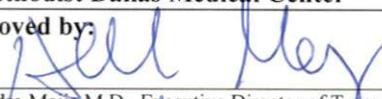
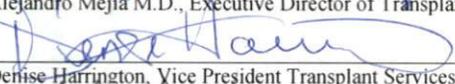


 Methodist Dallas Medical Center	Title: Transplant Program Coverage Plan	Effective Date: 12/2007
	Section: Liver, Kidney and Pancreas	
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Purpose: To describe the organ transplant program coverage plan that documents how 100% medical and surgical coverage is provided by individuals who are credentialed by the institution to provide transplant services

Procedure:

- 1) Organ transplant programs have transplant surgeon(s) and transplant physician(s) available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and 365 days per year to provide program coverage. A transplant surgeon or transplant physician is readily available in a timely manner to facilitate organ acceptance, procurement, and implantation and to address urgent patient issues
 - This is accomplished with a monthly call roster of credentialed physicians and surgeons
- 2) All transplant programs provide the program’s transplant candidates with a written summary of the Program Coverage Plan at the time of listing and when there are substantial changes in program personnel after listing. The documentation of coverage plan notification is included in the medical record.
 - Substantial is defined as changes in key medical or surgical personnel performing essential transplant service line roles
 - The transplant program will provide a written summary of the Program Coverage Plan to each transplant candidate upon listing
 - The transplant program will provide written notice to each transplant candidate of any substantial change in key medical or surgical personnel
- 3) Transplant surgeons and transplant physicians are available and able to be on hospital premises within one hour ground transportation time to address urgent patient issues
 - The monthly call roster is developed by the administrative team
 - Leave of absences are taken into consideration and coverage is arranged in advance
 - During business hours, if the surgeon or physician is not readily available, the protocol requires the transplant coordinator to contact another transplant surgeon or transplant physician that is on the premises. After business hours, the surgeon or physician is responsible for contacting a substitute
- 4) A transplant surgeon must be readily available in a timely manner to facilitate organ acceptance, procurement and implantation.
 - During business hours, if the surgeon or physician is not readily available the protocol requires the transplant coordinator to contact another transplant surgeon or transplant physician that is on the premises. After business hours, the surgeon or physician is responsible for contacting a substitute
- 5) Per OPTN/UNOS Bylaws, unless exempted by the MPSC for causal reasons, the primary transplant surgeon or primary transplant physician cannot be designated as the primary transplant

surgeon or primary transplant physician at more than one transplant center unless there are additional transplant surgeon/physicians at each of those facilities

- Additional transplant surgeons must be credentialed by the institution to provide transplant services and be able to independently manage the care of transplant patients including performing the transplant surgery and procurement procedures
 - Additional transplant physicians must be credentialed by the institution to provide transplant services and be able to independently manage the care of the transplant patients
- 6) The primary surgeon and primary physician, collectively, are responsible for ensuring that the ongoing operation of the transplant program is in compliance and notification to the OPTN contractor is mandatory if at any time the program deviates from such criteria
- The plan will be reviewed at the Transplant Institute's Quality Meeting at a minimum of every 3 years