

**The Board approved the following response to the OPTN/UNOS special public comment proposal to [Align Units of Distribution in Closed Variance for Split Liver Transplantation](#) during its November 14, 2019 Executive Committee call:**

The American Society of Transplantation supports the proposed changes to this Board-approved variance, which is intended to maximize utilization of liver allografts for more than one patient if possible. While intended to use the acuity circle model, making this change is practical when considering the delay in implementation of changes to the liver allocation policy. The proposed closed variance provides a roadmap to guide and promote the practice of splitting and utilizing two liver segments while providing a framework for deterring preventable discard of any portion of a precious gift. The AST supports this strategy concept to increase opportunities for small children to benefit from transplantation.