

Pancreas Transplantation Committee Activities

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Implementation of New Pancreas Allocation System

- Working with UNOS IT to make sure the new pancreas allocation system is implemented correctly (after Chrysalis)
- Developing a more detailed evaluation plan, especially for the maximum allowable BMI for candidates who have a c-peptide value greater than 2

Variance Review

- The Pancreas Committee has reviewed existing variances to determine if they should continue under the new pancreas allocation system.
 - Two groups (NCNC and Tennessee Statewide) applied to continue their variances.
 - One group (MNOP) chose to use the new pancreas allocation system instead of applying to continue its variance.

Variance Review: NCNC

- In October, the Pancreas Committee voted not to continue this variance in the new pancreas allocation system.
 - Lack of adequate research design
 - Did not include key elements of the new pancreas allocation system

Variance Review: Tennessee Statewide

- In October, the Pancreas Committee voted not to continue this variance in the new pancreas allocation system.
 - Precedent from the Board of Directors that sharing within a state rather than a region does not qualify as broader sharing
 - 1 of 3 active pancreas programs opposed the variance
 - Impact of the variance seemed to be minimal

Variance Review

- The Pancreas Committee notified the groups of its decision on October 27th.
- Applicants have 30 days to notify the Pancreas Committee if they intend to appeal.

Request from the MPSC

- Review requirements for pancreas program functional inactivity and consider modifying the threshold
- The currently required level of activity may be too low for a program to remain current both with surgical skills and programmatic administrative competence.

Request from the MPSC

- Review pancreas primary physician and surgeon bylaws for currency

Pancreas Graft Failure

- Pancreas graft failure currently includes:
 - Death
 - Re-transplant
 - Removal of the pancreas
 - Pancreas graft failure reported by the transplant hospital

Pancreas Graft Failure

- Transplant hospitals use different definitions for what a pancreas graft failure is, which leads to inconsistencies when evaluating outcomes using metrics that rely on reported graft failure (for example, program specific reports)

Pancreas Graft Failure

- The Pancreas Committee would like to participate
 - In establishing a standard definition for pancreas graft failure, and
 - In educating the transplant community on how to report pancreas graft failure so that the data submitted to the OPTN are more consistent across institution.

Multi-Organ Issues

- The Committee is collaborating with the POC on investigating multi-organ allocation policy.
- The Committee is also discussing multi-visceral transplants that include the pancreas with other committees, specifically when to report the pancreas as transplanted when it is used for technical reasons.

Questions?