approved modifications to Policies 3.2.7 (Pancreas Waiting List Criteria) and 3.2.9 (Combined Kidney-Pancreas Waiting List Criteria) to allow candidates who need a pancreas for technical reasons as part of a multiple organ transplant to be listed on the pancreas waiting list.
3. The Board approved the minutes of the November 17-18, 2008, Meeting of the Board of Directors in St. Louis, Missouri.
4. The Board approved modifications to Policy 3.6.9.1 (Minimum Information for Liver Offers) to provide consistency with changes in Policy 2.0 (Minimum Procurement Standards for an Organ Procurement Organization) regarding the removal of the GGT laboratory test from the required list of laboratory values for potential liver donors.
5. The Board approved the following programming changes to DonorNet®: display the name, date and time of the user who added the donor to DonorNet®; the name of the user who enters the donor's ABO; and the name of the user who verifies the donor's ABO, as well as the date and time it was verified.

Following passage of the consent agenda, the Board approved modifications to Policies 3.2.4 (Match System Access), 3.1 (Definitions), and 3.9.3 (Organ Allocation to Multiple Organ Transplant Candidates), which provide instruction to members when a candidate does not appear on a match run, and when a candidate cannot appear on a match run. Amendments to the proposal were approved to clarify the scope of the required documentation when an organ is allocated to a candidate not appearing on the match run.

The Board approved modifications to Policy 3.8.1.6 (Islet Allocation Protocol) to clarify protocols for the allocation of pancreas islets and address medical suitability, the process for re-allocating islets, and criteria for listing a candidate as active on the pancreas islet waiting list.

The Board approved modifications to the Bylaws Appendix B, Section II, F (Patient Notification) to require transplant centers to include a “Patient Information Letter” prepared by the OPTN Contractor in the written notification to patients. This additional notification will contain information about the policy development and public comment process, transplant data, and patient services.

The Board approved modifications to Policy 3.3.2 (Multiple Listings Permitted) to clarify that it is permissible for transplant candidates to be multiple listed within the same OPO service area.

A proposal to adopt a white paper entitled, “Restatement of OPTN/UNOS General Principles for Allocating Human Organs,” which restates the 1991 White Paper was withdrawn for further revisions.

The Board of Directors adopted the definitions in the Declaration of Istanbul for “organ trafficking,” “transplant commercialism,” “transplant tourism,” and “travel for transplantation.”

The UNOS Board of Directors, and not in its capacity as the OPTN Board of Directors, endorsed the Principles set forth in the Declaration of Istanbul on Organ Trafficking.

The Board of Directors adopted a statement acknowledging that living donation from incarcerated individuals may be ethical and appropriate in limited circumstances.