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UNRAVELING THE COMPLEXITIES OF COMPLIANCE: Understanding the Nuances of the HBV Vaccination OPTN Policy

To align with the updated U.S. 2020 Public Health Service (PHS) Guideline, the OPTN revised its policies to require the assessment of all transplant candidates for Hepatitis B vaccination. This document provides education on the policy background and compliance requirements, reviews lessons learned by transplant programs, outlines strategies for OPTN survey readiness, and offers a centralized location for tools and resources.

EDUCATION: Understanding OPTN Policy

WHAT: PRE-TRANSPLANT HBV VACCINATION STATUS	WHEN
- Assessment of the candidate's HBV vaccination status - Reporting of candidate's vaccination status to OPTN. - If vaccination cannot be initiated or completed, the reason for not initiating or completing the HBV vaccination must be documented and reported to OPTN.	Part of medical evaluation prior to transplant

ACTION: What can transplant programs do to improve compliance?

Changes in process	a) Leverage EMR functionality to create standardized documentation for assessment of HBV vaccination status
Monitoring	a) Leverage EMR Functionality

TOOLS & RESOURCES

- Educational Offerings in OPTN Learning Management System (UNOS Connect): PHS and Disease Transmission Playlist
 - SFT127: PHS Guidelines in OPTN Policy
 - QLT141: Infectious Disease Testing of the Deceased Donor, Candidate, & Recipient
- [OPTN Toolkit: OPTN Policies to Align with 2020 U.S. Public Health Service Guideline](#)
 - [2020 PHS Guideline](#)
 - [PHS FAQs](#)
 - [Lab Testing FAQs](#)
- [OPTN Policies and Evaluation Plan](#)
- [CDC Clinical Guidance for Transplant Safety](#)
- [Hepatitis B Foundation - Vaccination Schedule and Guidelines](#)



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