

**OPTN/UNOS TRANSPLANT ADMINISTRATORS COMMITTEE (TAC)
INTERIM REPORT**

**October 19, 2012
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The following is a summary of the TAC OPTN deliberations that occurred in Chicago, IL on July 19, 2012.

- The Committee received an update on HRSA activities to include:
 - Operational updates
 - OPTN contract extension/recompletion
 - SRTR PSR conference follow-up
 - SRTR PSR and OPO report improvements
 - HRSA/CMS alignment activities
 - National Living Donor Assistance Center
 - Public and professional educational efforts
 - HHS Innovation Fellowship Program
 - Policy update
 - Status of VCA rule

- The Committee received an update from SRTR on the Social Security Death Master File issue of death information being incomplete and delaying the release of the PSR data. The Committee will formulate a statement regarding the impact this delay will have on centers and patients, and request continued communication/recommendations regarding the path forward.

- Mark Aeder, MD presented the Proposal to Substantially Revise The National Kidney Allocation System (Kidney Transplantation Committee) that is out for public comment to the Committee. General comments from the Committee were as follows:
 - In reference to CPRA, has the Histocompatibility Committee identified which antigens are important?
 - Who is disadvantaged? There would be less transplants using the new system and a disincentive for putting patients on waitlist in a timely manner (if wait time starts with dialysis).
 - How does a center interpret KDPI utilization and how will it tie back to historical ECD?
 - Committee member agreed with the following:
 - A2 or A2B into blood type into B's theoretically.
 - Sliding scale points for CPRA >20%. Do not agree with the priority over 0-Ag MM. It seemed like these were lumped together and would recommend being able to split them.
 - Changing to advantage for better estimated survival for KDPI scores in top 20%.
 - Re-classification according to KDPI.
 - Committee member disagrees with following:
 - The addition of pediatrics getting kidneys preferentially from age <35 and now also KDPI <35%. The pediatric advantages have all but eliminated living donors in this population and do not produce a survival advantage or help society. Any new changes advantaging pediatrics does not make clinical or economic sense; and

- Eliminating pay backs.
- Robert Carrico, Ph.D. presented the public comment Proposal to Require Reporting of Every Islet Infusion to the OPTN Contractor within 24 Hours of the Infusion (Pancreas Transplantation Committee). The Committee comments were as follows:
 - Policy should clearly identify this as an allo-islet policy to avoid confusion. There is also concern of the workload and operational impact of notifying patient of removal and relisting after each infusion. Although this represents a few centers and small volume, it will clearly be a challenge on the compliance front. It was recommended that a process be evaluated that would eliminate any need to notify patient after every infusion of removal from list and re-list.
- The KPD Financial Subcommittee TAC representative updated the Committee on the following Work Group discussions.
 - Results from Match Runs 21-30
 - Donor Pre-Select
 - KPD Automated Solution in UNetSM
 - Spanish versions of forms released
 - Business Associate Agreement (Information Disclosure and Confidentiality Agreement)
 - Standard HIPAA Release Language
 - Medicare Cost Report Technical Guidelines
- The Operations and Safety Committee's (O & S) ABO Verification Work Group TAC representative updated the Committee on the following Work Group discussions.
 - Aligning CMS and OPTN policy for ABO verification.
 - Review of ABO critical checks for donors and transplant candidates
 - Deceased Donor
 - Transplant candidates/recipients
 - Living Donor

The Committee representative will continue to emphasize the importance of opposing the development of policies to verify ABO in the donor operating room due to the requirement.

- The Education Work Group was created to provide feedback on OPTN/UNOS educational efforts on policy and the impact on practice. The work group will provide structural and content feedback on the following educational efforts:
 - OPTN/CMS Crosswalk Webinar
 - Living Donor Webcast and checklists
 - UNOS Primer
- The TAC continues to have representatives on various committee Work Groups. Those Work Groups include: KPD Financial Subcommittee, ABO Verification, MAC Patient Resource Initiative, O & S Vessel Policy, and O & S Candidate Transfer. These TAC representatives participate in Live Meetings with these Work Groups to provide the transplant administrator perspective on proposals that may evolve from the Work Group's sponsoring committees. These representatives are also responsible for

reporting any of these Work Group updates and activities on the TAC monthly Live Meetings and in person meetings.

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Mark Aeder MD – On phone	Presenter	X
Bob Carrico Ph.D. – On phone	Presenter	X