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MEMORANDUM

To: Thoracic Transplant Clinicians

From: Steven A. Webber, MD, MBChB, MRCP
Chair, Thoracic Organ Transplantation Committee

Re: Guidance on Reporting Hemodynamic Measures for the Lung Allocation Score (LAS)

Date: October 10, 2012

The Thoracic Organ Transplantation Committee offers the following guidance to thoracic transplant programs for reporting hemodynamic measures for the LAS:

Policy 3.7.6.1 (Lung Allocation – Candidates Age 12 and Older) requires transplant centers to report hemodynamic measurements in order to calculate a candidate's LAS including. The intent of the provision is to capture such measures while the candidate is at rest. Pulmonary hemodynamic measurements are important predictors of waitlist mortality and post-transplant survival, and were derived and validated for the LAS in the resting condition. Therefore, reporting hemodynamic pressures taken while a candidate is exercising, or immediately following exercise, does not meet the intent of the policy.

Please click on the link below to read the policy on the LAS– Policy 3.7.6 (Lung Allocation):

http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/PoliciesandBylaws2/policies/pdfs/policy_9.pdf

If you have questions, please contact your regional administrator at 804-782-4800.

Thank you.