

**Interim Report of the
OPTN/UNOS Transplant Coordinators Committee
Live Meeting
September 28, 2010**

I. Old Business

Waitlist Reports. UNOS staff gave a presentation on how coordinators can utilize UNetSM to manage and customize them. Discussion ensued regarding whether clinical or procurement coordinators utilize this program and it was noted that in some programs both use the waitlist reports and in other programs, only the procurement staff uses the waitlist reports. It was also noted that the social security number is not used in the waitlist reports, only the Donor ID #.

II. New Business

DCD Model Elements. At the request of the OPO Committee, the Committee reviewed proposed modifications to the DCD Model Elements in the OPTN Bylaws. It was noted that the substantive changes include: 1) the definition of donation after “**cardiac**” death to donation after “**circulatory**” death; 2) incorporating CMS regulations; 3) withdrawal of life sustaining “**measures**” to “**medical treatment**” and 4) pronouncement of death.

Discussion ensued regarding hospital policies and it was noted that when a patient is declared dead, the hospital has their own process in place for the declaration of death and the neurological criteria including a wait period for auto resuscitation.

One member sought clarification on the waiting interval and how will it be documented. It was noted that it is unknown for the most part if and how centers document the wait period.

DonorNet® Abbreviations. At the request of the Transplant Administrators Committee, the Committee reviewed a document outlining proposed abbreviations for DonorNet. It was noted that the transplant hospitals follow the Joint Commission’s recommended abbreviations and this document should be disseminated to the OPO CEOs and through the AOPO portal. One suggestion is to write out medical conditions rather than abbreviating them.

Patient Notification Letter. The Committee then unanimously agreed to co-sponsor, with the Patient Affairs Committee, proposed modifications to **Bylaw Section II Transplant Hospitals, B.11.F Patient Notification Requirement from Bylaw**. These proposed modifications will:

- 1) Clarify the language of the Bylaw
- 2) Apply same requirement to:
 - a. Designated Transplant Program Criteria-
Appendix B, Attachment I, XIII-Transplant Programs Patient Notification, Section 13.

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