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ASTS Response to UNOS/OPTN Special Comment

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1. [Refine Lung Data Fields](#)

The American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) generally supports this policy proposal and appreciates the work of the OPTN Lung Transplantation Committee in identifying areas in need of clarification. With respect to BMI (height and weight), we recommend regular, non-single point data collection as this component can be dynamic during the listing period. Clarifications proposed on the diagnosis of “obliterative bronchiolitis,” the imputation of a mean PA when those values are absent, and the new diagnosis labels are reasonable. ASTS is not in support of removing the diagnosis option of “secondary pulmonary fibrosis.” However, if the PF coefficient is similar for “secondary” or “other,” that would be considered reasonable.