

OPTN / UNOS Transplant Coordinators Committee
Interim Report
May 24, 2011

New Business

The *Goal* of the call is to review and provide feedback on a **Proposal to Require UNetSM Registration of all Living Donor Organ Candidates Prior to Transplant**, going out for public comment in August, sponsored by the Living Donor (LD) Committee. Specific issues the LD Committee wants the coordinators to address are: 1) fee; 2) impediments; and 3) does the bulleted list on page 4 make sense and are there exceptions to any of them?

Discussion ensued and the following comments were made:

- One member began the discussion by mentioning a recent scheduled living donor transplant that was aborted due to the recipient's last minute decision. The policy doesn't address this in particular but does address when it is the donor not wanting to donate to the recipient.
- One member asked why you would treat living donor recipients different from deceased donor recipients in regards to information having to be recorded within 24 hours of transplant.
- It was noted that a center in California and Iowa registers the donor and recipient prior to the transplant. It helps having the UNOS ID for paperwork etc. so their recipients are registered early on and the donor is registered a few days prior to the transplant once the OR is scheduled.
- It was noted that most centers already have this in place. UNOS already looks for this during their site visits (audits).

Old Business

Mike Thibault updated the Committee on the Patient Information Sharing Task Force meeting that took place in Chicago on April 28, 2011. He noted that HIPAA is misunderstood in the community and it was suggested that UNOS have lawyers develop the guidelines for the legal aspect of the issue which would be agreed upon nationwide so there is a common interpretation. It was also noted that the Alliance plans to get the American Hospital Association and the American College of Healthcare Executives on board. It will be extremely beneficial for them to sign off on some common language for the transplant centers to follow.

The next Live Meeting scheduled June 28th is being postponed due to the Board meeting; new members rolling onto the Committee July 1 and the public comment period for the CDC's updated High Risk recommendations.

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