Meeting Notes

OPTN
Organ Procurement & Transplantation Network

Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) Workgroup: Meeting Summary

Date: 8/3/2026
Time: 1:00–2:00 p.m. ET

Host: OPTN Board Support
Purpose: Discussion about NRP Policy Language

Meeting Attendees

Organization	*Name(s)*
NRP Workgroup	Kris Croome, Sarah Koohmaraie, PJ Geraghty, John Magee, Lori Markham, Kara Monday, Brendan Parent, Bill Ryan, Robert Truog, Steve Weitzen
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)	Raymond Lynch, Annie Tor
OPTN Board Support	Tennille Daniels, Becca Fritz, Christine Jones, Amy Lin, Taylor Melanson, Anna Sanderson, Rachel Shapiro, Sophie To

Action Items

Action Item	*Owner(s)*	*Due Date*
Incorporate revisions from workgroup discussion into draft policy documents and circulate to NRP Workgroup	Board Support	8/7/2026
Distribute post-meeting materials (meeting summary and recording) to workgroup members	Board Support	8/10/2026
Review and add comments to revised draft	NRP Workgroup	8/10/2026

Meeting Notes and Key Decisions

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Opening Remarks

NRP Workgroup Chair PJ Geraghty welcomed the workgroup and reviewed the agenda.

Follow-up from 7/27 Workgroup Meeting: Continue Review of Proposed NRP Policy

The workgroup continued to review proposed revisions to OPTN policy language.

Proposed Policy Language Changes

- **Record of authorization.** The workgroup confirmed the need to record evidence of authorization or disclosure and approved the clarifying language edits to OPTN *Policy 2.15 G: Authorization for DCD*.
- **Disclosing potential risks using plain language.** The workgroup reviewed the updated description of potential risks, which was revised to be more patient- and family-facing. The workgroup discussed the possibility of including a disclosure guideline or plain language

examples to supplement the policy language about disclosure requirements in implementation guidance.

- **Differences in first-person authorization and surrogate authorization.** The workgroup discussed the difference in processes when there is first-person authorization and when surrogate authorization must be obtained. Workgroup members raised concerns about first-person authorization under the 2006 Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act and what is legally allowed to proceed without the need for disclosure. The workgroup chair shared concerns about including requirements in the policy beyond current legal requirements and requested clarification from the Board Support legal team.
- **Plan for NRP complications.** The workgroup reviewed the revised language that requires a plan for continued patient care in the case of brain perfusion or other physical responses. The workgroup recommended using language such as "complications" or "physical responses." One workgroup member recommended the inclusion of stronger language to require that the hospital care team be immediately available in the event of a raised concern. One workgroup member suggested that the language state that the NRP circuit should be turned off immediately and the patient care team contacted immediately to resume care of the patient as soon as possible. The workgroup chair recommended moving the policy language related to the process for raising concern after the initiation of NRP to appear after the new proposed OPTN *Policy 2.15.N.iii: Pre-withdrawal Communication*.
- **Small-scale revisions and reference-checking.** The workgroup reviewed several comments and revisions that did not require extensive deliberation.
    - The workgroup chair mentioned that *Policy 2.15.K: Organ Recovery* may need to be updated based on an upcoming change to the DCD policy language.
    - The workgroup clarified the term "timeline" by specifying that, during pre-departure huddles, teams review "withdrawal of life sustaining therapies (WLST) timelines"
    - The workgroup clarified that the OPO should lead an on-site huddle prior to WLST.
    - The workgroup added a clarification that for abdominal NRP (A-NRP), transection and venting of the proximal aorta is sufficient, with verbal announcement of the time of cephalad transection and OPO documentation of the date and time the proximal aorta is transected and vented.

Next Steps

The Board Support team will revise the draft NRP policy language based on the workgroup's discussion and circulate the revised draft to the workgroup for review. The next workgroup meeting will take place on Monday, August 10, from 1 to 2 p.m. ET.