

# The Educational Public Forum on Redesigning Liver Distribution Agenda

Chicago Loews O'Hare Hotel  
Monday, June 22, 2015  
8:00 am-4:30 pm, Central

## Registration Information

To register to attend the Forum **in person**, follow the link to the right:

<http://www.regonline.com/liverforum2015>

To register to participate in the live **Webinar** follow the link to the right:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8419563431933295618>

## Goals & Objectives

Following a public forum held in September 2014 regarding liver distribution, the OPTN/UNOS Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee formed subcommittees to continue to study and discuss key issues identified by members of the transplant community and the public. At the upcoming forum, representatives from the subcommittees will present data-driven findings and consensus recommendations. A limited amount of time may be reserved for discussion of perspectives that have not been addressed by the subcommittees or at the September forum. Forum participants are encouraged to ask questions and offer additional feedback based on the presentations. The committee will consider this input in future policy development.

## Prior to the Meeting

If time permits, the Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee will provide materials as available for review in advance of the forum.

## Agenda

Registration will begin at 7:00 am. The Forum will begin promptly at 8:00 am.

8:00 am

### **Welcome Address**

*Dr. Carl Berg & Betsy Walsh, J.D.*, OPTN/UNOS leadership, will welcome participants.

*Robert Walsh*, Director of the Division of Transplantation, Health Resources and Services Administration, will address the community on the issue of geographic disparities in access to transplantation.

Morning  
Session

### **Background**

*Dr. David Mulligan* discusses the committee's concern, charge and approach to addressing geographic disparities in liver transplantation. This will include a review of recent changes to policy.

### **An Ongoing Effort**

*Dr. James Eason* and *Dr. George Loss* discuss the committee's parallel efforts to increase donation and utilization.

### **Collaborating for the Cause**

*Dr. Jim Burdick* discusses the community's past Organ Donation Collaborative and the potential for another effort.

*A question and answer session will follow for presenters to engage with Forum participants to address points of interest.*

### **Methods, Modeling & Mathematical Optimization**

*Sommer Gentry, Ph.D.* will represent the concept of Redistricting and *Mathematical Methods to Reduce Geographic Disparities in Organ Availability*.

*John R. Lake, M.D.* will discuss the methods of modeling and mathematical optimization as well as the application and limitations for both. This will include a review of past models, predictions and actual outcomes.

*Sanjay Mehrotra, Ph.D.* will discuss theories in *Modeling the Allocation System, Principles for Robust Design Before Restructuring*.

*A question and answer session will follow for presenters to engage with forum participants to address points of interest.*

### **A Response to Redistricting**

*Dr. David Mulligan* recaps the committee's response to the concept of Redistricting and the process employed to collaborate with the community including the creation of the Ad Hoc Subcommittees following the September 2014 Liver Forum.

*The Forum will take a quick break.*

### **The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Metrics of Disparity and Optimization of Distribution, Findings and Recommendations**

*Dr. Ryutaro Hirose* and *Dr. Seth Karp* discuss the subcommittee's charge and a summary of the requests and recommendations as they relate to defining the parameters that should be employed for a patient based distribution system.

*John R. Lake, M.D.* from the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients will present the results of the committee requests.

*A question and answer session will follow for presenters to engage with Forum participants to address points of interest.*

*Dr. David Goldberg* discusses *Geographic Disparities in Liver Transplantation, Who is really disadvantaged?*

*A question and answer session will follow for presenters to engage with Forum participants to address points of interest.*

*Lunch will be served.*

Afternoon  
Session

### **The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Logistics and Transportation, Findings and Recommendations**

*PJ Geraghty* and *Dr. Christopher Anderson* discuss the subcommittee's charge and a summary of the requests and recommendations as they relate to the necessary tools and rules to increase efficiency and facilitate broader sharing.

*John R. Lake, M.D.* from the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients will present the results of the committee requests.

*A question and answer session will follow for presenters to engage with Forum participants to address points of interest.*

***The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Finances of Broader Sharing, Findings and Recommendations***

*Dr. Richard Gilroy* and *Dr. William Chapman* discuss the subcommittee's charge and a summary of the requests and recommendations as they relate to the intricate factors associated with cost in broader sharing.

*Joshua Pyke, Ph.D.* from the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients will present the results of the committee requests.

*A question and answer session will follow for presenters to engage with Forum participants to address points of interest.*

***The Forum will take a quick break.***

*Dr. Goran Klintmalm* will present an alternative concept for community consideration, *Keeping with the Final Rule, Exploration of an Alternative Concept*

*Sommer Gentry, Ph.D.* from the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients will present the results of the committee requests.

*A question and answer session will follow for presenters to engage with Forum participants to address points of interest.*

Conclusion

***Summary and Action Plan***

*Dr. David Mulligan* and *Dr. Ryo Hirose* will summarize the events of the day and the committee's path forward.