

# AOPO 2024 Annual Meeting

June 24 – 26 | San Antonio, TX | #AOPOAM24



## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday, June 24 <sup>th</sup>		Room
11:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Registration Open	Reg. Desk Grand Ballroom
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Data Committee ( <i>Committee members only</i> )	Iris
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Leadership Development Committee ( <i>Committee members only</i> )	Lily
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	OPO Impact Committee ( <i>Committee members only</i> )	Magnolia
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Public Affairs Meeting – <a href="#">Agenda</a> ( <i>OPO members only</i> )	Grand A-B
9:00 AM – 11:00 PM	Strategic Planning Committee ( <i>Committee members only</i> )	Bluebonnet
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Advocacy Committee ( <i>Committee members only</i> )	Freesia
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	DEIB Committee ( <i>Committee members only</i> )	Goldenrod
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	DEIB Workshop: Best Practices and Benchmarks for Inclusive Hiring, Retention, and Advancement   <i>Open to all attendees</i> <b>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY</b>	Grand C-D
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Education & Training Community	Magnolia
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Financial Management Community ( <i>Closed meeting OPO Finance staff only</i> )	Freesia
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Hospital Development Community	Grand R-S
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Information Technology & Data Community	Grand N-O
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	International Community	Bluebonnet
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	AOPO OPTN Engagement Task Force ( <i>Task Force members only</i> )	Bottlebrush
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	<b>GRAND OPENING RECEPTION IN THE EXHIBIT HALL – ALL ATTENDEES</b>	Nelson Wolff Exhibit Hall

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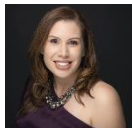
**TUESDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

## PLENARY SESSIONS

*Open to all registered attendees*

### Tuesday, June 25th

Time	Session	Room
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Open	Reg. Desk Grand Ballroom
7:00 AM – 8:15 AM	Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors	Nelson Wolff Exhibit Hall
8:30 AM – 8:40 AM	<p><b>Welcome to Texas, Y'all!</b></p>  <p><b>Joe Nespral, MD</b> President/CEO <i>Texas Organ Sharing Alliance</i> AOPO Foundation Board Chair</p>  <p><b>Welcome to the 41<sup>st</sup> AOPO Annual Meeting: 50K in 2026</b></p> <p><b>Jessica Yokubeak</b> Director of Operations <i>Center for Organ Recovery &amp; Education</i> AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee Chair</p>	Grand Ballroom G-M
8:40 AM – 8:55 AM	<p><b>Connect to Purpose</b></p>  <p><b>Donna Austin</b> Donor Mom</p>  <p><b>Norma Espinoza</b> Recipient</p>  <p><b>Moderator: Adriana Almanza</b> Director of Donor Family Services <i>Texas Organ Sharing Alliance</i></p>	Grand Ballroom G-M

<p><b>8:55 AM – 9:30 AM</b></p>  	<p><b>President’s Address &amp; Award</b></p> <p><b>Colleen McCarthy</b>  Vice President Organ and Tissue Donation  <i>Versiti Organ and Tissue</i>  <b>AOPO President</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Steve Miller</b>  CEO  <i>AOPO</i></p>	<p><b>Grand Ballroom G-M</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, June 25 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Plenary Session</b></p>    	<p><b>uDCD Project Saves Lives: How an OPO, Transplant Center, and Donor Hospital Unite to Expand the Donor Pool and State of NRP Across OPOs</b></p> <p><b>Kelly Grace Boyd</b>  uDCD Coordinator  <i>HonorBridge</i></p> <p><b>Marty Sellers, MD, MPH</b>  Organ Recovery Surgeon  <i>Tennessee Donor Services</i>  <b>AOPO NRP Workgroup Member</b></p> <p><b>Charles Strom, MD</b>  Surgical Director  <i>New England Donor Services</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Jeff Trageser</b>  Executive Director  <i>Lifesharing</i>  <b>AOPO NRP Workgroup Member</b>  <b>AOPO Incoming President-Elect</b></p>	<p><b>Grand Ballroom G-M</b></p>
<p><b>10:30 AM – 11:00 AM</b></p>	<p><b>Energizing Break with Exhibitors</b></p>	<p><b>Nelson Wolff Exhibit Hall</b></p>

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**Maximizing the IMPACT Process for Every OPO**

The IMPACT Program continues to expand and contribute to OPO growth and performance. Organizations are regularly enrolling, and the number of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) that support the Committee in performing assessments are also increasing. A panel of OPO leaders and SMEs will share their experiences and concrete changes made as part of the assessment process that have led to meaningful performance improvements.



**Melinda Locklear**

Chief Support Officer  
*HonorBridge*  
**AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee Chair**



**Blanca Cohen**

Director, Quality Systems  
*OneLegacy*  
**AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee Vice Chair**



**Cassandra McLendon**

Senior Director, Organizational Excellence  
*Legacy of Hope*



**Alisha Jackson**

Director of Organ Services  
*ConnectLife*  
**AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee**



**Alan Spriggs**

Program Manager, Authorization Development  
*Legacy of Hope*  
**AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee Subject Matter Expert**



**Darryl Nethercot**

Director of Organ Operations  
*Lifesharing*  
**AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee Subject Matter Expert**



**Bailey Heiting**

Manager of Organ Donation  
*Versiti Organ and Tissue*  
**AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee**

**Grand Ballroom  
G-M**

<p><b>11:30 AM – 12:00 PM</b> <b>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup></b></p>   	<p><b>Empowering Future Healers: A Comprehensive Approach to Early Engagement in Organ Donation and Transplantation Careers among Young Black Learners</b></p> <p><b>leesha Johnson</b> Director, Community Outreach <i>Infinite Legacy</i> <b>AOPO DEIB Committee Member</b> <b>AMAT President</b></p> <p><b>Charlette Strickland</b> Principal <i>Charles Hart Middle School, District of Columbia Public Schools</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Jecoliah Daniels</b> Director, Communications &amp; Marketing <i>Infinite Legacy</i></p>	<p><b>Grand Ballroom G-M</b></p>
<p><b>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Networking Lunch with Exhibitors</b></p>	<p><b>Nelson Wolff Exhibit Hall</b></p>
<p><b>12:00 PM – 5:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>OPO CEO Lunch and Annual Business Meeting (<i>Closed Session</i>)</b></p>	<p><b>Cibolo 2-4</b></p>
<p><b>12:00 PM – 5:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Medical Directors Lunch and Meeting (<i>Closed Session</i>)</b></p>	<p><b>Larkspur/Indian Paintbrush</b></p>

## Breakout Impact Sessions Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

TIME 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM	A - Impact Sessions <small>Attend breakout sessions focused on various tracks.</small>	ROOM
<p><b>Collaborative Partnerships</b></p> <p>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM</p> 	<p><b>Moving (Donation) On Up!</b> Join us for a discussion on optimizing onsite EMR/EHR access and improving ER referral programs.</p> <p><b>Rebecca Williams</b> Hospital Donation Advocate <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> <b>Advance Optimal Onsite EMR/EHR Access for OPO Staff to Minimize Issues and Move Donation Forward</b></p> <p><b>Monica Winston</b> Hospital Donation Advocate <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> <b>ER Referral Program</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Jill Stinebring</b> Senior Vice President, Organ Donation <i>New England Donor Services</i></p>	<p><b>Grand A-B</b></p>
<p><b>DCD, uDCD, NRP, and Preservation</b></p> <p>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Improving Organ Donation Assessment</b> Many OPOs struggle with the ability to thoroughly assess organs pre-recovery. Learn new strategies to obtain vital organ information to improve pre-recovery assessment and allocation of donation after cardiac death livers and deceased donor kidneys.</p> <p><b>Meg O'Donnell</b> Advanced Practice Provider <i>UW Organ and Tissue Donation</i> <b>Pre-Recovery Liver Biopsy on Donors After Circulatory Death</b></p> <p><b>Nick Olden</b> Research Coordinator <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> <b>Real Time Measurements of Repair Proteins in Urine for Deceased Donor Kidney Quality Assessment</b></p> <p><b>Chirag R. Parikh, MD, PhD</b> Director, Division of Nephrology, Director, Precision Medicine Center of Excellence for Kidney Disease, Ronald Peterson Professor of Medicine <i>Johns Hopkins School of Medicine</i> <b>Real Time Measurements of Repair Proteins in Urine for Deceased Donor Kidney Quality Assessment</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Jackie Russe</b> Manager of Organ Services <i>Nevada Donor Network</i> <b>AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee &amp; Programs/Education Committee Liaison</b></p>	<p><b>Grand C-D</b></p>

<p><b>OPO Operations</b></p> <p>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Leading with Diversity: Empowering OPO Operations through Inclusive Leadership Training</b></p> <p>Join us for a dynamic breakout session focused on the critical intersection of leadership training and diversity within OPO Operations.</p> <p><b>Audrey Holtzman</b> Diversity and Inclusion Program Manager <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i> <b>OPOs Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program Peaks in 2023 with its Roadmap to Success</b></p> <p><b>DeAnna Strand</b> Lead Learning and Development Specialist <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> <b>Next Level Leadership: Creating a Development Program to Support Structured Training for Current/Future Managers</b> <b>AOPO Program &amp; Education Committee</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Michael Pollock</b> Director of Donation Advocates <i>LifeQuest Organ Recovery Services</i> <b>AOPO DEIB Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Grand E-F</b></p>
<p><b>Organ Allocation and Utilization</b></p> <p>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM</p>	<p><b>No Organ Left Behind: Navigating Late Declines for Increased Utilization</b></p> <p>Late organ declines often translate into non-utilization. Join this session to learn how two OPO's have emerged stronger through new policies, procedures, and transplant center accountability to ensure no transplantable organs are left behind.</p> <p><b>Meghan Oldham</b> Transplant Relations Manager <i>New England Donor Services</i> <b>Implementing Policies and Systems to Reduce Late Organ Declines</b></p> <p><b>Hannah Carr</b> Organ Utilization Liaison <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> <b>An OPOs Solution to Liver Non-Utilization Following Late Declines</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Bilal Mahmood</b> Director of Clinical Services <i>Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network</i></p>	<p><b>Grand N-O</b></p>

<p><b>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Modalities in Grief Support</b> Explore options for increased opportunities for family support and equitable access to grief management resources.</p> <p><b>Michele Rosdahl</b> Donor Family Aftercare Manager <i>DCI Donor Services</i> <b>A New Text-Based Approach to Delivering Quality Bereavement Care for Donor Families</b></p> <p><b>Melissa Lunardini, PhD, MBA, FT</b> Chief Clinical Officer <i>Help Texts</i> <b>A New Text-Based Approach to Delivering Quality Bereavement Care for Donor Families</b></p> <p><b>Macey Levan, JD, PhD</b> Associate Professor, Departments of Surgery and Population Health at NYU Grossman School of Medicine and Director, Center for Surgical and Transplant Applied Research (C-STAR) Qualitative Core <i>NYU School of Medicine</i> <b>Improving Equity and Access to Grief Support for Organ Donor Families: Early Results from a Novel Program</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Michelle Reef</b> Vice President, Family, Partner &amp; Tissue Services <i>Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency</i> <b>AOPO Leadership Development Committee Chair</b></p>	<p><b>Grand P-Q</b></p>
<p><b>Referral Management</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM</b></p> 	<p><b>Optimizing Referral Management: Streamlining Pathways for Organ Donation</b> Join us for discussion on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of referral pathways developed to ultimately increase the number of potential donors identified.</p> <p><b>Andrew Stevenson</b> Hospital Development Coordinator Sr. <i>Sierra Donor Services</i> <b>Increasing Timeliness of Organ Referrals and the Outcomes that Follow</b> <b>AOPO OPO IMPACT Subject Matter Expert (SME)</b></p> <p><b>Rodney Pilson</b> Director of Referral Optimization <i>Donor Network of Arizona</i> <b>Taming the Surge: Innovative Strategies for Times of High Referral Activity</b></p> <p><b>Joel Baucom</b> Director of Partner Engagement <i>HonorBridge</i> <b>Taming the Surge: Innovative Strategies for Times of High Referral Activity</b> <b>AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Sara Pace Jones</b> VP, Development &amp; Referral Services <i>Donor Network of Arizona</i> <b>AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee Immediate Past Chair</b></p>	<p><b>Grand R-S</b></p>



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Training &amp; Education</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>1:35 PM – 2:30 PM</b></p> 	<p><b>Engaging and Educating our Donation Champions</b></p> <p>Engaging and educating hospital staff to enhance general understanding of the donation process and how their knowledge and collaboration with the OPO will improve overall outcomes.</p> <p><b>Justina Barnes</b> Manager, Hospital Services <i>Midwest Transplant Network</i> <b>Engaging Physicians through Brain Death Simulation</b></p> <p><b>Sara Russo</b> Hospital Services Coordinator <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i> <b>OR Education At Your Fingertips</b></p> <p><b>Brittany Thomas</b> Organ Recovery Specialist <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i> <b>OR Education At Your Fingertips</b></p> <p><b>Alexis Plumb</b> Supervisor, Donation Liaisons <i>Gift of Hope Organ &amp; Tissue Donor Network</i> <b>Champions for Hope: developing a DSA-wide Educational Program</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Sara Bowman</b> Director, Organ Recovery <i>DonorConnect</i> <b>AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grand G-M</b></p>
<p><b>2:30 PM – 3:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Energizing Break with Exhibitors</b></p>	<p><b>Nelson Wolff Exhibit Hall</b></p>

## Breakout Impact Sessions Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

TIME	B - Impact Sessions	ROOM
3:05 PM – 4:00 PM	Attend breakout sessions focused on various tracks.	
<p><b>Collaborative Partnerships</b></p> <p>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 3:05 PM – 4:00 PM</p> 	<p><b>STOP! Collaborate and Listen</b> In this engaging session learn how to create better partnerships with palliative care and increase authorization rates.</p> <p><b>Erika Masinsky</b> Manager of Family Support Services <i>We Are Sharing Hope SC</i> <b>Collaborative Approach: Palliative Care &amp; OPO Partners</b></p> <p><b>Adam Schneider-Price</b> Manager OPO Clinical Quality and Compliance <i>UW Organ and Tissue Donation</i></p> <p><b>Samantha Taylor</b> Donation Support Specialist Supervisor <i>UW Organ and Tissue Donation</i> <b>To the Left: Improving Authorization Rates One Conversation at a Time</b></p> <p><b>Shahira Hamed</b> Manager, Family Services <i>Nevada Donor Network</i> <b>Putting the PAL in Palliative Care: A Collaborative Approach to Organ Donation</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Heather Osipowicz</b> Director of Hospital Services <i>Nevada Donor Network</i></p>	<p><b>Grand A-B</b></p>
<p><b>DCD, uDCD, NRP, and Preservation</b></p> <p>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 3:05 PM – 4:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Honoring the Wish: First Person Authorization in DCDs</b> A breakout session focused on boosting first-person authorization for donation after cardiac death donors. Learn key strategies for improving consent rates in this critical area and how the legal system can support OPOs.</p> <p><b>Bruce Nicely</b> Vice President, Donation Optimization <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> <b>The Donor's Choice, the Donor's Voice in Donation after Circulatory Death (DCD)</b></p> <p><b>Steve Tornone, Esq.</b> Associate General Counsel <i>Gift of Life Donor Program</i> <b>Courts as a Decisionmaker of Last Resort</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Drew Shunk</b> Senior Director, Organ Operations <i>Legacy of Hope</i> <b>AOPO Leadership Development Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Grand C-D</b></p>

<p><b>OPO Operations</b></p> <p>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 3:05 PM – 4:00 PM</p> 	<p><b>Apples to Apples...or Oranges? Innovative Strategies in OPO Staffing from when Shift Happens to Dual AOCs</b></p> <p>This breakout session is dedicated to unveiling innovative strategies that maximize staffing efficiency, enhance workforce satisfaction, and elevate donation outcomes.</p> <p><b>Andrew Sigond</b> Director of Hospital Development and Family Services <i>Center for Donation &amp; Transplant</i> <b>The Power of Presence: Merging HD Referral Response &amp; Authorization into One Role to Drive Large Increases in Donation Over a Multi-Year Period</b></p> <p><b>Kiersten Smith</b> Organ Procurement Coordinator <i>Lifesharing</i> <b>Self-Scheduling When Shift Happens</b></p> <p><b>Amy Helm</b> Clinical Services Coordinator, AOC <i>Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates</i> <b>Region or Referral-based Responsibilities: Identifying a Favorable Staffing Model for Dual Administrators-On-Call</b></p> <p><b>Amanda Jolly</b> Clinical Services Coordinator, AOC <i>Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates</i> <b>Region or Referral-based Responsibilities: Identifying a Favorable Staffing Model for Dual Administrators-On-Call</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Valerie Mannikko</b> Clinical Administrator on Call <i>LifeCenter Northwest</i></p>	<p><b>Grand E-F</b></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Organ Allocation and Utilization</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 3:05 PM – 4:00 PM</p> 	<p><b>Innovation Unleashed: Increasing Outcomes and Efficiencies Through Use of Staffing Models and Technology Applications</b></p> <p>Learn how the use of applications can improve efficiency and effectiveness in managing donor referrals, recovery processes, and ensuring quality standards are met. As donor activity continues to increase redefining roles and workflows is essential. This integrated approach is crucial for maximizing the gift and leads to better outcomes.</p> <p><b>Victoria Martin</b> Performance Improvement Engineer <i>Center for Organ Recovery &amp; Education</i> <b>Utilization of Current Technology to Save &amp; Heal More Lives: Three Innovative Applications Surrounding the Placement, Shipment, and Quality of Donor Gifts</b></p> <p><b>Jessica Yokubeak</b> Director of Operations <i>Center for Organ Recovery &amp; Education</i> <b>Utilization of Current Technology to Save &amp; Heal More Lives: Three Innovative Applications Surrounding the Placement, Shipment, and Quality of Donor Gifts</b> <b>AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee Chair</b></p> <p><b>Jillian Wojtowicz</b> Senior Director, Organ Operations <i>New England Donor Services</i> <b>Transition of Liver and Intestine Allocation from Field Staff to Operations Center Based Staff</b></p> <p><b>Samantha Endicott</b> Senior Director, Organ Optimization <i>New England Donor Services</i> <b>Transition of Liver and Intestine Allocation from Field Staff to Operations Center Based Staff</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Cassie Hertert</b> Director of Information Systems <i>Donor Alliance</i> <b>AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grand N-0</b></p>
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<p><b>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</b></p> <p>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 3:05 PM – 4:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Pathways to a YES</b> All approaches are not created equal. Implementing best practices and robust onsite presence.</p> <p><b>Nicholas Sodemann</b> Hospital Development Specialist <i>UW Organ and Tissue Donation</i> <b>Donation Approach Best Practice Goals Improve Authorization Rates</b></p> <p><b>Melissa South</b> Family Support Liaison Operations Manager <i>Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates</i> <b>Raising the Bar to Onsite Response</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Alex Mercado</b> Director, Hospital Development <i>LifeLink of Puerto Rico</i></p>	<p><b>Grand P-Q</b></p>
<p><b>Referral Management</b></p> <p>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 3:05 PM – 4:00 PM</p> 	<p><b>Goodbye Hold Music – Dialing Down Referral Time</b> Join us to learn about improving the hospital referral process through response times to hospitals, and minimizing your time on the phone, while increasing hospital referral compliance.</p> <p><b>Christopher Wright</b> Hospital Donation Coordinator III <i>Infinite Legacy</i> <b>Hang Up the Phone: EMR Integration Improves Hospital Compliance and Donor Outcomes</b></p> <p><b>Samantha Rzany</b> Donation Coordinator <i>Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network</i> <b>Addressing Quality Improvement Initiatives Through Implementation of Nurse-Driven Referral Process</b></p> <p><b>Kristin Delli Carpini</b> VP, Performance Excellence <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> <b>Ongoing Critical Analysis of Referral Management and Response</b> <b>AOPO Data Committee Vice Chair</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Angie Hockman</b> Professional Services Liaison <i>Center for Organ Recovery &amp; Education</i> <b>AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Grand R-S</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Training &amp; Education</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 3:05 PM – 4:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Focusing on the Future: Educating our Youth</b> The use of age-appropriate transplantation curriculum in the youth demographic will create future organ donation advocates and encourage conversations amongst the youth and their family regarding decisions to become a donor.</p> <p><b>Devyn Halsted</b> Public Education Coordinator <i>Donor Alliance</i> <b>Bringing Transplantation Science Education into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b></p> <p><b>Jason Reimer</b> Public Education Coordinator <i>Donor Alliance</i> <b>Bringing Transplantation Science Education into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b></p> <p><b>Brett Milam</b> Communications Associate <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i> <b>OPO Educators Implement Pretest and Posttest to Measure Effectiveness Among Students’ Knowledge of Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation with Successful Results</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Debbie Hodges</b> Director of Education &amp; Training <i>LifeNet Health</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grand G-M</b></p>
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## Breakout Impact Sessions Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

TIME 4:05 PM – 5:00 PM	C - Impact Sessions Attend breakout sessions focused on various tracks.	ROOM
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Collaborative Partnerships</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 4:05 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p style="color: #92d050;"><b>Remember to Like, Follow, and Subscribe!</b></p> <p>Maximize donation potential through social media and marketing strategies and engaging the next generation of donors.</p> <p><b>Nicole Nidea</b> Program Director <i>SODA: Student Organ Donation Advocates</i> <b>School Spirit Saves Lives: Campus Challenge to Educate and Register High School, College, and Graduate Students</b></p> <p><b>Holly Thomas</b> Hospital and Community Development Manager <i>UW Organ and Tissue Donation</i> <b>Got Your Dot? Using Innovative Marketing Strategies and Primary Care Clinics to Increase Donor Registrations</b> <b>AOPO NRP Workgroup</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Jessica Yokubeak</b> Director of Operations <i>Center for Organ Recovery &amp; Education</i> <b>AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee Chair</b></p>	<p><b>Grand A-B</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DCD, uDCD, NRP, and Preservation</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 4:05 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p style="color: #92d050;"><b>Leveraging Collaboration and Innovation in Liver Preservation</b></p> <p>Increasing liver donation opportunities through new preservation strategies and collaboration opportunities.</p> <p><b>Ashley Milam</b> Director of Organ Recovery <i>LifeShare of Oklahoma</i> <b>Groundbreaking Normothermic Liver Preservation: A Pioneering OPOs Journey</b></p> <p><b>Zachary Catalano</b> Organ Recovery Specialist <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i> <b>Hypothermic Machine Preservation of Livers: OPO and Transplant Center Collaborative Approach</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Allyson Krause</b> Director of Clinical Operations <i>LifeQuest Organ Recovery Services</i></p>	<p><b>Grand C-D</b></p>

<p><b>OPO Operations</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>4:05 PM – 5:00 PM</b></p> 	<p><b>Navigating the Talent Landscape: Data-Driven Approaches for HR Success</b></p> <p>Do you have a way to identify talent that can deliver outcomes? In this session you will learn how your colleagues are using people data to improve staffing and obtain positive outcomes in performance.</p> <p><b>Jennifer Houtman</b> Chief Optimization Officer <i>Iowa Donor Network</i> <b>Attracting, Engaging, and Retaining Talent with People Data</b></p> <p><b>Scott Burgmeyer</b> Founder &amp; CEO <i>BecomeMore</i> <b>Attracting, Engaging, and Retaining Talent with People Data &amp; Optimizing Outcomes through Self-Awareness</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mark Cook</b> Director of Human Resources <i>Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency</i></p>	<p><b>Grand E-F</b></p>
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<p><b>Organ Allocation and Utilization</b></p> <p>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 4:05 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Shifting Perspectives: Unraveling the Dynamics of Liver and Kidney Utilization</b></p> <p>The recognition of complex issues surrounding kidney and DCD (Donation after Circulatory Death) liver allocation highlights the need for innovative solutions. Given the multifaceted nature of these challenges, it's clear that traditional approaches may not suffice. Developing novel solutions becomes crucial not only to optimize the placement of kidneys and DCD livers but also to enhance utilization rates and reduce discards.</p> <p><b>Christopher Thome</b> Director of Business Development <i>Buckeye Transplant Services</i> <b>Standardizing Criteria for Donors at Risk for Gift Loss and Allocation of Marginal Kidneys to Improve the National Utilization Rate</b></p> <p><b>J. Christopher Polanco, MD</b> Surgical Resident <i>Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center</i> <b>Utility of Neurologic Exam Documentation from Deceased After Circulatory Death Donors</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Wanda Peperone</b> Director of Clinical Operations - Organ <i>Mid-South Transplant Foundation</i></p>	<p><b>Grand N-O</b></p>
<p><b>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</b></p> <p>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 4:05 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Breaking Down Silos: Cross-OPO Support</b></p> <p>Break down the silos between departments for increased support and synergy.</p> <p><b>Bailey Heiting</b> Manager of Organ Donation <i>Versiti Organ and Tissue</i> <b>Cross OPO Collaboration: Coffee with Colleagues</b> <b>AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee</b></p> <p><b>Tracy Wylie</b> Hospital Relations Liaison <i>Versiti Organ and Tissue</i> <b>Peer Support: OPO/TB Staff Supporting Each Other to Mitigate the Negative Impacts of Stress and Vicarious Trauma in the Workplace</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Amelia Nabholz</b> Manager of Hospital Development <i>ARORA</i></p>	<p><b>Grand P-Q</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Referral Management</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 4:05 PM – 5:00 PM</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;">   </div>	<p style="color: green;"><b>Increase Referrals, Donors, and Transplants via Interoperability</b></p> <p>Have you wondered about automated referrals? Do you have questions you would like to ask other OPOs? Join us at this session to hear from your OPO colleagues in a panel discussion format focused on their experiences implementing automated referrals within a variety of hospitals.</p> <p><b>Andrew Sigond</b> Director of Hospital &amp; Community Services <i>Centers for Donation and Transplant</i></p> <p><b>Stacy McLeese</b> Hospital Donation Advocate/Donation Coordinator II <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i></p> <p><b>Angie Capps</b> Director of Inspire the Gift <i>Iowa Donor Network</i></p> <p><b>Faith Hilterbrand</b> Director of External Partner Relations <i>Lifeline of Ohio</i></p> <p><b>Christian Rivas</b> Senior Manager of Products, Donation &amp; Transplant <i>InVita Healthcare Technologies</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Wade Liu</b> Chief Product Officer &amp; General Manager, Donation &amp; Transplant <i>InVita Healthcare Technologies</i></p>	<p><b>Grand R-S</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Training &amp; Education</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 4:05 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p style="color: green;"><b>Training Competent Coordinators: Reaching the Finish Line</b></p> <p>Creative ways to reduce training time and remain effective by using simulated learning scenarios and reframing competency requirements.</p> <p><b>Joseph O'Donnell</b> Manager of Organ Services <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i></p> <p><b>Accelerating Donation Coordinator Orientation: Streamlining the Journey From 6 Months to 4 Months</b></p> <p><b>Robin Ohkagawa</b> Sr. Director of Education and Development <i>New England Donor Services</i></p> <p><b>Use of Simulation to Decrease Training Timelines for Donation Coordinators</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Karen Kennedy</b> Vice President External Affairs <i>Infinite Legacy</i></p>	<p><b>Grand G-M</b></p>
<p><b>Enjoy time together with your team!</b></p>		

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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

<b>Breakout Impact Sessions</b> <i>Open to all registered attendees</i> <b>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Open	Reg. Desk Grand Ballroom
7:00 AM – 8:15 AM	Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors	Nelson Wolff Exhibit Hall
TIME	D - Impact Sessions	ROOM
8:30 AM – 9:25 AM	Attend breakout sessions focused on various tracks.	
<b>Collaborative Partnerships</b>  Wednesday, June 26 <sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 9:25 AM	<b>Stay Classy, Media Champions</b>  <b>Katelynn Metz</b> Marketing/Communications <i>Center for Organ Recovery &amp; Education</i> <b>Media Champions Program</b>  <b>Patrick Wells O'Brien</b> VP, Communications and External Relations <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i>  <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Michael Coleman</b> External Affairs Director <i>Sierra Donor Services</i>	<b>Grand A-B</b>

<p><b>DCD, uDCD, NRP, and Preservation</b></p> <p>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 9:25 AM</p>	<p><b>Revolutionizing Organ Procurement: OPO Normothermic Perfusion</b></p> <p>Learn how one organization improved their organ utilization through the implementation of an OPO based normothermic regional perfusion program.</p> <p><b>Marty Sellers, MD, MPH</b> Organ Recovery Surgeon <i>Tennessee Donor Services</i> <b>Increased Organ Utilization via OPO-Based Normothermic Regional Perfusion</b> <b>AOPO NRP Workgroup</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Stephanie Pouch, MD</b> Associate Medical Director <i>LifeLink of Georgia</i> <b>AOPO NRP Workgroup</b> <b>AOPO Board of Directors – Medical Advisor-Elect</b></p>	<p><b>Grand C-D</b></p>
<p><b>OPO Operations</b></p> <p>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 9:25 AM</p> 	<p><b>From Chaos to Coordination: Apps and Strategies for Seamless Communication and Logistics</b></p> <p>This breakout session will feature innovative solutions to improve communication, scheduling, and logistics to increase effectiveness and efficiency.</p> <p><b>Holly Messmer</b> Organ Recovery Specialist <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i> <b>Streamlining Scheduling and Contact Management</b></p> <p><b>Amy McDonough</b> Organ Process Manager <i>LifeSource</i> <b>Transportation and Logistics: How to Maximize Resources and Decrease Cost</b></p> <p><b>Aditi Srinivasan</b> Director of Product Development <i>InVita Healthcare Technologies</i> <b>Streamlining Donation Transplantation Communication via HIPAA-compliant App</b></p> <p><b>Corinne Williamson</b> Business Development Director <i>InVita Healthcare Technologies</i> <b>Streamlining Donation Transplantation Communication via HIPAA-compliant App</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Cliff McClenney</b> Director of Operations <i>Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency</i></p>	<p><b>Grand E-F</b></p>

<p><b>Organ Allocation and Utilization</b></p> <p>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 9:25 AM</p>	<p><b>Acutely Injured Organs – Not Broken, Just Bent</b></p> <p>Acutely injured organs are often at risk for non-use either through lack of procurement or discard after procurement. This session will discuss successful resuscitation of acutely injured hearts and expanding the limits of utilization of AKI kidneys and their associated outcomes.</p> <p><b>Luke Shen, MD</b> Medical Director/Transplant Surgeon <i>Texas Organ Sharing Alliance</i> <b>Kidney Allografts from Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT) Donors: A Viable Resource to Additional Kidney Transplants</b> <b>AOPO Board of Directors – Medial Advisor</b></p> <p><b>Kelsi Kolle</b> Advanced Practice Coordinator <i>Nevada Donor Network</i> <b>MENDING Broken Hearts: Increasing Organ Utilization Through Donor Heart Recruitment</b></p> <p><b>Guang Tsai, MD</b> Medical Director <i>Nevada Donor Network</i> <b>MENDING Broken Hearts: Increasing Organ Utilization Through Donor Heart Recruitment</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mita Shah, MD</b> Medical Director <i>Lifesharing</i> <b>AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Grand N-O</b></p>
<p><b>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</b></p> <p>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 9:25 AM</p>	<p><b>Knowledge is Power: Targeted Engagement</b></p> <p>Propelling donation efforts by adopting strategies that focus on diverse needs and equitable access to information regarding donation.</p> <p><b>Sara Huffman</b> Chief Quality and Compliance Officer <i>Lifeline of Ohio</i> <b>The Positive Impact of Improving Organizational Health Literacy</b></p> <p><b>Brett Milam</b> Communications Associate <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i> <b>OPO's Volunteer Program Pivots with New Strategy and Site, Achieving Measurable, Positive Results</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Kia White</b> Multicultural Community Affairs Director <i>LifeNet Health</i></p>	<p><b>Grand P-Q</b></p>

<p><b>Innovations in Donor Management</b></p> <p>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 9:25 AM</p> 	<p><b>It's All About Confidence! Increase Your OPOs Organ Transplant Rate by Leveraging Innovation &amp; Technology</b></p> <p>OPOs do have the power to increase organ transplant rates through diagnostic imaging and interpretation. Hear from a panel of industry peers sharing how using innovative technology that consistently proves trustworthy and timely are able to achieve better donor management and increase the number of organs accepted for transplant using data hidden in plain sight.</p> <p><b>Lee Morrow, MD</b> Chief Medical Officer <i>Live On Nebraska</i></p> <p><b>Abigail Swearingen</b> Manager of Organ Operations <i>Gift of Hope Organ &amp; Tissue Donor Network</i></p> <p><b>Angel Torres</b> Assistant Manager of Recovery Services <i>LifeLink of Florida</i></p> <p><b>Sharyn Sawczak</b> Vice President, Clinical Utilization and Laboratory Operations <i>NJ Sharing Network</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Lee Keddie</b> President &amp; CEO <i>CompuMed</i></p>	<p><b>Grand R-S</b></p>
<p><b>Training &amp; Education</b></p> <p>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 9:25 AM</p>	<p><b>Educating to Increase Utilization</b></p> <p>Using education to support policy changes, foster process ownership, and relationship building with teams and external programs.</p> <p><b>Eva Walder</b> Educator Organ Donation Specialist <i>Versiti Organ and Tissue</i></p> <p><b>Focused Education Sessions improving outcomes for Organ allocation and transplant</b></p> <p><b>Jillian Wojtowicz</b> Senior Director, Organ Operations <i>New England Donor Services</i></p> <p><b>Monthly Kidney Utilization Meetings</b></p> <p><b>Jessica Houghtlen</b> Organ Services Manager <i>Lifebanc</i></p> <p><b>Leah Gladys</b> Organ Services Supervisor &amp; Educator <i>Lifebanc</i></p> <p><b>Impact of DCD Lung Donor Intubation Policy</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Felicia Wells-Williams</b> Director of Clinical Services <i>Legacy of Life Hawai'i</i></p>	<p><b>Grand G-M</b></p>

## Breakout Impact Sessions Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

TIME 9:30 AM – 10:25 AM	E - Impact Sessions <i>Attend breakout sessions focused on various tracks.</i>	ROOM
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Collaborative Partnerships</b></p> <p>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM – 10:25 AM</p>	<p><b>Donation and M.E.!</b> Learn new ways to create better partnerships with coroner, Medical Examiner, and medicolegal offices to facilitate better outcomes.</p> <p><b>TJ Roser</b> Funeral Director/Coroner Liaison <i>Center for Organ Recovery &amp; Education</i> <b>Benefits of In-House Coordinator at Coroner/ME Offices</b></p> <p><b>Jonathan Boyd</b> Associate Director of Tissue Acquisition <i>Lonza</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Robert Winter</b> Tissue Operations Director <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i></p>	<p><b>Grand A-B</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DCD, uDCD, NRP, and Preservation</b></p> <p>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM – 10:25 AM</p>	<p><b>Optimizing Organ Perfusion: Enhancing Utilization for Transplantation</b></p> <p><b>R. Cutler Quillin, III, MD</b> Surgical Director Liver Transplant <i>University of Cincinnati Department of Surgery</i> <b>Expansion in Liver Transplant Volume with Hypothermic Oxygenated Machine Perfusion: A Single Center Experience</b></p> <p><b>Josh Filgate</b> Systems Engineer <i>DEKA Research &amp; Development Corp.</i> <b>Development of a Normothermic Kidney Perfusion Medical Device for increasing Deceased Donor Kidney Utilization</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Jackie Russe</b> Manager of Organ Services <i>Nevada Donor Network</i> <b>AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee &amp; Programs/Education Committee Liaison</b></p>	<p><b>Grand C-D</b></p>

<p><b>OPO Operations</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:30 AM – 10:25 AM</b></p>	<p><b>Redesigning the Playbook: Examining the Success of New Models</b></p> <p>Will expanding the Medical Director role to include intrahospital support increase donation rates? Will employing recovery surgeons increase transplant rates? In this session, we'll examine how OPOs are reframing operations through physician partnerships and whether they're experiencing improved outcomes as a result.</p> <p><b>Catherine G. Pratt, MD</b> General Surgery Resident <i>University of Cincinnati Health</i> <b>Broad Trends in OPO-employed Surgeon Utilization</b></p> <p><b>Silvia Perez-Protto, MD</b> Lead Medical Director <i>Lifebanc</i> <b>Integration of the Spanish Model within an OPO in the U.S.</b></p> <p><b>Samir Latifi, MD</b> Pediatric Medical Director <i>Lifebanc</i> <b>Integration of the Spanish Model within an OPO in the U.S.</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Kristen Deyling</b> Learning &amp; Development Specialist <i>Lifebanc</i> <b>AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee Vice Chair</b></p>	<p><b>Grand E-F</b></p>
<p><b>Organ Allocation and Utilization</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:30 AM – 10:25 AM</b></p> 	<p><b>Lung Story Short: Let's Get More Lungs out 'Thair'!</b></p> <p>Lung utilization continues to lag behind other solid organs. This session will focus on optimizing lung utilization through a multifaceted initiative to improve donor management and maximize EVLP use and expanding beyond conventional lung allocation.</p> <p><b>Clint Hostetler</b> COO <i>LifeShare of Oklahoma</i> <b>Optimizing Lung Utilization: A Successful OPO Experience</b> <b>AOPO Board of Directors – At Large Member</b></p> <p><b>Lee Morrow, MD</b> Chief Medical Officer <i>Live On Nebraska</i> <b>Beyond Conventional Lung Allocation</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mita Shah, MD</b> Medical Director <i>Lifesharing</i> <b>AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Grand N-O</b></p>



<p><b>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:30 AM – 10:25 AM</b></p> 	<p><b>The Impact of Specialized Skill Sets</b></p> <p>Improving authorization rates and family support by identifying the most effective skill sets and working styles and how having child life specialists on staff can improve the overall donation experience.</p> <p><b>Kim Gillespie</b> Director of Hospital Development and Family Services <i>LifeShare of Oklahoma</i> <b>Evaluation of Workstyles Assessment Tool to Increase Authorization for Organ Donation</b></p> <p><b>Ashley Otney</b> Hospital Development Advocate In-House Coordinator <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> <b>Elevating Organ Donation: The Crucial Role of Certified Child Life Specialists in Organ Procurement Organizations</b></p> <p><b>Renee Steimle</b> Family Services Manager <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i> <b>Enhancing Organ Approach and Authorization Proficiency: A Review of Training Interventions and their Impact on Authorization</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>DeAnna Strand</b> Lead Learning and Development Specialist <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> <b>Next Level Leadership: Creating a Development Program to Support Structured Training for Current/Future Managers</b> <b>AOPO Program &amp; Education Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Grand P-Q</b></p>
<p><b>Advocacy</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:30 AM – 10:25 AM</b></p> 	<p><b>Get Engaged...With Your Legislators</b></p> <p>Your legislators are enacting many laws that have a direct impact on you, your colleagues, and OPO operations. Learn how to educate them on the vital role OPOs play in the community.</p> <p><b>Katelynn Metz</b> Communications Coordinator <i>Center for Organ Recovery &amp; Education</i> <b>Legislator Moment in Time Program</b></p> <p><b>Patrick Wells O'Brien</b> VP, Communications and External Relations <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i></p> <p><b>Julie Schneider</b> Chief Development Officer <i>Iowa Donor Network</i> <b>AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee Past Chair</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Salama Gallimore</b> Chief Counsel <i>Midwest Transplant Network</i> <b>AOPO Advocacy Committee Chair</b></p>	<p><b>Grand R-S</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Training &amp; Education</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>9:30 AM – 10:25 AM</b></p>	<p><b>Educational Framework: Developing Training Models</b>  Consistency Builds Competency – Process Mapping for Training Success</p> <p><b>Jacob Wise</b>  People Development Partner – Tissue Services  <i>Nevada Donor Network</i>  <b>Centralized Training Model</b></p> <p><b>Robin Ohkagawa</b>  Sr. Director of Education and Development  <i>New England Donor Services</i>  <b>An Exercise of Backwards Curricular Mapping to Develop a Competency Framework</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Jenna LaSota</b>  Organ Clinical Educator  <i>Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates</i>  <b>AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grand G-M</b></p>
<p><b>10:30 AM – 11:00 AM</b></p>	<p><b>Energizing Break with Exhibitors &amp; Poster Abstract Authors will be at their posters in the Nelson Wolff Exhibit Hall. Be sure to stop by and ask them questions!</b></p>	

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11:05 AM – 12:00 PM	Attend breakout sessions focused on various tracks.	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Collaborative Partnerships</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p><b>DIY DCUs</b> Learn how one OPO established two different donor care units and how they are revolutionizing donation.</p> <p><b>Sabrina Gonzalez</b> Business Coordinator <i>LifeSource</i> <b>Ground-Up: Creating Not One, but Two, Donor Care Units</b></p> <p><b>Stephanie Gonzalez</b> Organ Procurement Coordinator <i>Lifesharing</i> <b>Maximizing Donation Outcomes: Centralized DCD Recovery Strategies – The Hostess with the Mostest!</b> <a href="#">AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee</a></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mita Shah, MD</b> Medical Director <i>Lifesharing</i> <a href="#">AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee</a></p>	<p><b>Grand A-B</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DCD, uDCD, NRP, and Preservation</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Charting Success: OPO-Based Abdominal NRP Program Insights &amp; Strategies</b> Building upon the previous breakout session, learn even more strategies, including HD considerations, for creating an OPO based normothermic regional perfusion program, both abdominal and thoraco-abdominal.</p> <p><b>Charles Strom, MD</b> Surgical Director <i>New England Donor Services</i> <b>Creation of an OPO-Based Abdominal Normothermic Regional Perfusion Program: Lessons Learned and Challenges Overcome</b></p> <p><b>Woody Marshall</b> Hospital Services Training &amp; Development <i>DonorConnect</i> <b>HD Considerations for Building a Successful TA-NRP Program</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>PJ Geraghty</b> Vice President of Clinical Services <i>Donor Network of Arizona</i> <a href="#">AOPO OPTN Engagement Task Force Chair</a></p>	<p><b>Grand C-D</b></p>

<p><b>OPO Operations</b></p> <p>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Proactive Approaches to Organizational Resiliency</b></p> <p>At a time when improved processes and outcomes are critical, OPOs must take proactive and collaborative approaches to managing risk, integrating quality, and addressing liability concerns. In this session we'll explore various approaches to effectively align strategy with performance.</p> <p><b>Tracey Angelo</b> AVP, Risk Management <i>AWAC Services Company, Inc.</i> <b>It Takes a Village During Challenging Times</b></p> <p><b>Torry Boffo</b> Senior Monitoring Site Surveyor <i>UNOS</i> <b>Measuring OPOs Quality</b></p> <p><b>Ellen Litkenhaus</b> Site Surveyor <i>UNOS</i> <b>Measuring OPOs Quality</b></p> <p><b>Salama Gallimore</b> Chief Counsel <i>Midwest Transplant Network</i> <b>Death, Organ Donation, and the <i>Dobbs</i> Decision</b> <b>AOPO Advocacy Committee Chair</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Rick Fowler</b> Senior Director, OPO Operations <i>LifeNet Health</i></p>	<p><b>Grand E-F</b></p>
<p><b>Organ Allocation, Utilization, and Preservation</b></p> <p>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM</p> <div data-bbox="196 1509 456 1822" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p><b>Is Combined NRP and HMP the Future for DCD?</b></p> <p>Small case series demonstrates feasibility of NRP in combination with HMP to maximize organ utilization in DCD donors. Dr. Marty Sellers will discuss the OPO perspective including the NRP and allocation process. Dr Culter Quillin will discuss the transplant center acceptance practices and initial short term patient outcomes.</p> <p><b>Marty Sellers, MD, MPH</b> Organ Recovery Surgeon <i>Tennessee Donor Services</i> <b>AOPO NRP Workgroup</b></p> <p><b>R. Cutler Quillin, III, MD</b> Surgical Director Liver Transplant <i>University of Cincinnati Department of Surgery</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Perry Turner</b> Managing Director, LifePort Preservation Center <i>Organ Recovery Systems</i></p>	<p><b>Grand N-O</b></p>

<p><b>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</b></p> <p>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Timing is Everything</b></p> <p>Time “stops” for families when devastating news is delivered. Come hear ways to help them use time to save lives by asking for more time to allow for brain death to occur and how spending time with someone who has experienced something similar is the strength behind the peer grief companion program.</p> <p><b>Taylor Brookins</b> Manager, Family Services <i>Midwest Transplant Network</i> <b>Asking for Time to Deteriorate to Death by Neurological Criteria</b></p> <p><b>Kristen Deyling</b> Learning and Development Specialist <i>Lifebanc</i> <b>Peer Grief Companions: Providing Quality Care to An Increasing Pool of Donor Families</b> <b>AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee Vice Chair</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Michael Clay</b> Division Director of Family Services <i>DCI Donor Services</i></p>	<p><b>Grand P-Q</b></p>
<p><b>Research Applications</b></p> <p>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM</p> 	<p><b>How Donation is Shaping the Future of Therapeutics, Drug Discovery, and More</b></p> <p>During this presentation, we will review criteria, practices, and research applications of heart, liver, kidneys, and lungs. We will discuss the differences in research and for-transplant criteria, the process of isolating primary cells, and how researchers utilize various cell types to drive the advancement of medicine, drug discovery, and clinical trials.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review common research organ opportunities</li> <li>2. Summarize variance between research and for-transplant criteria</li> <li>3. Summarize cell isolation process</li> <li>4. Review common research applications</li> </ol> <p><b>Jonathan Boyd</b> Associate Director of Tissue Acquisition <i>Lonza</i></p> <p><b>Katherine Dunnick, PhD</b> MSAT Principal Process Engineer <i>Lonza</i></p> <p><b>Mohammad Albanna, PhD</b> CEO &amp; Founder, <i>Humabiologics, Inc.</i> Adjunct Assistant Professor of Surgery, <i>Wake Forest Baptist Health</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Dan Lunn</b> Vice President Donor Services <i>Pinnacle Transplant Solutions</i></p>	<p><b>Grand R-S</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STAFFING, Training &amp; Education</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> 	<p><b>Training to Find Your Strengths</b> One Size Doesn't Fit All: A Personalized Approach to Success</p> <p><b>Kelsi Moret</b> Sr. Human Resources Business Partner <i>Center for Organ Recovery &amp; Education</i> <b>Responding to Workforce Capacity &amp; Market Compensation as a Result of Recent Challenges in the OPO Industry</b></p> <p><b>Alyssa Harrison</b> Vice President of Tissue Operations <i>LifeShare Network</i> <b>Optimizing Staffing Efficiency by Shifting Overnight Organ Referral Triage</b></p> <p><b>Noell Olsen</b> Manager of Business Intelligence <i>Cascade Life Alliance</i> <b>Improving Staff Work-Life Balance and Retention through Clinical-Data Collaboration: A Comprehensive Scheduling Approach</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Jessica Brown</b> Organ Clinical Educator <i>Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates</i> <b>AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grand G-M</b></p>
<p><b>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Networking Lunch with Exhibitors</b></p>	<p><b>Nelson Wolff Exhibit Hall</b></p>
<p><b>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>OPO In-House Counsel Luncheon (<i>Closed Session</i>)</b></p>	<p><b>Magnolia</b></p>
<p><b>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>AOPO Foundation Board Lunch (<i>Closed Session</i>)</b></p>	<p><b>Freesia</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLENARY SESSIONS</b> <i>Open to all registered attendees</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, June 26th</b></p>		
<p><b>Time</b></p>	<p><b>Session</b></p>	<p><b>Room</b></p>
<p><b>1:30 PM – 1:35 PM</b></p> 	<p><b>Welcome Back!</b></p> <p><b>Kristen Deyling</b> Learning and Development Specialist <i>Lifebanc</i> <b>AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee Vice Chair</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grand Ballroom G-M</b></p>

<p><b>1:35 PM – 2:30 PM</b></p>     	<p><b>Mitigating Kidney Non-Use: How OPOs and Transplant Programs Work Collaboratively to Optimize Kidneys for Transplant</b></p> <p><b>Anthony Watkins, MD, FACS</b>  Surgical Director, Kidney &amp; Pancreas Transplant Program  Program Director, Abdominal Transplant Surgery Fellowship  <i>Tampa General Hospital Transplant Institute</i>  Associate Professor of Surgery  <i>USF Health Morsani School of Medicine</i></p> <p><b>Matthew Cooper, MD</b>  Chief of Transplantation and Director, Solid Organ Transplant Line  <i>Medical College of Wisconsin</i></p> <p><b>Joe Spitz</b>  Chief Information Officer  <i>We Are Sharing Hope SC</i></p> <p><b>Aaron Sule</b>  Director of Organ Operations  <i>Lifeline of Ohio</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Sherri Morgan-Johnson</b>  Nurse Consultant, Division of Kidney Health  <i>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services</i></p>	<p><b>Grand Ballroom G-M</b></p>
<p><b>2:30 PM – 3:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Energizing Break with Exhibitors</b></p>	<p><b>Nelson Wolff Exhibit Hall</b></p>

<p><b>3:00 PM – 3:40 PM</b></p> <p><b>Plenary Session</b> <b>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup></b></p>   	<p><b>OPTN Expeditious Task Force: Strategies to Improve Donation and Organ Utilization</b></p> <p><b>David Marshman</b> Director, OPO Quality Systems <i>LifeLink Foundation</i> <b>OPTN Expeditious Task Force Co-Chair</b></p> <p><b>Colleen McCarthy</b> Vice President Organ and Tissue Donation <i>Versiti Organ and Tissue</i> <b>AOPO President</b></p> <p><b>Barry Massa</b> Executive Director <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i> <b>AOPO Past President</b></p>	<p><b>Grand Ballroom</b> <b>G-M</b></p>
<p><b>3:40 PM – 4:00 PM</b></p>  	<p><b>Incoming President’s Address</b></p> <p><b>Dorrie Dils</b> President/CEO <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> <b>AOPO Incoming President</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Steve Miller</b> CEO <i>AOPO</i></p>	<p><b>Grand Ballroom</b> <b>G-M</b></p>



<p><b>4:00 PM – 5:00 PM</b></p> 	<p><b>Using Data to Support Informed Decision Making</b></p> <p>This session will explore how OPOs can leverage data analytics to enhance performance and make informed decisions on OPO operations and develop strategies for optimizing system-wide outcomes. Attendees will gain insights into practical data-driven approaches to promote increased organ donation and transplantation rates.</p> <p><b>Jon Snyder, PhD, MS</b>          Director of Transplant Epidemiology  <i>Chronic Disease Research Group</i>  <i>Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute</i></p>	<p><b>Grand Ballroom G-M</b></p>
<p><b>5:00 PM</b></p>  	<p><b>Closing Remarks – Leave in ACTION!</b></p> <p><b>Jessica Yokubeak</b>          Director of Operations  <i>Center for Organ Recovery &amp; Education</i>  <b>AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee Chair</b></p> <p><b>Kristen Deyling</b>          Learning and Development Specialist  <i>Lifebanc</i>  <b>AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee Vice Chair</b></p>	<p><b>Grand Ballroom G-M</b></p>
<p><i>Join Us!</i></p>	<p><b>AOPO Social Event</b>  <b>6:00 PM – 9:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Nelson Wolff Exhibit Hall</b></p>

