

Patient Affairs Committee Report

*OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors Meeting
Laura Ellsworth, BA, Chair
June 23-24, 2014*

Committee Origins

- 25% of all Committee Membership must be patients
 - Bylaw Requirement
- 1986-1988 patient perspective provided by Board Members and Committee Members
- 1988 – PAC, Ad-Hoc Committee
- 1990 – PAC, Permanent Committee

Patient Affairs Committee Charge

- Advises the UNOS Board of Directors and other committees
- Develops initiatives and policy proposals
- Develops educational resources
- Provides input on educational resources for other Committees

Committee Composition

Role	Number
Surgeons/PAs	2
OPO Staff	2
Candidates	1
Transplant Coordinators	3
Transplant Social Workers	1
Patient Educators	1
Living Donors	3
Donor Families	2
Recipients	Kidney - 3 Heart - 1 Liver - 1

Completed Collaborative Projects

- **New Pancreas Allocation Brochure**
 - Pancreas Committee
- **Collective Wait Time FAQ for Patients**
 - Operations and Safety
- **KAS**
 - Kidney Transplantation Committee

Current Collaboration

- **ESRD Patient Early Referral Project**
 - Minority Affairs Committee (MAC)
- **Kidney Allocation System (KAS)**
 - Kidney Committee
- **Vascular Allograft Composite Policy**
 - VCA Committee
- **Liver Redesign**
 - Liver Committee

Ongoing Committee Initiatives

- Update to Patient Materials Encouraging Safety-related Caution in the Use of Social Media
- Clarify Policy Language and Process for Individual Wait Time Transfer
- Pediatric Transition Project

New Committee Initiatives

- Update '*What Every Patient Needs to Know*' Brochure



Questions?

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