

AOPO 2025 Annual Meeting

June 22 – 24 | Denver, CO | #AOPOAM25



AGENDA

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 22 nd		Room
6:45 AM – 1:30 PM	Golf Classic benefitting the AOPO Foundation <i>Separate registration required.</i>	
8:30 AM – 7:00 PM	Registration Open	Cottonwood Foyer
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Public Affairs Meeting (<i>OPO members only</i>) Click here for Agenda	Cottonwood 7
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Advocacy Committee (<i>Committee members only</i>)	Spruce 3
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Data Committee (<i>Committee members only</i>)	Spruce 2
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	DEIB Committee (<i>Committee members only</i>)	Spruce 4
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	HR Community of Practice <i>(Closed meeting for OPO HR staff only)</i>	Cottonwood 1
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Information Technology & Data Communities of Practice	Cottonwood 9
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Education & Training Community of Practice	Cottonwood 3
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Financial Management Community of Practice <i>(Closed meeting for OPO Finance staff only)</i>	Maple 3
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Hospital Development Community of Practice	Cottonwood 4-5
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Strategic Planning Committee (<i>Committee members only</i>)	Cottonwood 2
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Leadership Development Committee <i>(Committee members only)</i>	Spruce 3
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM	OPO IMPACT Committee (<i>Committee members only</i>)	Spruce 4
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	AOPO OPTN Engagement Task Force <i>(Task Force members only)</i>	Spruce 2
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	President's Reception (<i>Invitation Only</i>)	Maple 1-2
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	GRAND OPENING RECEPTION IN THE EXHIBIT HALL – ALL ATTENDEES	Exhibit Hall Adams Ballroom B-D

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MONDAY, JUNE 23RD

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PLENARY SESSIONS

Open to all registered attendees

Monday, June 23rd

Time	Session	Room
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Open	Cottonwood Foyer
7:00 AM – 8:15 AM	Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors	Adams Ballroom B-D

Welcome!

8:30 AM – 8:40 AM



Welcome to Denver!

Jennifer Prinz

President/CEO
Donor Alliance
APOPO Board, At Large Member



Welcome to the 42nd APOPO Annual Meeting: 50K in 2026

Kristen Deyling

Compliance & Learning Development Specialist
Lifebanc
APOPO Programs & Education Committee Chair

**Adams Ballroom
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Connect to Purpose



8:40 AM – 8:55 AM



Connect to Purpose

Julia Renz

President
Student Organ Donation Advocates (SODA) at CU Boulder
2-time Heart Recipient

**Adams Ballroom
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Validated Metrics

8:55 AM – 9:55 AM

Empowering Transparency: Independent Validated Metrics to Elevate OPO Performance

APOPO is leading a proactive solution in partnership with 54 OPOs and CMS-certified contractor Econometrica, Inc., to develop a set of metrics grounded in patient-level data, aligned with expert guidance from the National Academies, and focused on outcomes within OPO control. This initiative is a major step toward strengthening the organ donation and transplantation system. We are advocating for strong metrics that will offer the public a true picture of OPO performance, accurately defining its role in saving lives and delivering valuable data insights that support our system partners and oversight bodies.



Jan Finn

President/CEO
Midwest Transplant Network
Validated Metrics Task Force Co-Chair
APOPO Leadership Development Committee



Barry Massa

CEO
Network for Hope
Validated Metrics Task Force Co-Chair



Jean O'Connor, JD, DrPH, FACHE

Director of the Health Practice Group
[ECONOMETRICA, INC.](#)

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President's Address

9:55 AM – 10:30 AM

President's Address

Join us for the President's Address, where Dorrie Dills, President of APOPO, will share reflections on the past year's accomplishments. This session will highlight key initiatives, celebrate member contributions, and explore the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Don't miss this inspiring and unifying moment as we come together to reaffirm our mission and energize our collective path forward.



Dorrie Dills

President/CEO
Gift of Life Michigan
APOPO President



Moderator:

Steve Miller

CEO
APOPO

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10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Energizing Break with Exhibitors

**Adams Ballroom
B-D**

Advocacy

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Monday, June 23rd	The Current & Evolving State of Legislative Affairs Impacting OPOs <p>Join us for an inspiring session that explores how advocacy continues to shape progress and policy in our communities. This plenary will highlight the latest developments, tools, and strategies that empower advocates to amplify their impact. From grassroots mobilization to legislative wins, discover how collective action is driving meaningful change—and how you can be part of the movement.</p> <div>  <p>Jennifer Prinz President/CEO Donor Alliance AOPPO Board, At Large Member</p> </div> <div>  <p>Larry D. Bucshon, MD Fmr. Congressman Senior Policy Advisor Holland & Knight</p> </div> <div>  <p>Mark Tudor CEO Southern Legacy of Life (ARORA) AOPPO Advocacy Committee</p> </div> <div>  <p>Moderator: Susan Mau Larson Chief Administrative Officer LifeSource AOPPO Advocacy Committee Chair</p> </div>	Adams Ballroom A
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Networking Lunch with Exhibitors	Adams Ballroom B-D
12:00 PM – 2:30 PM	OPO CEO Lunch and Annual Business Meeting <i>(Closed Session for member OPO CEOs only)</i>	Juniper B-C
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Medical Directors Lunch and Meeting <i>(Closed Session for OPO Medical Directors only)</i>	Maple 4-5
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	OPO Stakeholder Group Meeting with Econometrica <i>(Closed session – Invitation Only)</i>	Juniper B-C

Breakout Impact Sessions Monday, June 23 rd		
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1:35 PM – 2:30 PM	Attend breakout sessions focused on various tracks.	

Collaborative Partnerships		
<div> Collaborative Partnerships </div> <div> Monday, June 23rd 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM </div> <div>     </div>	<div> Turning the Tide of Medical Mistrust: How Working Hand in Hand with Communities Can Help Build Trust By working together, healthcare systems and OPO's can better understand and meet the unique needs of diverse populations, ensuring that care is both effective and culturally sensitive. The focus is on building genuine relationships, engaging in transparent communication, and empowering communities through education and involvement. This approach aims to transform healthcare delivery, making it more inclusive and trustworthy for all. </div> <div> Audrey Holtzman Diversity and Inclusion Program Manager <i>Network for Hope</i> OPO Partners With Health Agency to Bring Preventative Health Education to Black Men AOPO DEIB Committee </div> <div> Randy Presant Vice President Public Affairs & Family Services <i>Gift of Life Donor Program</i> Data-driven, People-focused, Neighborhood-by-Neighborhood Outreach </div> <div> Demia Kandi Executive Diversity Consultant Lifeline of Ohio A Model for Change: Amplifying Black Voices in Organ Donation Through Collaborative Partnerships </div> <div> Moderator: leesha Johnson Director of Community Outreach and AMAT President <i>Infinite Legacy</i> AOPO IMPACT Committee </div>	<div>  </div> <div> Cottonwood 2 & 3 </div>

DCD, NRP & Preservation

DCD, uDCD, NRP, and Preservation

Monday, June 23rd
1:35 PM – 2:30 PM



Go With the Flow: The Life-Saving Impact of NRP

NRP is reshaping the organ recovery landscape, increasing utilization, reducing non-use, and ensuring broader access to high-quality grafts. This session explores how OPO-driven NRP programs are improving equity, cost efficiency, and consistency in practice—leading to more life-saving transplants and a future where more DCD donors can contribute to the gift of life.

Nathan Fine

Transplant Partnership Manager
Donor Network of Arizona

**Implementation of an OPO-driven Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP)
Program: Lessons Learned, Lives Saved**



John Edwards

Senior Vice President of Clinical Operations
Gift of Life Donor Program

**OPO Based Normothermic Regional Perfusion Program - A Shifting
Landscape**
AOPO NRP Task Force Chair



Moderator:

Andrew Shunk

Senior Clinical Director
Tennessee Donor Services
AOPO Leadership Development Committee

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Data & Innovation

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Monday, June 23rd
1:35 PM – 2:30 PM



Optimizing Data Collaboration and Intelligence: Driving Business Insights, Automation, and Interoperability for Greater Impact

Discover how organizations are breaking down silos to enhance data collaboration and extract actionable intelligence. This session explores strategies to integrate automation and interoperability across systems, resulting in faster, more informed decision-making and measurable business outcomes. Learn how to harness your data to drive operational efficiency.

Bo Allen

Software Engineer
Donor Alliance

Enhancing Data Collaboration and Automation through a Versatile Data Sharing Platform



Cassie Hertert

Director of Information Systems
Donor Alliance

Why, When, and Where: Aligning Process Knowledge & Business Intelligence
AOPO Data Committee



Andrew Sigond

Director of Hospital & Community Services
Center for Donation & Transplant

Increase Referrals, Authorizations, Donors, and Transplants via Interoperability



Christian Rivas

Director of Products & Services
InVita Healthcare Technologies

Increase Referrals, Authorizations, Donors, and Transplants via Interoperability



Moderator:

Jennifer Muriett

COO
Donor Alliance
AOPO Data Committee



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Organ Allocation & Utilization

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Monday, June 23rd
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Casey O'Brien

Lead Organ Procurement Coordinator
Lifesharing

No Kidney Left Behind: Regional Strategies for High KDPI Allocation



Lina Elasmr

Organ Procurement Coordinator
Lifesharing

No Kidney Left Behind: Regional Strategies for High KDPI Allocation



Jenny Beelke

Procurement Transplant Coordinator
Nevada Donor Network

Innovative Allocation Models: Accelerating Access to Kidney Transplants



Moderator:

Stephanie Gonzalez

Administrator on Call
Lifesharing

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Peer, Partner & Donor Family Support

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1:35 PM – 2:30 PM



More is More: Coming Together for Better Outcomes

In an efficiency-driven world, it can be easy to move through cases as fast as possible. When giving the gift of life through donation, more time can drive better outcomes. Compassion coupled with effective sales skills, along with the time necessary to guide bereaved families through the donation process, can be an effective way to increase peer, hospital, and family support.

Micah Hare

Family Service Coordinator II
Nevada Donor Network

Bridging Sales Skills with Family Services in Organ Donation: A Compassionate Approach

Yessenia Mata

Family Services Coordinator II
Nevada Donor Network

More Time, More Lives: How Increased Case Time Transforms Tragedy Into Hope

Amber Nicely

Family Services Coordinator II
Nevada Donor Network

More Time, More Lives: How Increased Case Time Transforms Tragedy Into Hope

Moderator:

Michelle Moring

Senior Hospital Relations Liaison
Versiti

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Referral Management

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Monday, June 23rd
1:35 PM – 2:30 PM



Triage and Triumph: The Art of Managing Mayhem

Effective referral management is the foundation of a successful OPO. This session explores how dedicated triage teams, innovative referral strategies, and community-based OPO teams are streamlining the process, strengthening hospital partnerships, and increasing donor authorization assuring that no life-saving opportunity is missed.

Jason Villar

Director, Hospital Development, Family Care, Transplant Center Relations
LifeSource

Community based OPO teams driving Regional Authorization & Donation Success

Linda Freeman

Clinical Manager
Sierra Donor Services

Critical Role of Triage in Referral Management

Amy Sanchez

Clinical Resource Supervisor
Nevada Donor Network

Mastering the Flow: How Triage Coordinators Revolutionize Referral Management

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Moderator:

Emily Freund

DCU Clinical Specialist
Midwest Transplant Network



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Training & Education

<p>Training & Education</p> <p>Monday, June 23rd 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM</p>    	<p>Transforming Training: Innovative Strategies to Elevate Donor Management and Clinical Expertise</p> <p>This comprehensive session explores innovative training methods that enhance the skills, confidence, and effectiveness of physicians and OPO staff. Topics include specialized physician training for brain death determination and family communication, the integration of virtual reality simulation in donor management education, and the implementation of simulation-based learning in OPO staff development. Attendees will gain insights into how these cutting-edge approaches improve clinical competence, decision-making, and team collaboration in high-stakes environments. By leveraging immersive training techniques, healthcare professionals can enhance their ability to navigate complex medical and ethical situations, ultimately leading to better patient care and improved organ donation outcomes.</p> <p>Felicia Geraci Organ Procurement Clinical Educator <i>Midwest Transplant Network</i> Implementation of Simulation in OPO Staff Development AOPO Programs & Education Committee</p> <p>Theresa A. Daly Vice President <i>Gift of Life Institute</i> Unique Physician Training on Determination of Brain Death and Family Communication Impacts Physicians Skills and Confidence</p> <p>Liz Peterson Clinical Training Program Manager <i>LifeCenter Northwest</i> Revolutionizing Donor Management Training: Integrating Virtual Reality Simulation to Enhance Clinical Competence and Confidence</p> <p>Moderator: Tania Houle Director, Referral Optimization <i>Legacy of Hope</i></p>	<p>Cottonwood 10 & 11</p>
<p>2:30 PM – 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Energizing Break with Exhibitors</p>	<p>Adams Ballroom B-D</p>
<p>3:00 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p>OPO Stakeholder Group Meeting with Econometrica <i>(Closed session – Invitation Only)</i></p>	<p>Juniper B-C</p>

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Collaborative Partnerships		
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Joel Baucom
Director, Partner Engagement
HonorBridge
Enhancing Outcome Visibility for Decisions Regarding Pursuit of DCD
AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee



Molly Svendsen
Hospice and Palliative Medicine Physician Fellow
Mayo Clinic
The Role of Palliative Medicine in Donation after Circulatory Death



Michelle Moring
Senior Hospital Relations Liaison
Versiti
Sending an Attending For DCD Pronouncement - Do You Have To?
AOPO Programs & Education Committee



Moderator:
Jessica Brown
Organ Services Educator
Network for Hope
AOPO Programs & Education Committee



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OPO Operations

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Monday, June 23rd
3:05 PM – 4:00 PM



Empowering Growth: Education, Mentorship, and Well-Being for a Stronger Future

Personal and professional growth requires more than just knowledge—it's about nurturing the whole individual. These featured programs provide staff with the tools, strategies, and inspiration needed to thrive in both their personal lives and careers.

Robin Ohkagawa

Senior Director, Education & Development
New England Donor Services
Donation Academy



Judy Hardin

Manager, Inclusion & Culture
New England Donor Services
Mentorship: Developing the Next Generation of Leaders



Ali Erickson

Chief Administrative Officer
New England Donor Services
Mentorship: Developing the Next Generation of Leaders



Caroline Ferra

Hospital Services Specialist
UW Organ and Tissue Donation
Emotional Support Group to Improve Employee Wellness and Engagement








Moderator:

Jaclyn Quackenbush

Chief Human Resources Officer
Infinite Legacy

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Organ Allocation & Utilization

<div> <div>Organ Allocation & Utilization</div> <div> Monday, June 23rd 3:05 PM – 4:00 PM </div> <div>      </div> </div>	<div> <div> Kidney You Not: Optimizing Kidney Allocation for More Transplants Optimizing kidney allocation requires innovation, adaptability, and data-driven strategies. This session explores key approaches to improving placement efficiency, overcoming allocation challenges, and maximizing transplant opportunities. </div> <div> Matthew Van Hauter Organ Recovery Manager <i>Network for Hope</i> Improving Outcomes: How Hard-to-Place Kidneys Became Transplantable </div> <div> Brooke Sartin Organ Operations Supervisor <i>Network for Hope</i> Improving Outcomes: How Hard-to-Place Kidneys Became Transplantable </div> <div> Larry Suplee Vice President, Transplant Information Center <i>Gift of Life Donor Program</i> Long Term Impact of KAS 250 (2021) on Pre-Recovery Placement Efficiency AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee </div> <div> Bailey Heiting Manager, Organ Donation <i>Versiti</i> Improved Kidney O/E Through Rescue Pathways AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee </div> <div> Moderator: Heather Markuson COO <i>LifeQuest Organ Recovery Services</i> </div> </div>	<div> <div>Cottonwood</div> <div>7</div> </div>
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Peer, Partner & Donor Family Support

Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support

Monday, June 23rd
3:05 PM – 4:00 PM



Equity in Donation: Bridging the Gap

This session explores the critical intersection of organ, eye, and tissue donation with health equity, focusing on the systemic barriers faced by under-served communities. Through data-driven analysis and community engagement strategies, this session aims to equip participants with tools to promote equitable access, build trust, and foster culturally responsive approaches. Join us to learn how collaboration across sectors can bridge the gap and ensure that all communities have the opportunity to give and receive the gift of life.

Sara Pace Jones

Executive Vice President, Strategy & Mission Performance
Donor Network of Arizona
AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee

Susan Mau Larson

Chief Administrative Officer
LifeSource
AOPO Advocacy Committee Chair

Nikki Chalsma

Manager, Hospital Development and Family Support
Versiti
Impact Summit: Bridging Gaps in Donation and Advancing Health Equity

Moderator:

Kim Gillespie

Director of Hospital Development and Family Services
LifeShare of Oklahoma



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Innovation

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Monday, June 23rd
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The Abdominals: Rescue Pathways with Precision and a Touch of Tech

In this session, we will explore new organ preservation technologies that can help facilitate successful reallocation of organs in the setting of late declines and reduce organ non-utilization rates.

Nathan Fine

Manager, Organ Utilization
Donor Network of Arizona

Controlled Hypothermic Preservation Facilitates Reallocation of High-Risk Donor Livers in the Settling of Late Declines

Seigo Nishida, MD

Professor
Westchester Medical Center / New York Medical College
Development of a HIPAA-compliant Cloud-based Donor Liver Biopsy Assessment Using Artificial Intelligence Technology

Ryosuke Misawa, MD

Assistant Professor
Westchester Medical Center / New York Medical College
Development of Artificial Intelligence-based Technology for Analysis of Donor Kidney Biopsy

Moderator:

Jaclyn Russe

Associate Director of Organ Services
Nevada Donor Network
AOPO IMPACT Committee Vice Chair

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Training & Education

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Enhancing Workplace Success: Embracing Neurodiversity and Strengthening Communication

This dynamic poster session explores innovative strategies to strengthen workforce engagement, retention, and inclusivity in clinical settings. Presenters highlight evidence-based approaches to onboarding, structured feedback mechanisms, and supportive communication practices that foster team cohesion and improve outcomes. A particular focus is given to understanding and accommodating neurodivergent healthcare professionals, offering insights into creating more inclusive and effective work environments. Join us to discover how thoughtful process design and inclusive practices can elevate team performance and professional satisfaction across healthcare organizations.

Jillian Vos

Clinical Training Coordinator

Gift of Hope

Improving Outcomes by Supporting Organizational Neurodivergence

Amanda Beck

Organ Recovery Specialist Educator

Versiti

Communication is Key: A Retrospective Study on Why Clear Communication During Employee Onboarding is Important

Moderator:

Jenna LaSota

Organ Services Educator





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<p>Collaborative Partnerships</p> <p>Monday, June 23rd 4:05 PM – 5:00 PM</p>   	<p>You've Got a Friend in Me: How Working Together Makes Everyone More Successful</p> <p>Placing the emphasis on the power of collaboration and teamwork in achieving success. By supporting and working closely with one another, individuals and groups can reach greater heights than they could alone. Focusing on the benefits of mutual support, shared goals, and collective effort, highlighting how friendships and partnerships can enhance productivity, creativity, and overall well-being.</p> <p>Joe Paparo Senior Hospital Services Coordinator <i>Gift of Life Donor Program</i> Collaboration to Break Down Barriers to Organ Donation: A Transplant Center and OPO's Partnership to Address Community Fears and Misconceptions</p> <p>Joe DiMartino Associate Vice President of Nursing <i>Temple University</i> Collaboration to Break Down Barriers to Organ Donation: A Transplant Center and OPO's Partnership to Address Community Fears and Misconceptions</p> <p>Moderator: Caitlin Stephen Manager, Hospital & Partner Relations <i>Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network</i> AOPO Leadership Development Committee</p>	 <p>Cottonwood 2 & 3</p>
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4:05 PM – 5:00 PM



Huddle Up! How Better Communication is Saving More Lives

Effective communication is key to a successful donation process. This session highlights how OPOs have improved teamwork and efficiency through strategic huddles, interdisciplinary meetings, and real-time collaboration, ensuring no donation opportunity is missed.

Meg O'Donnell

Advanced Practice Provider

UW Organ and Tissue Donation

Donor Management Steering Committee: Front-line Coordinator Approach to Improving Donor Management

Angela Borrer

Supervisor of Organ Services

Nevada Donor Network

Better Organs, Fewer Hiccups: How Daily Leader Huddles Are Saving Lives (and Time!)

Stacey Hay

Data Analyst

Versiti

**VITAL Meetings- Valuing Interactions Through AnaLysis
Data Committee Vice-Chair**

Moderator:

Sage Bailey

Assistant Director of Clinical and Surgical Services

Live On Nebraska



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OPO Operations

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Advancing Organ Assessment: Mobile Telepathology Solutions in Donor Biopsy Analysis

What if you could guarantee slide preparation and access to timely, accurate, and consistent biopsy interpretations on every case? Hear how OPOs are doing just that through the use of Mobile Telepathology solutions which remove the barriers associated with hospital biopsy slide preparation. By leveraging unique technology and training courses, hear how OPOs are innovating to facilitate more lifesaving gifts.

Lisa Stocks

Executive Vice President
OneLegacy



Todd Hubler

VP/Executive Director
LifeNet Health



Tracy Giddens-Jarrett

Director, Organ Recovery Services
LifeNet Health



Moderator:

Scott Rombach

Founder & CEO
Specialist Direct

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Organ Allocation & Utilization

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A.I. Have a Good Feeling About This: Smarter Organ Allocation

Artificial intelligence is revolutionizing organ allocation and recovery by enhancing decision-making and efficiency. This session explores how AI-driven models are improving kidney rescue allocations and increasing lung recovery and transplant rates through data consolidation and predictive tools.

Luis F. Angel, MD

Director of Lung Transplantation
NYU Langone

Increasing Lung Recovery and Transplant Rates through Data Consolidation and AI Tools



Alisha Jackson

Director of Organ Services
ConnectLife

Increasing Lung Recovery and Transplant Rates through Data Consolidation and AI Tools



Dan DiSante

Director of Clinical Operations
Center for Donation & Transplant

Increasing Lung Recovery and Transplant Rates through Data Consolidation and AI Tools



Moderator:

Lee Keddie

President & CEO
CompuMed



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Unveiling the Truth: Battling Misinformation with Integrity

With the rise in negative publicity and scrutiny surrounding organ donation, OPOs must proactively address issues, investigations and inquiries. This session will discuss skills, processes and resources to reduce potential organizational risks, counter disinformation and highlight facts with integrity and credibility.

Catherine DeAppolonio

General Counsel & Government Affairs

NJ Sharing Network

The Regulatory Rodeo: Wrangling Your Way Through Investigations



Salama Gallimore

General Counsel & Advisor on Government Affairs

Midwest Transplant Network

The Regulatory Rodeo: Wrangling Your Way Through Investigations

AOPO Advocacy Committee



Robert Stears

Senior Advisor

Science in Donation & Transplant

Successes and Challenges in Battling Misinformation: A Multifaceted Communications Approach



Moderator:

Jeff Wisniewski

Vice President, Compliance & General Counsel

Gift of Life Michigan

AOPO Leadership Development Committee Vice Chair

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Research Authorization

Research Authorization

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Debbi McRann

VP and Chief Clinical Officer
Infinite Legacy



Nick Olden

Research Program Manager
Gift of Life Michigan



Moderator

Gina Dunne Smith

Executive Director
IIAM

Expanding Donation Authorization Language to Include Genetic Research and Genetic Testing Can Increase Placement of Non-Transplant Donor Gifts



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AI in Rescue Pathways

AI in Rescue Pathways

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Lirim Ashiku, PhD

Chief Technology Officer

Valiant AI

Use of AI Models to Identify Kidneys for Rescue Path Allocation



Vikram Abrol

Business Intelligence Solutions Architect

Mid-America Transplant



Moderator:

Richard Threlkeld, PhD

CEO

Valiant AI

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Collaborative Partnerships

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Scoring for Life: The Role of Sports in Promoting Organ Donation

Discover how OPOs have partnered with athletes and athletic programs to target registration campaigns and battle misinformation within certain population demographics.

Sarah Sonn

Director of Communications

LifeSource

Barely half of Minnesota men are organ donors. A former Vikings player and kidney recipient says that's not enough



Tracy G. Ide

Manager, Public Affairs

LifeLink of Georgia

LifeLink of Georgia Unveils Historic Partnership with University of Georgia Athletes



Carolyn Hostetler

Hospital Development Manager

Tennessee Donor Services



Moderator:

Carolina Lopez Maldonado

Hospital Service Specialist-III

Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency

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Preserve and Protect: Giving Organs a Fighting Chance

Advancements in organ preservation are improving transplant potential by extending viability and optimizing allocation. Controlled hypothermic preservation with LVG is increasing the reallocation of high-risk donor livers, while centralized EVLP assessment is refining lung evaluation and utilization, ensuring more organs reach recipients in need.

Tiffany Schnobrich Perez

Procurement Transplant Coordinator
Nevada Donor Network

Matt Ellison

Manager of Organ Recovery
Southern Legacy of Life (ARORA)

Moderator:

Kayla Rohrbaugh

Ex-Vivo Clinical Specialist
Lung Bioengineering

Effect of Lung Graft Retrieval and Ischemia Time on EVLP Acceptance Outcome

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OPO Operations

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Bone Marrow – The New Frontier?

It's been reported that expanding access to allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplant (HCT), especially for patients who are ethnically diverse, is feasible as the outcomes of using mismatch unrelated donors (MMUD) along with post-transplant cyclophosphamide are similar to those obtained using a related haploidentical donor. A significant unmet need remains in the timely provision of suitable unrelated donor grafts. Is on demand cryopreserved bone marrow product the new frontier?

Ryan Nelson

Manager, Tissue Recovery Optimization
Donor Network of Arizona

Nick Olden

Research Program Manager
Gift of Life Michigan

Moderator:

Sagar Munjal, MD, MS

Chief Medical Officer / Senior Vice President
Ossium Health

**Allogeneic Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation using Deceased Donor
Derived Cryopreserved Bone Marrow: A Potential Alternative Graft Source
for Patients With Unmet Need**

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Organ Allocation & Utilization

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BMI? More Like 'Be More Inclusive'

Expanding donor eligibility means challenging outdated criteria and embracing new possibilities. This session explores how OPOs are rethinking donor selection based on function over form, maximizing organ and tissue donation opportunities, and ensuring more lives are saved through innovative and inclusive approaches.

Gena Mayer, PhD

Donation Logistics and Allocation Administrator
We Are Sharing Hope SC
Donors Come in All Shapes and Sizes

Denise Baker

Procurement Transplant Coordinator
Nevada Donor Network
Turning "No" Into "Whoa" - Rethinking Donor Eligibility Four Organs At a Time

Donna Mortensen

Clinical In-House Supervisor
Donor Network of Arizona
Exploring Organ and Tissue Donation Potential in the Setting of Anencephaly

Moderator:

Anderson Rodriguez Cuello

AOC
Live On Nebraska



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Peer, Partner & Donor Family Support

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Mass Appeal with Mass Media: Engaging Diverse Audiences with Positive Messaging and Emotional Connections

How have OPOs successfully worked with the television and film industries, and social media platforms, to present organ donation with levity, sensitivity and accuracy? Hear how they have capitalized on the power of video to engage large audiences, and view excerpts of some of their exceptional work.

Katelynn Metz

Community Outreach Coordinator
Center for Organ Recovery & Education
The Pitt

E'Tiffany Jones

Head of Public Engagement, Communications & Strategic Partnerships
OneLegacy
OneLegacy Inspires Hollywood

Moderator:

Kristen Deyling

Compliance & Learning Development Specialist
Lifebanc
AOPO Programs & Education Committee Chair

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Donor Care Units

Donor Care Units

2-Hour Session

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John Lilley

Associate Executive Director
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Organ Services Manager
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Bruce Nicely

Vice President, Donation Optimization
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Vice President & Chief Medical Officer
LifeGift



Christine Radolovic

Chief Clinical Officer
Gift of Life Donor Program



Moderator:

Ronald Squires, MD, FACS

Chief Medical Officer
LifeShare of Oklahoma

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DEIB Workshop

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Teresa Aguiar

HR Director, People and Culture

Donor Connect

AOPO DEIB Committee Vice Chair



Ingrid Palacios

Manager of Multicultural Community Outreach Program

New England Donor Services

AOPO DEIB Committee Immediate Past Chair



Audrey Holtzman

Diversity and Inclusion Program Manager

Network for Hope

AOPO DEIB Committee



Aisha Ghori Ozaki

Director, DEIBC

Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network

AOPO DEIB Committee



Moderator:

Dr. Melissa Montrope

Senior Quality Assurance Auditor






Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency

AOPO DEIB Committee

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Breakout Impact Sessions Tuesday, June 24 th		
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Collaborative Partnerships

<p>Collaborative Partnerships</p> <p>Tuesday, June 24th 9:30 AM – 10:25 AM</p>     	<p>Benefits and Risks of Bringing Your Auto/Fleet Program In-House: An Insurance Perspective</p> <p>OPOs rely heavily on transportation to deliver on their mission, which is to recover organs for transplant purposes. Fleet and driver safety are paramount to mitigate risks like accidents, liability, and delays that could endanger lives. Attendees will learn: 1. Common Enterprise Risks Associated with Transportation for OPOs; 2. the Importance of a Structured Driver Safety Program; 3. Key Components of an Effective Driver Safety Program; and 4. I</p> <p>Gina Matarazzo Managing Director <i>Sallop Insurance, Inc.</i></p> <p>Erin Townsend Assistant Vice President <i>Sallop Insurance, Inc.</i></p> <p>Tracy Angelo Assistant Vice President, Risk Management Group <i>AWAC Services Company</i></p> <p>Colleen Drahuschak Safety & Health Specialist <i>The Zenith</i></p> <p>Moderator: Sal La Mantia Director of Finance <i>NJ Sharing Network</i></p>	<p>Cottonwood 2 & 3</p>
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DCD, NRP & Preservation

DCD, uDCD, NRP, and Preservation

Tuesday, June 24th
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From 'Oops' to Optimized: Solving the Infectious Disease Testing Puzzle

From HIV-positive heart transplants to the challenges of false-positive infectious disease results, OPOs must navigate complex testing uncertainties. This session explores lessons learned, best practices for managing discrepant lab results, and strategies to ensure safe and successful organ allocation.

Chelsea Douglas

Organ Recovery Coordinator

Network for Hope

Undetectable Results to Positive Outcomes: A DCD Hope Act Donor

Ashley Texas

Organ Recovery Coordinator

Network for Hope

Undetectable Results to Positive Outcomes: A DCD Hope Act Donor

Hillary Akana

Quality Control Manager

Eurofins Donor & Product Testing

Discrepant Infectious Disease Results, Now What?

Moderator:

Felicia Wells-Williams

Director of Clinical Services

Legacy of Life Hawai'i

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UNION Data

UNION Data

Tuesday, June 24th
9:30 AM – 10:25 AM



Metrics to Meaning: Using Questions and Comparative Data to Inform Practices

Better data informs better decisions. But it's not just about the numbers—it's about what question they answer! In this session, we'll show how starting with questions can drive improvement using a new expanded UNION dashboard. A refreshed UNION interface will help guide us towards answers to recurring business questions and reveal opportunities to dive deeper into shared practices.

Noell Olsen

Director of Governance & Data Strategy
Cascade Life Alliance
APO Data Committee

Robbie Glazner

Director of Business Intelligence
Donor Network of Arizona
APO Data Committee

Moderator:

Kristin Delli Carpini

Vice President, Performance Excellence
Gift of Life Michigan
APO Data Committee Chair



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Organ Allocation & Utilization

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Luke Shen, MD

Transplant Surgeon

Texas Organ Sharing Alliance

Utilization and Outcomes of Kidney Donor Profile Index (KDPI) >50%

Allografts Using A Rescue Pathway Algorithm

AOPO Board, Medical Advisor



Tracy Giddens-Jarrett

Director, Organ Recovery Services

LifeNet Health

The Role of the Portable CryoStat/Remote Pathology in Deceased Donor Kidney Biopsies and Allocation



Amy McDonough

Organ Process Manager

LifeSource

Organ Utilization-Increasing hard-to-place kidney utilization



Allen Paulsen

Clinical Resource Supervisor II

LifeSource

Organ Utilization-Increasing hard-to-place kidney utilization



Moderator:

Wanda Peperone

Clinical Director - Organ

Mid-South Transplant Foundation

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Peer, Partner & Donor Family Support

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Carolyn Williams

Community Outreach Coordinator
Cascade Life Alliance

"Your Choice, Their Chance" - Comprehensive Organ Donation Education for Diverse Student Communities



Claire Bailey

Community Outreach Coordinator
Cascade Life Alliance

"Your Choice, Their Chance" - Comprehensive Organ Donation Education for Diverse Student Communities



Brett Milam

Community Relations Associate
Network for Hope

OPO Creates Orientation and Quiz to Educate Driver's License Agency Employees About Organ, Tissue, and Eye Donation and Their Role Within the Process



Gina Martin

Partner Relations
Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network

Value of having our Partners Mentor Other Entities within their Organizations



Moderator:

Angie Hockman

Professional Services Liaison
Center for Organ Recovery & Education
AOPO Programs & Education Committee

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DEIB Workshop		
<p>DEIB Workshop</p> <p>2-Hour Session</p> <p>Tuesday, June 24th 8:30 AM – 10:25 AM</p>     	<p>DEIB Workshop: What It Is and Is Not For Your OPO 2-Hour Session</p> <p>Join us for an interactive and insightful workshop aimed at tackling some myths and misunderstandings surrounding Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB). An engaging panel will feature voices from the clinical, donor family, hospital development, HR, and community outreach perspective and explore various experiences to foster a deeper understanding of DEIB in action.</p> <p>Teresa Aguiar HR Director, People and Culture <i>Donor Connect</i> AOPO DEIB Committee Vice Chair</p> <p>Ingrid Palacios Manager of Multicultural Community Outreach Program <i>New England Donor Services</i> AOPO DEIB Committee Immediate Past Chair</p> <p>Audrey Holtzman Diversity and Inclusion Program Manager <i>Network for Hope</i> AOPO DEIB Committee</p> <p>Aisha Ghori Ozaki Director, DEIBC <i>Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network</i> AOPO DEIB Committee</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Melissa Montrope Senior Quality Assurance Auditor <i>Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency</i> AOPO DEIB Committee</p>	<p>Cottonwood 10 & 11</p>
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	<p>Energizing Break with Exhibitors & Poster Abstract Authors. Be sure to stop by and ask them questions!</p>	<p>Adams Ballroom B-D</p>

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Collaborative Partnerships		
<div> Collaborative Partnerships Tuesday, June 24th 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM </div> <div>    </div>	<div> Driving Toward a Better Partnership: Exploring Connections with our EMS Partners The synergy between Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) and local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is crucial for enhancing organ donation efforts. This collaboration aims to bridge communication gaps, ensuring that EMS teams are well-informed about the critical role they play in the donation process. Learn how two OPOs are working with their local EMS to develop more robust partnerships. </div> <div> Jared Roorda Organ Donation Specialist <i>Versiti</i> OPO and EMS System Partnerships </div> <div> Madelyn Clark Partner Relations Coordinator <i>Iowa Donor Network</i> Challenge Coin Program for EMS Partners </div> <div> Moderator: Brooke Garvis Manager, Corporate Education & Development <i>Midwest Transplant Network</i> AOPO Programs & Education Committee Vice Chair </div>	<div> Cottonwood 2 & 3 </div>

DCD, NRP & Preservation

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Sean Forquer

Program Director, Perfusion Services

Southwest Transplant Alliance

The Role of OPOs in Advancing Organ Machine Perfusion



Anji Wall, MD, PhD

Transplant Surgeon

Medical Director, BSW Transplant Center for Innovation, Science, Policy,
Research and Ethics

Baylor Scott 7 White Health

Baylor University Medical Center



Ashley Milam

Director of Organ Recovery

LifeShare of Oklahoma

Bridging the Gap: Collaborative Models Between OPOs and Transplant Centers



Moderator:

Mauricio Carvalho

Vice President, Medical & Scientific Affairs

Bridge to Life

Bridging Perspectives: Advancing Organ Machine Perfusion and Preservation Across OPOs and Transplant Centers



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OPO Operations

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Tuesday, June 24th
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Allie Bonadies

AOC

Cascade Life Alliance

Lower Limb Cryoamputation in BD Donor with Devascularization Injury After MCC – A Case Review



Matt Coffin

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Cascade Life Alliance

Lower Limb Cryoamputation in BD Donor with Devascularization Injury After MCC – A Case Review



Jenny Beelke

Procurement Transplant Coordinator

Nevada Donor Network

Dedicating Expertise: Improving Culture Recording and Reporting in Organ Donation



John Edwards

Senior Vice President of Clinical Operations

Gift of Life Donor Program

A Novel Strategy for Organ Procurement Organization Driven Search for Legal NOK

APOO NRP Task Force Chair



Moderator:

Shela Stovall

VP, Family Engagement

LiveOnNY

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Organ Allocation & Utilization

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Live Lung and Prosper: Techniques That Go the Extra Air Mile

Enhancing lung transplantation requires strategic donor management, innovative protocols, and advanced technology. This session highlights collaborative approaches, physiology-based pulmonary management, and automated positioning techniques that are improving oxygenation and increasing the number of lungs available for transplant.

Alicia Miller

Senior Advanced Practice Donation Coordinator
LifeSource

OPO and DCU collaboration to improve lung donor management and increase lung transplantation rates



Matt Ellison

Manager of Organ Recovery
Southern Legacy of Life (ARORA)

Pulmonary Management in the Brain Dead Donor: The Outcomes of Physiology Based Protocols



Moderator:

Kelly Critchfield

Director of Organ Allocation and Referral Services
Midwest Transplant Network

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Peer, Partner & Donor Family Support

Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support

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Samantha Taylor

Donation Support Specialist Supervisor
UW Organ and Tissue Donation
Just say, "Yes, yes we can."



Adam Schneider-Price, DNP

Manager, Clinical Quality and Compliance
UW Organ and Tissue Donation
Just say, "Yes, yes we can."



Amy Sanchez

Clinical Resource Supervisor
Nevada Donor Network
Organ Donation: Because Even Heroes Need a Good Network
AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee



Shahira Hamed

Associate Director of Family Services
Nevada Donor Network
Organ Donation: Because Even Heroes Need a Good Network



Dustin Wright

Referral and Provider Development Specialist
Nevada Donor Network
Organ Donation: Because Even Heroes Need a Good Network



Moderator:

Angie Hockman

Professional Services Liaison
Center for Organ Recovery & Education
AOPO Programs & Education Committee

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Improving Utilization

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Tuesday, June 24th
11:05 AM – 12:00 PM



Maximizing Impact: Leveraging HMP for Greater Utilization

With recent changes to allocation and the growing prevalence of medically complex kidney donors, there has been a heightened interest in the utilization of HMP, particularly for kidneys imported from distant OPOs. As centers face challenges in integrating these services in-house, OPOs have adopted various strategies to facilitate the use of HMP for these kidneys.

Andrew Wielgat

Supervisor of Perfusion Services
Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network

Larry Suplee

Vice President, Transplant Information Center
Gift of Life Donor Program
AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee

Moderator:

Perry Turner

Managing Director
Organ Recovery Systems
Working Together: Using HMP to Increase Utilization



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Training & Education

<p>Training & Education</p> <p>Tuesday, June 24th 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM</p>   	<p>Echoing Excellence: A Heartfelt Journey into Echocardiogram Training</p> <p>Hear how OPOs have successfully trained their staff to obtain complete echocardiogram studies, providing additional skill sets and growth opportunities for clinicians working in Donor Care Units.</p> <p>Emily Freund Organ Procurement DCU Clinical Specialist <i>Midwest Transplant Network</i> Echoing Excellence: A Heartfelt Journey into Echocardiogram Training</p> <p>Shane Oakley Advance Practice Organ Recovery Coordinator <i>Donor Alliance</i> Donor Alliance's Experience in Echo Training</p> <p>Moderator: Felicia Geraci Organ Procurement Clinical Educator <i>Midwest Transplant Network</i> AOPO Programs & Education Committee</p>	<p>Cottonwood 10 & 11</p>
<p>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM</p>	<p>Networking Lunch with Exhibitors</p>	<p>Adams Ballroom B-D</p>
<p>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM</p>	<p>OPO In-House Counsel Lunch and Meeting <i>(Closed Session for member OPO Counsel only)</i></p>	<p>Maple 4</p>
<p>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM</p>	<p>AOPO Foundation Board Lunch and Meeting <i>(Closed Session)</i></p>	<p>Maple 3</p>

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TUESDAY, JUNE 24TH

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

PLENARY SESSIONS

Open to all registered attendees

Tuesday, June 24th

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Welcome Back!

1:30 PM – 1:35 PM
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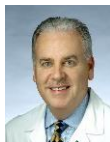
Welcome Back!

Brooke Garvis
Manager, Corporate Education & Development
Midwest Transplant Network
AOPO Programs & Education Committee Vice Chair

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Engaging Donor Heroes

1:35 PM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday, June 24th



Engaging Donor Heroes: Creative Strategies to Connect and Inspire Giving

Jim Rodrigue, PhD
Director, Data Research & Insights / Professor Emeritus, Harvard Medical School
New England Donor Services
Downward Pressures on Donor Designation Rates and Donation Attitudes

Dorrie Dils
President/CEO
Gift of Life Michigan
Impact of Adding the Donor Registry Question to State Income Tax Forms
AOPO President

Matthew Cooper, MD
Chief, Division of Transplant Surgery
Medical College of Wisconsin
EPIC (My Chart) Partnership
DLA Board Chair

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2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Energizing Break with Exhibitors

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AOPO Foundation

3:00 PM – 3:10 PM
Plenary Session
Tuesday, June 24th



Research Focused on Improving Organ and Tissue Donation for Transplant

The AOPO Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to supporting research focused on improving all aspects of organ and tissue donation for transplantation. Learn how you can get involved!

Joe Nespral, MD

President/CEO
Texas Organ Sharing Alliance
AOPO Foundation, Board Chair



Roxane Cauwels

Director of Program Operations
AOPO
AOPO Foundation, Executive Director

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Incoming President's Address

3:10 PM – 3:45 PM
Tuesday, June 24th



Incoming President's Address & Lifetime Achievement Award

This session marks the ceremonial and strategic transition of leadership within AOPO. As the new President, Jeff Trageser will outline the vision, values, and priorities that will guide the association in the coming year. Attendees will gain insight into the strategic direction, including upcoming initiatives, key areas of focus, and the commitment to driving growth and innovation to saving more lives.

Jeff Trageser

Executive Director
Lifesharing
AOPO Incoming President



Moderator:

Steve Miller

CEO
AOPO

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Advancing Metrics

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM
Plenary Session
Tuesday, June 24th



Advancing Metrics that Matter: Aligning Strategy & Performance

With academic appointments in both the medical school and the school of public health's division of epidemiology and community health at the University of Minnesota, Jon's research interests include the epidemiology of solid organ transplantation, performance metrics, health disparities, health policy, and patient-centered reporting of healthcare quality data.

Jon Snyder, PhD, MS

Director of Transplant Epidemiology
Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute

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Closing Remarks

5:00 PM



Closing Remarks – Leave in ACTION!

Kristen Deyling

Learning and Development Specialist
Lifebanc

AOPO Programs & Education Committee Chair



Brooke Garvis

Manager, Corporate Education & Development
Midwest Transplant Network

AOPO Programs & Education Committee Vice Chair

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5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Social Event
Tuesday, June 24th



Join Us!

Relax and celebrate a successful Annual Meeting at AOPO's "Mile High Biergarten!" Enjoy beverages, lite fare, and activities while toasting both old and new friends and colleagues. Themed apparel is encouraged, though not required. So, don your favorite lederhosen, Bavarian hat, or dirndl and join us for what is certain to be a fun and memorable evening!

