



## Commissioner's Corner May 2024

**Question:** Laboratories must have a written agreement for histocompatibility testing with each transplant program they serve. Does this include HPC transplant programs?

**Answer:** Yes, each transplant program must have a written agreement that outlines the responsibilities and expectations of the histocompatibility laboratory that has been contracted with the testing services. The laboratory is required to review these agreements biennially unless substantial changes are made within the testing services that requires both the laboratory and the transplant program's review and approval.

- UNOS designated laboratories serving either transplant program or OPO are required to follow the established testing requirements in accordance with standard **D.2.5.1** and its guidance.
- HPC laboratories are required to establish written agreement with the transplant program they serve, however these agreements do not have to include all the required elements as delineated in the guidance of **D.2.5.1** that UNOS designated laboratories have to follow; although the guidance provides appropriate outlines for what the service agreements should entail.