

2018 Open OPTN/UNOS Committee Positions

Below is a list of open positions for terms beginning July 1, 2018.

To indicate interest in serving on a committee, complete the online bio form located on the OPTN website under the “members” tab, select “get involved”:

<https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/members/get-involved/>.

For committee terms beginning in June 2018, bio forms indicating an interest in regional representative positions will be considered through October 20. Interest in at-large positions will be considered through December 1.

Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee meets monthly via web conference and twice a year in-person. The Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding emerging ethical issues in the national transplant network. The goal of the committee's work is to ensure that OPTN policies and activities are consistent with accepted ethical principles.

Open positions:

- Region 4 representative
- Region 7 representative
- Region 10 representative
- At-Large position (1)

The Committee is seeking a living donor to serve in one of these positions.*

Living Donor Committee

The Living Donor Committee meets monthly via web conference and twice a year in-person. The Living Donor Committee develops policy and guidance related to the donation and transplantation of organs from living donors to recipients. The goal of the committee's work is to continue to improve the informed choice of prospective living donors, and the safety, protection and follow-up of all living donors.

Open positions:

Region 1 representative

The Committee strongly prefers a living donor to serve in this role.*

Membership & Professional Standards Committee

The MPSC meets three times a year in-person and much more frequently on web conferences. The Committee is charged with ensuring that OPTN/UNOS member clinical transplant centers, independent organ procurement agencies, independent tissue typing laboratories, and non-institutional members meet and remain in compliance with OPTN/UNOS criteria for institutional membership.

Open positions:

- Region 3 associate councillor*
- Region 4 associate councillor*
- Region 5 associate councillor*
- Region 6 associate councillor*

*All interested individuals should apply and will be considered for these positions (not just those who meet the committee's preferences).

- Region 9 associate councillor*
- At-large liver surgeon (2)
- At-large pediatric hepatologist (1)
- At-large nephrologist (2-3)
- At-large pulmonologist
- At-large kidney surgeons (4)
- At-large pancreas surgeons (3-4)
- At-Large heart surgeon (1)
- At-Large pediatric cardiologist (1)
- At-large lung surgeon (1-2)
- At-large liver surgeon (2)
- At-large VCA expert (1)
- At-Large OPO quality/compliance specialist representative (1)
- At-Large OPO clinical/procurement Director (1)
- At-Large Histocompatibility representative (1)
- At-large Transplant Administrator representative (2)

*Note: regional elections will be held for these positions.

Operations & Safety

The Operations and Safety Committee meets monthly via web conference and twice a year in-person. The goal of the committee's work is to identify gaps in OPTN policy and processes from a network perspective for the purpose of increasing safety.

Open positions:

At-Large (1)

The committee is seeking an OPO representative for this position.*

Pancreas Transplantation

The Pancreas Committee meets monthly via web conference and twice a year in-person. The Committee is charged with considering medical, scientific, and ethical aspects related to pancreas and pancreas islet organ procurement, distribution, and allocation.

Open positions:

At-Large (1)

The committee is seeking the following*:

- Patient, recipient, or donor family representative; or
- M.D. with pancreas islet experience.

Patient Affairs

The Patient Affairs Committee meets monthly via web conference and twice a year in-person. The Committee advises the UNOS Board of Directors and other committees about patient and donor family perspectives on OPTN policies and initiatives that originate in other committees.

Open positions:

- Region 8 representative
- Region 11 representative

The committee is seeking kidney recipients, thoracic organ recipients, those who have been transplanted recently, and deceased donor family members.*

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Thoracic Organ Transplantation

The Thoracic Committee meets monthly via web conference and twice a year in-person. The committee considers issues relating to heart and lung procurement, allocation, and transplantation, including medical, scientific, and ethical aspects.

Open positions:

- At-Large (2)

The Committee is seeking an OPO representative, a lung surgeon, and/or a pediatric cardiologist.*

Transplant Administrators Committee

The Transplant Administrators Committee meets monthly for two hour web conferences and twice a year in-person. The committee also comes together annually at the UNOS Transplant Management Forum. The Committee considers issues related to the administration of transplant programs and provides input to other Committees and the Board with regard to the potential impact of developing policies and other OPTN requirements on transplant program operations.

Open positions:

- Region 5 representative
- Region 6 representative
- Region 8 representative

The committee is seeking transplant administrators overseeing pediatric and kidney paired donation programs. The committee also is seeking a transplant administrator overseeing a program that is participating in the OPTN COIIN pilot.*

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