

**Interim Report  
Pancreas Transplantation Committee**

**January 27, 2012  
Live Meeting/ Teleconference**

The following is a summary of the Pancreas Transplantation Committee meeting on January 27, 2012 held via Live Meeting and teleconference.

**1. Plain Language Bylaws Rewrite**

The Pancreas Transplantation Committee reviewed the bylaws out for public comment. The purpose of these bylaws revisions is to rewrite the bylaw language into a plain language style and to reorganize the bylaws into a more user-friendly structure. The intent and substance of the bylaws should not change with these revisions. The Committee reviewed to rewrite language to see if it thought any substantive changes had been inadvertently made in this rewrite. The Committee specifically reviewed the following sections:

- Article I: Membership (1.1 Membership Guidelines, 1.2 Transplant Hospital Members, 1.3: OPO Members, 1.4 Histocompatibility Laboratory Members)
- Article VII: Permanent Standing Committees
- Article XI: Adoption of Policies
- Appendix D: Membership Requirements for Transplant Hospitals and Transplant Programs
- Appendix G: Membership and Personnel Requirements for Pancreas and Pancreatic Islet Transplant Programs

The Committee agreed that the rewritten bylaws did not change the meaning of the provisions in the bylaws. The Committee did note that the name of the ASTS committee that approved fellowship programs is the Fellowship Training Committee not the Education Committee.

The Committee also discussed areas in the bylaws that may need substantive changes. The Committee already has a project to review pancreas physician and surgeon requirements as well as pancreas program functional inactivity requirements. The Committee plans to coordinate with other interested parties on the review of currency requirements in the bylaws. The Committee also thought it would be useful to review the islet physician and surgeon requirements and to discuss whether both positions are necessary. The Committee debated whether there should continue to be a minimum timeframe over which the primary surgeon or physician can gain experience. The Committee commented that a surgeon or physician should not have to observe three procurements. Even though the provision is a recommendation, not a requirement, the Committee was concerned about recommending the observation of three procurements when it may require the surgeon or physician to travel simply to observe. Given the dangers involved in traveling to procure organs, the Committee recommended that the MPSC reconsider this observation provision across all organs. The Committee also emphasized the need to work on a definition of pancreas graft failure.

**Table 1: Pancreas Committee Attendance**

<b>PANCREAS COMMITTEE</b>		JANUARY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2012
		MONTH
		DAY
		FORMAT
NAME	COMMITTEE POSITION	
David Axelrod, MD, MBA	Chair	X
Jonathan Fridell, MD	Vice Chair	X
Sayed Malek, MD	Regional Rep.	
James Lim, MD	Regional Rep.	
Joseph Magliocca, MD	Regional Rep.	
John Duffy, MD	Regional Rep.	X
Jonathan Fisher, MD, FACS	Regional Rep.	
Nelson Goes, MD	Regional Rep.	X
Ty Dunn, MD	Regional Rep.	
Michael Morris, MD	Regional Rep.	X
Bernd Schroppel, MD	Regional Rep.	X
Edmund Sanchez, MD	Regional Rep.	X
Charles Bratton, MD	Regional Rep.	
Nicole Beauvais, PA-C, MMS	At Large	X
Lisa Chronis, RN	At Large	
Anissa Cole	At Large	X
Barry Friedman, RN, BSN, MBA, CPTC	At Large	
Monica Grafals, MD	At Large	
Albert Hwa, PhD	At Large	X
Danielle Niedfeldt, JD, RN	At Large	X
Jason Wellen, MD	At Large	
Dixon Kaufman, MD, PhD	Ex. Officio	
James Bowman III, MD	Ex. Officio	
Monica Lin, PhD	Ex. Officio	
Ba Lin, MS, MPH	Ex Officio	X
Raja Kandaswamy, MD	SRTR Liaison	X
Sally Gustafson, MS	SRTR Liaison	
Bertram Kasiske, MD, FACP	SRTR Liaison	
Kim Nieman	SRTR Liaison	X
Elizabeth Sleeman, MHA	Committee Liaison	X
Jennifer Wainright, PhD	Support Staff	X
Kerrie Cobb	Support Staff	X
Sally Aungier	Support Staff	X
Leigh Kades	Support Staff	X