

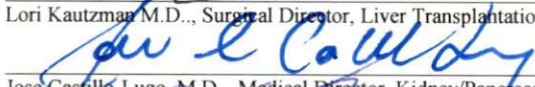
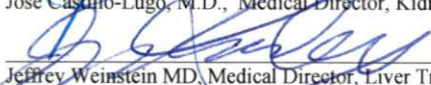
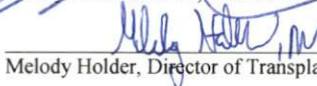


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|  Methodist Dallas Medical Center | Title: Transplant Candidate Waitlist Management | Effective Date: 12/2007 |
| | Section: Liver, Kidney, Kidney Pancreas | |
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Purpose:

To provide guidance for the periodic follow-up of transplant candidates based on their identified needs while on the wait list. This follow-up shall be completed by the multidisciplinary team

Policy:

1. Listed patients will be reevaluated annually based on individual organ annual evaluation protocols. On occasion, this evaluation may be delayed or postponed due to medical issues, inclement weather, or unforeseen issues. The Transplant Coordinator will determine which disciplines are needed for this reevaluation based on patient needs; usually this reevaluation will include the MD, Transplant Coordinator and Social Worker
2. In the event of an acute medical problem or abnormal test results, active (UNOS Status 1) candidates may be temporarily inactivated (changed to UNOS Status 7). Inactive patients continue to accrue waiting time although they will not receive any organ offers.
3. Patients, referring physicians and dialysis centers are formally notified of any listing status changes. This notification may be by letter or phone.
4. Patients will be removed from the waiting list by the Transplant Coordinator or designee in the following circumstances:
 - Patient is transplanted (must be removed from the waiting list within 24 hours after anastomosis)
 - Patient death (must be removed from the waiting list within 24 hours from notification of death)
 - Patient no longer meets the transplant program's Selection criteria
 - Insoluble medical/ surgical/psychosocial contraindications to transplantation
 - Patient no longer wishes to be transplanted
 - Documented persistent non-adherence with medical regimen
 - Patient is medically inactive for an extended period of time with no likelihood of meeting criteria
 - Failure to attend transplant reevaluation appointments

5. In accordance to UNOS/OPTN policy 3.5, transplant candidates will be notified in writing according to the table below

| When: | The transplant hospital must send a notification within 10 business days with the following information: |
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| The patient is registered on the waiting list | The date the patient was registered |
| The patient's evaluation for transplant is complete and the patient is not registered on the waiting list | That the patient's evaluation has been completed and the patient will not be registered on the waiting list at this time. |
| The patient is removed from the waiting list for reasons other than transplant or death | That the patient has been removed from the waiting list |

Each written patient notification must also include and refer to the OPTN Contractor's Patient Information Letter, which provides the number for the toll-free Patient Services Line. The transplant hospital must document these notifications.