

**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 February 23, 2011.

- The Committee received a presentation on and discussed the Proposed Model for Assessing the Effectiveness of Individual OPOs in Key Measures of Organ Recovery and Utilization that is currently out for public comment. The Committee had some concerns regarding the model and formed a small subcommittee to discuss the topic further. A conference call will be arranged and the subcommittee will draft an official response from the TAC.
- The TAC DonorNet[®] Work Group partnered with the OPO Committee to develop a list of standardized abbreviations that would be acceptable to use in DonorNet[®] due to the miscommunication between OPOs and transplant centers when the OPOs enter information into DonorNet[®] and use abbreviations that may not be standardized. The use of non-standardized abbreviations could pose a significant patient safety risk if the transplant center misinterprets the information being conveyed. Committees that reviewed the document and provided feedback to the TAC DonorNet[®] Work Group were the Operations and Safety, Transplant Coordinators, and OPO Committees. Their recommendations were reviewed and the Work Group responded to each Committee's comments. The document was also reviewed by UNOS Communications for plain language, UNOS Department of Evaluation and Quality and the UNOS Director of Policy. It was sent to AOPO & NATCO for feedback. The Work Group agreed that NATCO and AOPO should take the lead on educating the community on this topic. The Work Group plans to disseminate the standardized abbreviations to the transplant community through the DonorNet[®] Help Documentation, professional listservs, AOPO, NATCO and with any other DonorNet[®] educational/informational materials that are distributed to the transplant community from UNOS.
- The TAC has two representatives on the Transplant Coordinators Committee Patient Information Sharing Task Force. The goal of the Task Force, which was reviewed with the full Committee, 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 Task Force requested feedback from the TAC on issues they should consider when developing guidelines/standards for this practice pertaining to the transplant administrator's role. This feedback is due back to the Task Force on February 11, 2011. There was no update for the Task Force on this call. The next conference call is scheduled for February 28, 2011.