

AOPO 2024 Annual Meeting

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



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday, June 24 th	
8:30 AM – 7:00 PM	Registration Open
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Data Committee <i>(Committee members only)</i>
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Leadership Development Committee <i>(Committee members only)</i>
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	OPO Impact Committee <i>(Committee members only)</i>
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Public Affairs Meeting – Agenda
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Strategic Planning Committee <i>(Committee members only)</i>
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Advocacy Committee <i>(Committee members only)</i>
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	DEIB Committee <i>(Committee members only)</i>
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	DEIB Workshop: Best Practices and Benchmarks for Inclusive Hiring, Retention, and Advancement <i>Open to all attendees</i> PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Financial Management Community <i>(Closed meeting OPO Finance staff only)</i>
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Hospital Development Community
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Information Technology & Data Community
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	International Community
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	AOPO OPTN Engagement Task Force <i>(Task Force members only)</i>
<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>GRAND OPENING <i>Reception</i> IN THE EXHIBIT HALL 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM</p> </div>	



PLENARY SESSIONS

Open to all registered attendees

Tuesday, June 25th

Time	Session	Room
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Open	
7:00 AM – 8:15 AM	Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors	
8:30 AM – 8:40 AM	<p>Welcome to Texas, Y'all!</p>  <p>Joe Nespral, MD President/CEO <i>Texas Organ Sharing Alliance</i></p>  <p>Welcome to the 41st AOPO Annual Meeting: 50K in 2026</p> <p>Jessica Yokubeak Director of Operations <i>Center for Organ Recovery & Education</i> AOPO Programs & Education Committee Chair</p>	
8:40 AM – 8:55 AM	<p>Connect to Purpose</p>  <p>Amber Smith Donor Mom</p>	
8:55 AM – 9:30 AM	<p>President's Address & Awards</p>  <p>Colleen McCarthy Vice President Organ and Tissue Donation <i>Versiti Wisconsin</i> AOPO President</p>	
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	<p>uDCD Project Saves Lives: How an OPO, Transplant Center, and Donor Hospital Unite to Expand the Donor Pool and State of NRP Across OPOs</p>	

   	<p>Kelly Grace Boyd uDCD Coordinator <i>HonorBridge</i></p> <p>Gretchen Martin Hospital Liaison <i>HonorBridge</i></p> <p>Marty Sellers, MD, MPH Organ Recovery Surgeon <i>Tennessee Donor Services</i></p> <p>Charles Strom, MD Surgical Director <i>New England Donor Services</i></p>	
<p>10:30 AM – 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Energizing Break with Exhibitors</p>	
<p>11:00 AM – 11:30 PM</p>  	<p>Performance Improvement with IMPACT</p> <p>Melinda Locklear Chief Support Officer <i>HonorBridge</i> AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee Chair</p> <p>Blanca Cohen Director, Quality Systems <i>OneLegacy</i> AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee Vice Chair</p>	
<p>11:30 AM – 12:00 PM</p> 	<p>Empowering Future Healers: A Comprehensive Approach to Early Engagement in Organ Donation and Transplantation Careers among Young Black Learners</p> <p>Ieesha Johnson Director, Community Outreach <i>Infinite Legacy</i> AMAT President</p>	
<p>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM</p>	<p>Networking Lunch with Exhibitors</p>	
<p>12:00 PM – 2:30 PM</p>	<p>OPO CEO Lunch and Annual Business Meeting (Closed Session)</p>	
<p>12:00 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Medical Directors Lunch and Meeting (Closed Session)</p>	

When you see this symbol it means you will hear from presenters from outside industry to enhance our education in donation and transplantation.



Breakout Impact Sessions Tuesday, June 25 th		
TIME 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM	A - Impact Sessions Attend breakout sessions focused on various tracks.	ROOM
Collaborative Partnerships Tuesday, June 25 th 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM	<p>Coming Soon!</p> <p>Rebecca Williams Hospital Donation Advocate <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> Advance Optimal Onsite EMR/HER Access for OPO Staff to Minimize Issues and Move Donation Forward</p> <p>Monica Winston Hospital Donation Advocate <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> ER Referral Program</p>	
DCD, uDCD, NRP, and Preservation Tuesday, June 25 th 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM	<p>Improving Liver Donation Assessment: Biopsy Insights</p> <p>Meg O'Donnell Advanced Practice Provider <i>UW Organ and Tissue Donation</i> Pre-Recovery Liver Biopsy on Donors After Circulatory Death</p>	
OPO Operations Tuesday, June 25 th 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM	<p>Leading with Diversity: Empowering OPO Operations through Inclusive Leadership Training</p> <p>Join us for a dynamic breakout session focused on the critical intersection of leadership training and diversity within OPO Operations.</p> <p>Brett Milam Communications Associate <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i> OPOs Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program Peaks in 2023 with its Roadmap to Success</p> <p>DeAnna Strand Lead Learning and Development Specialist <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> Next Level Leadership: Creating a Development Program to Support Structured Training for Current/Future Managers</p> <p>AOPO Program & Education Committee Member</p>	

<p>Organ Allocation and Utilization</p> <p>Tuesday, June 25th 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM</p>	<p>No Organ Left Behind: Navigating Late Declines for Increased Utilization</p> <p>Meghan Oldham Transplant Relations Manager <i>New England Donor Services</i> Implementing Policies and Systems to Reduce Late Organ Declines</p> <p>Hannah Carr Organ Utilization Liaison <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> An OPOs Solution to Liver Non-Utilization Following Late Declines</p>	
<p>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</p> <p>Tuesday, June 25th 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Modalities in Grief Support</p> <p>Michelle Rosdahl Donor Family Aftercare Manager <i>Sierra Donor Services</i> A New Text-Based Approach to Delivering Quality Bereavement Care for Donor Families</p> <p>Macey Levan, JD, PhD 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> Improving Equity and Access to Grief Support for Organ Donor Families: Early Results from a Novel Program</p>	
<p>Referral Management</p> <p>Tuesday, June 25th 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Optimizing Referral Management: Streamlining Pathways for Organ Donation</p> <p>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>Training & Education</p> <p>Tuesday, June 25th 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Engaging and Educating our Donation Champions</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>Justina Barnes Manager, Hospital Services <i>Midwest Transplant Network</i> Engaging Physicians through Brain Death Simulation</p> <p>Marlayna Cooney Hospital Services Manager <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i> OR Education At Your Fingertips</p> <p>Alexis Plumb</p>	

	Supervisor, Donation Liaisons <i>Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network</i> Champions for Hope: developing a DSA-wide Educational Program	
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Energizing Break with Exhibitors	

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Collaborative Partnerships Tuesday, June 25 th 3:05 PM – 4:00 PM	STOP! Collaborate and Listen Kelly Lang-Ramirez Donation Program Manager <i>We Are Sharing Hope SC</i> Collaborative Approach: Palliative Care & OPO Partners Adam Schneider-Price Manager OPO Clinical Quality and Compliance <i>UW Organ and Tissue Donation</i> To the Left: Improving Authorization Rates One Conversation at a Time Sahira Hamed Manager, Family Services <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> Putting the PAL in Palliative Care: A Collaborative Approach to Organ Donation	
DCD, uDCD, NRP, and Preservation Tuesday, June 25 th 3:05 PM – 4:00 PM	Honoring the Wish: First Person Authorization in DCDs Bruce Nicely Vice President, Donation Optimization <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> The Donor's Choice, the Donor's Voice in Donation after Circulatory Death (DCD)	
OPO Operations Tuesday, June 25 th 3:05 PM – 4:00 PM	Apples to Apples...or Oranges? Innovative Strategies in OPO Staffing from when Shift Happens to Dual AOCs This breakout session is dedicated to unveiling innovative strategies that maximize staffing efficiency, enhance workforce satisfaction, and elevate donation outcomes. Andrew Sigond Director of Hospital Development and Family Services <i>Center for Donation & Transplant</i> The Power of Presence: Merging HD Referral Response & Authorization into One Role to Drive Large Increases in Donation Over a Multi-Year Period	

	<p>Kiersten Smith Organ Procurement Coordinator <i>Lifesharing</i> Self-Scheduling When Shift Happens</p> <p>Amy Helm Clinical Services Coordinator, AOC <i>Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates</i> Region or Referral-based Responsibilities: Identifying a Favorable Staffing Model for Dual Administrators-On-Call</p> <p>Amanda Jolly Clinical Services Coordinator, AOC <i>Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates</i> Implementation of Dual Administrators-On-Call to Increase Conversation Rate</p>	
<p>Organ Allocation and Utilization</p> <p>Tuesday, June 25th 3:05 PM – 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Innovation Unleashed: Increasing Outcomes and Efficiencies Through Use of Staffing Models and Technology Applications</p> <p>Jillian Wojtowicz Director of Organ Operations <i>New England Donor Services</i> Transition of Liver and Intestine Allocation from Field Staff to Operations Center Based Staff</p> <p>Victoria Martin Performance Improvement Engineer <i>Center for Organ Recovery & Education</i> Utilization of Current Technology to Save & Heal More Lives: Three Innovative Applications Surrounding the Placement, Shipment, and Quality of Donor Gifts</p>	
<p>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</p> <p>Tuesday, June 25th 3:05 PM – 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Pathways to a YES</p> <p>Nicholas Sodemann Hospital Development Specialist <i>UW Organ and Tissue Donation</i> Donation Approach Best Practice Goals Improve Authorization Rates</p> <p>Melissa South Family Support Liaison Operations Manager <i>Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates</i> Raising the Bar to Onsite Response</p>	

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<p>Training & Education</p> <p>Tuesday, June 25th 3:05 PM – 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Focusing on the Future; Educating our Youth 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>Devyn Halsted Public Education Coordinator <i>Donor Alliance</i> Bringing Transplantation Science Education into the 21st Century</p> <p>Jason Reimer Public Education Coordinator <i>Donor Alliance</i> Bringing Transplantation Science Education into the 21st Century</p> <p>Brett Milam Communications Associate <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i> OPO Educators Implement Pretest and Posttest to Measure Effectiveness Among Students’ Knowledge of Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation with Successful Results</p>	

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<p>DCD, uDCD, NRP, and Preservation</p> <p>Tuesday, June 25th 4:05 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Leveraging Collaboration and Innovation in Liver Preservation</p> <p>Clint Hostetler COO <i>LifeShare of Oklahoma</i> Groundbreaking Normothermic Liver Preservation: A Pioneering OPOs Journey</p> <p>Zachary Catalano Organ Recovery Specialist <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i> Hypothermic Machine Preservation of Livers: OPO and Transplant Center Collaborative Approach</p>	

<p>OPO Operations</p> <p>Tuesday, June 25th 4:05 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Navigating the Talent Landscape: Data-Driven Approaches for HR Success</p> <p>Are you struggling to figure out workforce capacity needs? Do you have a way to identify talent that can deliver outcomes? Are you experiencing changes in the OPO landscape that impacts staffing? In this session you will learn how your colleagues are using data to improve staffing and obtain positive outcomes in performance.</p> <p>Victoria Martin Performance Improvement Engineer <i>Center for Organ Recovery & Education</i> Responding to Workforce Capacity & Market Compensation as a Result of Recent Challenges in the OPO Industry</p> <p>Jennifer Houtman Chief Optimization Officer <i>Iowa Donor Network</i> Attracting, Engaging, and Retaining Talent with People Data</p> <p>Scott Burgmeyer Founder & CEO <i>BecomeMore</i> Attracting, Engaging, and Retaining Talent with People Data</p> <p>Thomas Bonnell Donation Coordinator <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> OPOs: Leveraging Data to Improve Staffing</p>	
<p>Organ Allocation and Utilization</p> <p>Tuesday, June 25th 4:05 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Shifting Perspectives: Unraveling the Dynamics of Liver and Kidney Utilization</p> <p>Christopher Thome Director of Business Development <i>Buckeye Transplant Services</i> Standardizing Criteria for Donors at Risk for Gift Loss and Allocation of Marginal Kidneys to Improve the National Utilization Rate</p> <p>David D. Lee, MD Surgeon <i>Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center</i> Utility of Neurologic Exam Documentation from Deceased After Circulatory Death Donors</p>	

<p>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</p> <p>Tuesday, June 25th 4:05 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Breaking Down Silos: Cross-OPO Support</p> <p>Bailey Heiting Manager of Organ Donation <i>Versiti Organ and Tissue</i> Cross OPO Collaboration: Coffee with Colleagues</p> <p>Tracy Wylie Hospital Relations Liaison <i>Versiti Organ and Tissue</i> Peer Support: OPO/TB Staff Supporting Each Other to Mitigate the Negative Impacts of Stress and Vicarious Trauma in the Workplace</p>	
<p>Referral Management</p> <p>Tuesday, June 25th 4:05 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Coming Soon!</p>	
<p>Training & Education</p> <p>Tuesday, June 25th 4:05 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Training Competent Coordinators: Reaching the Finish Line</p> <p>Creative ways to reduce training time and remain effective by using simulated learning scenarios and reframing competency requirements.</p> <p>Joseph O'Donnell Manager of Organ Services <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> Accelerating Donation Coordinator Orientation: Streamlining the Journey From 6 Months to 4 Months</p> <p>Robin Ohkagawa Sr. Director of Education and Development <i>New England Donor Services</i> Use of Simulation to Decrease Training Timelines for Donation Coordinators</p>	
<p>Enjoy time together with your team!</p>		

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH

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Collaborative Partnerships Wednesday, June 26 th 8:30 AM – 9:25 AM	<i>Coming Soon!</i> TJ Roser Funeral Director/Coroner Liaison <i>Center for Organ Recovery & Education</i> Benefits of In-House Coordinator at Coroner/ME Offices	
DCD, uDCD, NRP, and Preservation Wednesday, June 26 th 8:30 AM – 9:25 AM	Revolutionizing Organ Procurement: OPO Normothermic Perfusion Marty Sellers, MD, MPH Organ Recovery Surgeon <i>Tennessee Donor Services</i> Increased Organ Utilization via OPO-Based Normothermic Regional Perfusion	

<p>OPO Operations</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 8:30 AM – 9:25 AM</p> 	<p>Coming Soon!</p> <p>Wade Liu Chief Product Officer, General Manager, Donation & Transplant <i>InVita Healthcare Technologies</i> Streamlining Donation Transplantation Communication via HIPAA-compliant App</p> <p>Holly Messmer Organ Recovery Specialist <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i> Streamlining Scheduling and Contact Management</p> <p>Amy McDonough Organ Process Manager <i>LifeSource</i> Transportation and Logistics: How to Maximize Resources and Decrease Cost</p>	
<p>Organ Allocation and Utilization</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 8:30 AM – 9:25 AM</p>	<p>Lung Story Short: Let's Get More Lungs out 'Thair'!</p> <p>Meagan Lenhart Manager of Surgical Recovery <i>LifeShare of Oklahoma</i> Optimizing Lung Utilization: A Successful OPO Experience</p> <p>Lee Morrow, MD Chief Medical Officer <i>Live On Nebraska</i> Beyond Conventional Lung Allocation</p>	
<p>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 8:30 AM – 9:25 AM</p>	<p>Knowledge is Power: Targeted Engagement Propelling donation efforts by adopting strategies that focus on diverse needs and equitable access to information regarding donation.</p> <p>Tyler Kirkwood Hospital Development Advocate <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> Specified Donation Councils for Specific ICUs</p> <p>Sara Huffman Chief Quality and Compliance Officer <i>Lifeline of Ohio</i> The Positive Impact of Improving Organizational Health Literacy</p>	

<p>Referral Management</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 8:30 AM – 9:25 AM</p>	<p><i>Coming Soon!</i></p>	
<p>Training & Education</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 8:30 AM – 9:25 AM</p>	<p>Educating to Increase Utilization Using education to support policy changes, foster process ownership, and relationship building with teams and external programs.</p> <p>Eva Walder Educator Organ Donation Specialist <i>Versiti Organ and Tissue</i> Focused Education Sessions improving outcomes for Organ allocation and transplant</p> <p>Jillian Wojtowicz Director, Organ Operations <i>New England Donor Services</i> Monthly Kidney Utilization Meetings</p> <p>Jessica Houghtlen Organ Services Manager <i>Lifebanc</i> Impact of DCD Lung Donor Intubation Policy</p>	

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<p>DCD, uDCD, NRP, and Preservation</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 9:30 AM – 10:25 AM</p>	<p>Charting Success: OPO-Based Abdominal NRP Program Insights & Strategies</p> <p>Charles Strom, MD Surgical Director <i>New England Donor Services</i> Creation of an OPO-Based Abdominal Normothermic Regional Perfusion Program: Lessons Learned and Challenges Overcome</p> <p>Woody Marshall Hospital Services Training & Development <i>DonorConnect</i> HD Considerations for Building a Successful TA-NRP Program</p>	
<p>OPO Operations</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 9:30 AM – 10:25 AM</p>	<p>Redesigning the Playbook: Examining the Success of New Models</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>Catherine G. Pratt, MD General Surgery Resident <i>UC Health</i> Broad Trends in OPO-employed Surgeon Utilization</p> <p>Silvia Perez-Protto, MD Lead Medical Director <i>Lifebanc</i> Integration of the Spanish Model within an OPO in the U.S.</p>	
<p>Organ Allocation and Utilization</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 9:30 AM – 10:25 AM</p>	<p>Acutely Injured Organs – Not Broken, Just Bent</p> <p>Luke Shen, MD Medical Director/Transplant Surgeon <i>Texas Organ Sharing Alliance</i> Kidney Allografts from Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT) Donors: A Viable Resource to Additional Kidney Transplants</p> <p>Kelsi Kolle Advanced Practice Coordinator <i>Nevada Donor Network</i> MENDING Broken Hearts: Increasing Organ Utilization Through Donor Heart Recruitment</p>	

<p>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 9:30 AM – 10:25 AM</p>	<p>The Impact of Specialized Skill Sets 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>Kim Gillespie Director of Hospital Development and Family Services <i>LifeShare of Oklahoma</i> Evaluation of Workstyles Assessment Tool to Increase Authorization for Organ Donation</p> <p>Ashley Otney Hospital Development Advocate In-House Coordinator <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> Elevating Organ Donation: The Crucial Role of Certified Child Life Specialists in Organ Procurement Organizations</p>	
<p>Advocacy</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 9:30 AM – 10:25 AM</p>	<p>Politics is Not a Four-Letter Word</p> <p>Patrick Wells O'Brien VP, Communications and External Relations <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i></p> <p>Katelynn Metz Marketing/Communications <i>Center for Organ Recovery & Education</i> Legislator Moment in Time Program</p> <p>Salama Gallimore Chief Counsel <i>Midwest Transplant Network</i> Moderator</p>	
<p>Training & Education</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 9:30 AM – 10:25 AM</p>	<p>Educational Framework: Developing Training Models Consistency Builds Competency – Process Mapping for Training Success</p> <p>Jacob Wise People Development Partner – Tissue Services <i>Nevada Donor Network</i> Centralized Training Model</p> <p>Robin Ohkagawa Sr. Director of Education and Development <i>New England Donor Services</i> An Exercise of Backwards Curricular Mapping to Develop a Competency Framework</p>	
<p>10:30 AM – 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Energizing Break with Exhibitors & Poster Abstract Authors will be at their posters. Be sure to stop by and ask them questions!</p>	

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<p>Collaborative Partnerships</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p>Coming Soon!</p> <p>Sabrina Gonzalez Business Coordinator <i>LifeSource</i> Ground-Up: Creating Not One, but Two, Donor Care Units</p>	
<p>DCD, uDCD, NRP, and Preservation</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 2px;">INDUSTRY INSIGHT</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Organ Recovery systems</p> </div>	<p>Optimizing Organ Perfusion: Enhancing Utilization for Transplantation</p> <p>R. Cutler Quillin, III, MD Surgical Director Liver Transplant <i>University of Cincinnati Department of Surgery</i> Expansion in Liver Transplant Volume with Hypothermic Oxygenated Machine Perfusion: A Single Center Experience</p> <p>Marty Sellers, MD, MPH Organ Recovery Surgeon <i>Tennessee Donor Services</i></p> <p>Josh Filgate Systems Engineer <i>DEKA Research & Development Corp.</i> Development of a Normothermic Kidney Perfusion Medical Device for increasing Deceased Donor Kidney Utilization</p>	
<p>OPO Operations</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p>Proactive Approaches to Organizational Resiliency</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>Tracey Angelo AVP, Risk Management <i>AWAC Services Company, Inc.</i> It Takes a Village During Challenging Times</p> <p>Rob Patterson Allocations and Site Survey Manager <i>UNOS</i> Measuring OPOs Quality</p>	

	<p>Salama Gallimore Chief Counsel <i>Midwest Transplant Network</i> Death, Organ Donation, and the <i>Dobbs</i> Decision</p>	
<p>Organ Allocation, Utilization, and Preservation</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM</p>  	<p>Increasing Utilization through Deceased Donor Bone Marrow Transplantation</p> <p>Ossium Health is expanding the current donation ecosystem to include cryopreserved allogeneic bone marrow transplants for life saving treatment of immune system diseases as well as tolerizing organ transplants.</p> <p>Kevin Caldwell CEO, Co-Founder & President <i>Ossium Health</i></p> <p>Alexandra Glazier, JD, MPH President/CEO <i>New England Donor Services</i></p>	
<p>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p>Timing is Everything</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>Taylor Brookins Manager, Family Services <i>Midwest Transplant Network</i> Asking for Time to Deteriorate to Brain Death</p> <p>Elissa Berman Manager of Bereavement Services <i>Lifebanc</i> Peer Grief Companions: Providing Quality Care to An Increasing Pool of Donor Families</p>	


<p style="text-align: center;">Referral Management</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p>How Donation is Shaping the Future of Therapeutics, Drug Discovery, and More</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"> 1. Review common research organ opportunities 2. Summarize variance between research and for-transplant criteria 3. Summarize cell isolation process 4. Review common research applications <p>Jonathan Boyd, MS, LSSBB, CTBS Associate Director of Tissue Acquisition, Lonza</p> <p>Emma Hoffman, PhD Supervisor of Cell Culture Product Manufacturing, Lonza</p> <p>Dr. Albanna Humabioloics</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Training & Education</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26th 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p>Training to Find Your Strengths</p> <p>One Size Doesn't Fit All: A Personalized Approach to Success</p> <p>Renee Steimle Family Services Manager <i>LifeCenter Organ Donor Network</i></p> <p>Enhancing Organ Approach and Authorization Proficiency: A Review of Training Interventions and their Impact on Authorization</p> <p>Jenn Peterson Talent Optimization Consultant <i>BecomeMore Group</i></p> <p>Optimizing Outcomes through Self-Awareness</p>	
<p>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM</p>	<p>Networking Lunch with Exhibitors</p>	
<p>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM</p>	<p>OPO Counsel Luncheon (Closed Session)</p>	
<p>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM</p>	<p>AOPO Foundation Board Lunch (Closed Session)</p>	

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Wednesday, June 26th

Time	Session	Room
1:30 AM – 2:30 PM	<p>How OPOs, Donor Hospitals, and Transplant Centers Can Work Collaboratively to Optimize Kidneys for Transplant</p>  <p>Kiran Dhanireddy, MD (Invited) Vice President, TGH Transplant Institute; Surgical Director, Liver Transplant <i>Tampa General Hospital</i></p>  <p>Matthew Cooper, MD (Invited) Chief of Transplantation and Director, Solid Organ Transplant Line <i>Medical College of Wisconsin</i></p>  <p>Sherri Morgan-Johnson Nurse Consultant, Division of Kidney Health <i>Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services</i> Moderator</p>	
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Energizing Break with Exhibitors	
3:00 PM – 3:40 PM	<p>OPTN Expeditious Task Force: Strategies to Improve Donation and Organ Utilization</p> <p>Plenary Session Wednesday, June 26th</p>  <p>David Marshman Director, OPO Quality Systems <i>LifeLink Foundation</i> OPTN Expeditious Task Force Co-Chair</p>	
3:40 PM – 4:00 PM	<p>Incoming President's Address</p>  <p>Dorrie Dils President/CEO <i>Gift of Life Michigan</i> AOPO Incoming President</p>	

<p>4:00 PM – 5:00 PM</p> 	<p>Using Data to Support Informed Decision Making</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>Jon Snyder, PhD, MS Director of Transplant Epidemiology <i>Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute</i></p>	
<p><i>Join Us!</i></p>	<p>AOPO Social Event 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>	



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