

**OPTN Operations & Safety Committee
Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) Workgroup
Meeting Summary
November 17, 2025
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) Workgroup (the Workgroup) met via Microsoft Teams teleconference to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Welcome and November 10th Meeting Recap
2. Review Draft Safety Alert for NRP

The following is a summary of the Workgroup's discussions.

1. Welcome and November 10th Meeting Recap

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup reviewed the 11/6 DCD Safety Alert and discussed information to include in a future NRP Safety Alert. HRSA provided an update on collecting and sharing deidentified NRP policies and practices and adverse events with the Workgroup.

Next steps:

- NRP Safety Alert will replace previously drafted communication on NRP
- HRSA to build a collection tool for OPTN Members to submit policies/practices, which can inform the policy development process
- After NRP Safety Alert is complete, the Workgroup can consider putting specific NRP safeguards in OPTN policy

2. Finalize Draft of Initial NRP Communication

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup discussed the need for clear, actionable safety guidance, especially regarding the prevention of blood flow to the brain during NRP procedures. The Workgroup debated the best methods for ensuring complete occlusion of the aorta and head vessels, including clamping, transection, and the use of balloons. There was consensus that transection is the only way to guarantee no blood flow to the brain, but this introduces challenges, especially in pediatric cases and patients with high BMI. The discussion highlighted the importance of erring on the side of safety for both donors and public perception. There was acknowledgment that some parties may view the proposed measures as either too cautious or not cautious enough.

Next steps:

- Get broader input from additional voices from the OPTN Ethics and OPO committees

- Potentially form subgroups for specific topics

Upcoming Meetings

- November 24, 2025
- December 1, 2025
- December 8, 2025

Attendance

- **Workgroup Members**
 - PJ Geraghty
 - Steve Weitzen
 - Joseph Turek
 - John Magee
 - David Foley
 - Brendan Parent
 - Kara Monday
 - Bill Ryan
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Ray Lynch
 - Brianna Dolby
 - Annie Tor
 - Luke Neureiter
 - Adriana Alvarez
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Matt Cafarella
 - Meghan McDermott
 - Keighly Bradbrook
 - Houlder Hudgins
 - Susan Tlusty
- **Other Attendees**
 - Doug Fesler