

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

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The following is a summary of the TAC OPTN deliberations that occurred via Live Meeting on March 23, 2011.

- The Committee received an update on the KPD pilot program. Some members of the committee have concerns about the KPD billing protocol and how it's being addressed by the OPTN. HRSA will review a list of concerns and respond at a later date.
- The Committee received an overview of Policy 6.0 Transplantation of Non-Resident Aliens and provided feedback to the Ad Hoc International Relations Committee (AHIRC) in regards to:
 - What policies in 6.0 seem no longer current?
 - Which policies in 6.0 cannot be measured as written?
 - What concepts in Policy 6.0 should the AHIRC consider revising?
 - What concepts in Policy 6.0 should the AHIRC consider eliminating?
- The Committee's DonorNet[®] Work Group is working in conjunction with the TCC, Operations and Safety the OPO Committees on developing DonorNet[®] educational materials. The focus of the Work Group, at this time, is to examine the use of non-standardized abbreviations and the inadequate documentation of donor information in DonorNet[®]. The Operations and Safety, Transplant Coordinators, and OPO Committees' recommendations were reviewed and responded to by the Work Group. The list of standardized abbreviations was also reviewed for plain language and was approved by the UNOS Department of Evaluation and Quality and UNOS Director of Policy. There will be a Work Group conference call to discuss the recommendations received from AOPO and NATCO. The plan is to disseminate the standardized abbreviations to the transplant community through the DonorNet[®] help document, professional listservs, AOPO portal, NATCO and with any other DonorNet[®] educational/informational materials that are distributed to the transplant community from UNOS by May, 2011. The Work Group will also consider developing other DonorNet[®] educational resources.
- The TAC has two representatives on the Transplant Coordinators Committee (TCC) Patient Information Sharing Task Force. There have been two conference calls and there will be an in person meeting in Chicago on April 28, 2011. The goal of the Task Force is to develop guidelines regarding the standards for the sharing of donor and recipient information (i.e. type of work, parent, child, quality of life, etc) that should be provided to donor families and recipients, and the appropriate timeframe to share this information. Additionally, the group will identify why transplant hospitals prohibit the release of *non-identifiable information* based on the interpretations of related HIPAA regulations and how this affects the information shared. The TAC provided feedback to the Task Force on issues they should consider when developing guidelines/standards for this practice pertaining to the transplant administrator's role.
- The Committee continues to have crossover Work Group representatives on the TCC Patient Information Sharing Task Force, KPD, KPD Financial Subcommittee, and Operations and Safety Vessel Policy Work Groups that provide the full committee with updates on the TAC monthly conference calls.