



July 8, 2020

VIA SECURE EMAIL



Chief Executive Officer
Indiana Donor Network



Dear [REDACTED]

The United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) serves as the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) under contract with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Under that contract, UNOS staff review reported or identified patient safety and/or public health-related concerns associated with organ donation and transplantation occurring within the OPTN.

UNOS' Member Quality appreciates your response to the inquiry sent to Indiana Donor Network (INOP) on June 16, 2020 regarding the organ recovery for donor [REDACTED]. Specifically, INOP indicated that while cleaning the operating room, donor hospital staff inadvertently discarded both kidneys in the garbage bin, and as a result, the kidneys were not transplanted due to sterility concerns.

The various OPTN obligations, which include OPTN bylaws, policies and applicable federal laws, guide the sequence of allocation and wait listing practices of OPTN members in an effort to assure a balance of fair and equitable organ allocation for transplant. These obligations also guide safe and effective practice connected to organ transplantation and living donor care. After a detailed review of the information provided by INOP, the following potential violation of OPTN obligations has been identified:

- **2.2 OPO Responsibilities** which states: "The host OPO is responsible for *all* of the following...10. Preserving, labeling, packaging, and transporting the organs."

UNOS will submit this matter to the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC). If you would like to provide any additional information or documentation to the MPSC as further detail or explanation, please forward this information no later than **July 15, 2020**. Please note submission of additional information is optional.

The MPSC will review the information and determine whether a violation of any OPTN obligation has occurred. Please be assured that prior to sharing such information with the MPSC, UNOS will de-identify member-specific information, including member name/location, employee names and patient/donor identifying information. If you have any questions or need any additional information about the policy compliance process, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]@unos.org.

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Sincerely,

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