

Policy Oversight Committee Update

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Current Work

- Policy Rewrite Project
- Multi-Organ Allocation
- Committee Projects
- Data Release Policies
- Data Collection Issue

Policy Rewrite Project

Goals of the project:

- Make policies easier to understand.
- Don't inadvertently change the intent of any policies.

Policy Rewrite Project – New features

- Headings
- New numbering format
- Table of Contents
- Tables & Lists
- Consistent and Central Definitions
- Index
- Change History
- Cross References

Policy Rewrite Project - Schedule

- Review between October and March
- POC members will review individual policies
(Assignments made based on subject matter expertise and interests, at least 2 reviewers per policy)
- View and approve final product at March 2012 POC meeting

Policy Rewrite Project - Schedule

- Special public comment – June/July 2012
- Approval by the Board – November 2012

Policy Rewrite Project – Other Issues

- During the initial review of existing policy, a significant set of unenforceable "should" language was identified.
- These instances have been catalogued as the policies were rewritten.
- With BOD guidance, the POC anticipates coordinating a comprehensive review of these "should" instances with the long term goal of relocating language that is not changed to "must".

Multi-Organ Allocation

- Last fall, the POC was charged with addressing multi-organ allocation policies which are often confusing to members and contain some ambiguities. Subcommittee was formed.

Work to date:

- Feb. 7th , March 3rd conference calls
- June Board Meeting – ok with path forward
- Sept. 20th, Oct. 5th conference calls

Multi-Organ Allocation

The discussions focused on 3 areas:

- Ethical Principles
- Minimum Listing Criteria
- Logistics / Ambiguities

Multi-Organ Allocation – Path Forward

Seek input from organ specific committees

- Liver, Kidney, Pancreas (committees who have previously worked on minimum listing criteria i.e. liver-kidney, kidney-pancreas):
 - Do you think the minimum listing criteria issues are resolved for your organ and if so, what are the important principles that were used to get there?
 - Are there other organ combinations including your organ for which minimum listing criteria do not exist but should?
 - Is there adequate priority for patients who don't meet criteria to get a 2nd organ if failure develops after 1st transplant?

Multi-Organ Allocation – Path Forward

Seek input from organ specific committees (cont'd)

- Thoracic: Can minimum listing criteria be developed for heart and lung candidates when needed in combination with second organ?

Seek input from all committees

- Should priority for 2nd organ be extended beyond DSA?
- Are there policy ambiguities / logistics issues / procurement issues that need to be addressed?

2011-2012 Committee Project Review

- The POC reviewed 96 projects in March 2011 and provided recommendations to the Executive Committee in June 2011.
- The POC reviewed an additional 14 projects at their meeting last month and provided recommendations to the Executive Committee yesterday.

2011-2012 Committee Project Review

■ The POC is still refining its process for reviewing committee projects.

Potential improvements include:

- Revising the committee project form in order to ensure important information is provided to the POC
- Collecting data on liaison time spent on projects will allow for better time estimates
- Monitoring ongoing projects

Data Release Policies

- Release of information to the public/Access to Data
- Planning total revision because existing language is outdated
 - Streamline
 - Remove unnecessary language
 - Better address release of patient-level information
 - Combine 9/10 into one policy

Data Collection Issue: Brief History

- OPTN forms must be approved by OMB
 - Renewed every 3 years
 - Additions must adhere to PODC
 - In 2010, the forms were reviewed “en masse”
 - All forms considered at once
 - Time and resource intensive
 - Challenging to manage all committee input
 - Huge effort by AHDMG/POC
- Most recent OMB forms proposal had overwhelming negative public comment

Data Collection Issue

The POC intends to develop guidelines that will be used to guide committees considering adding data elements.

- Clear Justification for additional data elements
- Establish level of evidence required
- Consider whether pilot project is appropriate
- Anticipate form changes proposed *as needed*