



ASTS Responses to OPTN Proposals Open for Public Comment

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ASTS agrees with the committee's recommendation to allow for automatic exception points for adult MVT candidates and for them to be considered for an initial exception score equal to MMaT plus six with three additional MELD points every 90 days. We also agree that priority in allocation will remain with the liver alone candidates with lab MELD equal to the MVT candidates MELD exception points, thereby allocating to the patient with the higher lab MELD first when allocation MELD points are equivalent.

We support the proposal that the center must provide the reason for the liver + intestine, or liver + intestine + other organs. However, it is important the request does include the specific indication for each additional organ requested.

We do not see any reason to request more specific criteria for MVT exception beyond the requirement for liver-intestine transplantation with or without other abdominal organs.

We agree with early and continual review of the outcome of this MVT exception point policy to ensure that severely ill liver-alone candidates are not put in undue jeopardy by the MVT exception point policy.

ASTS Position: Support