

**Interim Report of the
OPTN / UNOS Transplant Coordinators Committee
Live Meeting
October 23, 2012**

I. New Business

Policy Proposals Issued for Public Comment. The Chair presented and members voted on two of the proposed policy modifications currently out for public comment.

The first was the proposal to *Substantially Revise The National Kidney Allocation System*. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed policy allowing pediatric candidates to immediately begin accruing time upon listing or will receive credit for prior dialysis if applicable. A member questioned the fairness mainly because kids are less compliant than adults and this policy advantages pediatric patients. The majority of the members disagreed. The committee voted in support: **8 For: 0 Against: 1 Abstention**

The second was the proposal to *Modify the Imminent and Eligible (I & E) Neurological Death Data Reporting Definitions*. Members had several concerns about this proposal and do not support it: **1 For: 6 Against: 2 Abstentions**. Members will offer specific feedback to the OPO Committee on their concerns. However, in general, members agree that: 1) there are too many changes at one time; 2) the increase in age forces OPOs to procure organs from donors they currently do not accept; 3) these changes will not only require more work for OPO staff, but will cost more money to recover organs that will most likely be discarded; and 4) the proposed changes will also decrease the amount of hours a coordinator has allocated for their normal workload due to the increase in hours they will spend to obtain information from patient's families that are not currently considered, and ultimately will not result in a donation.

II. Meetings

The next full committee Live Meeting is scheduled for November 27th. Agenda items will include a discussion on the TCC's proposed policy for patient notification for having an inactive status for twelve consecutive months and feedback on the living donor webcast.

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