

**Interim Report of the  
OPTN / UNOS Transplant Coordinators Committee  
Live Meeting  
January 22, 2013**

**I. Old Business**

Joint DTAC-OPO Subcommittee on Post Transplant Communication. A participating TCC member provided an update. It was noted that reporting cultures is burdensome for both the OPO and transplant center and several members shared their process. It was additionally noted that the culture reporting process differs among centers across the country.

Tiedi Documentation Project Subcommittee. This effort continues and members are currently working on follow up forms. It was noted that reporting too much data hurt centers in the long run because of inaccuracies being documented. It was suggested that there be data entry training for anyone in the field assigned to this task.

- Members will select 3 fields from any form they have questions about and those will be addressed during the in person meeting.

**II. New Business**

Feedback to the Living Donor Committee. Members have been asked to provide feedback on the Independent Donor Advocate proposed policy modification.

Waitlist Status. An education effort regarding waitlist status with the Patient Affairs and Transplant Administrators Committees is underway. The first objective is to identify how best coordinators, patients and administrators are educated. Then appropriate resources will be developed on waitlist status to accommodate those particular audiences.

Path Forward: The committee discussed what they think is most important for the coordinators to address next and the following will be discussed with UNOS leadership to develop an appropriate path:

- Establish a Task Force (or similar) to address the impact of data submission along with the necessity of date and re-define what is important for CMS and the assessment of transplant outcomes.
- Simplify data collection and upload data in a timely manner. What data is important to the practice?
- Continue to be the voice of coordinators on providing feedback to the OPTN on how policy will impact their day-to-day.
- Provide a realistic view of daily operations.
- Have a formal communication process for coordinators within their region.

**III. Meetings**

The next Tiedi Documentation Project subcommittee call is planned for the second week of February.

The next full committee Live Meeting is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>. Agenda items thus far will include a review of language for waitlist education and reminders about homework for the in person meeting in Chicago.

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