



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 21, 2026		Room
6:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Golf Classic benefitting the AOPO Foundation <i>Separate registration required.</i>	
8:30 AM – 7:00 PM	Registration Open	TBD
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Public Affairs Meeting <i>OPO members only</i>	TBD
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Community Engagement Committee <i>Committee members only</i>	TBD
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Advocacy Committee <i>Committee members only</i>	TBD
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Data Committee <i>Committee members only</i>	TBD
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	NEW! Donation Services Workshop <i>DFS, HD, Clinical, Edu & Training</i>	TBD
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	NEW! Donor Care Units	TBD
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	HR Community of Practice <i>Closed meeting for OPO HR staff only</i>	TBD
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	NEW! Tissue Services Workshop <i>Content and speakers provided by:</i>	TBD
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	NEW! DMG Workgroup	TBD
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Financial Management Community of Practice <i>Closed meeting for OPO Finance staff only</i>	TBD
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Leadership Development Committee <i>Committee members only</i>	TBD
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	OPO IMPACT Committee <i>Committee members only</i>	TBD
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Information Technology & Data Communities of Practice	TBD
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	AOPO OPTN Engagement Task Force <i>Task Force members only</i>	TBD
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	President’s Reception <i>Invitation Only</i>	TBD
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	GRAND OPENING RECEPTION IN THE EXHIBIT HALL – ALL ATTENDEES	TBD



Monday, June 22, 2026

PLENARY SESSIONS
Open to all registered attendees

Time	Session	Room
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Open	TBD
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors	TBD
8:30 AM – 8:40 AM	Welcome	TBD
8:40 AM – 9:25 AM	Connect to Purpose In this session, Dr. Toby Campbell will present his podcast Extraordinary Conversations and discuss conversations centered on organ donation and the experiences of donor families. He will explore how clinicians approach discussions about donation with compassion, clarity, and respect during moments of profound grief. The session highlights the perspectives of donor families, the emotional complexity of decision-making, and the importance of honoring patient values and family wishes.	TBD
9:25 AM – 9:55 AM	CMS & HRSA In this session, CMS will present on its work in executing national clinical, quality and safety standards. HRSA will present on its continued efforts to modernize OPTN technologies, expand and refine public-facing dashboards, improve oversight of safety reporting and allocation practices, engage patients, donor families, clinicians, and OPTN members in modernization efforts, and build new tools to support real-time operations and data transparency.	TBD
9:55 AM – 10:40 AM	Break with Exhibitors	TBD
10:40 AM – 11:10 AM	President’s Address Join us for the President’s Address, where Jeff Trageser, President of AOPO, 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.	TBD
11:10 AM – 12:00 PM	NRP/AOOS The discussion will provide an overview of current NRP practices as they relate to organ donation workflows, along with operational guidance on allocation out of sequence scenarios. Key topics will include clinical and logistical considerations, coordination between OPOs and clinical teams, and decision-making frameworks that support timely and appropriate allocation	TBD
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch with Exhibitors	TBD
12:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Annual Business Meeting <i>(Closed meeting for OPO CEOs only)</i>	TBD

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MONDAY, JUNE 22ND BREAKOUT SESSIONS

TRACK	A-Breakout Sessions	TIME
Collaborative Partnerships	<p>From ICU to Donation: Multidisciplinary Strategies to Improve DCD Outcomes and Palliative Integration</p> <p>This session explores collaborative approaches to optimizing donation after circulatory death (DCD) through integrated palliative care. Presenters will discuss palliative-focused DCD huddles, strategies for transitioning donors to Donor Care Units, and findings from a quality-improvement initiative addressing missed donation opportunities and palliative care gaps in the ICU. Attendees will gain actionable tools to strengthen interdisciplinary communication and improve both end-of-life care and donation outcomes.</p>	1:35 PM - 2:30 PM
DCD, UDCD, NRP	<p>Pumped for Perfusion: How OPO-Driven NRP is Transforming DCD Organ Placement</p> <p>This session highlights the growing impact of OPO-driven normothermic regional perfusion (NRP) on DCD organ placement. Presenters will share how a locally fueled OPO and perfusion model is reshaping practice, with a focus on outcomes data reflecting NRP's influence on liver and kidney placement rates. Attendees will gain insight into how OPO-based NRP programs can drive meaningful improvements across the donation and transplant continuum.</p>	1:35 PM - 2:30 PM
<p>OPO Operations</p> 	<p>From Biopsy to Bedside: Enhancing Kidney Allocation and Remote Donor Coordination</p> <p>This session explores innovations shaping kidney allocation and donor coordination. Presenters will compare local, telepathology, and AI-enhanced biopsy interpretation and their impact on allocation decisions, alongside strategies for maintaining consistency when managing donor cases remotely. Attendees will leave with practical insights for leveraging technology and standardized workflows to optimize donation outcomes.</p>	1:35 PM - 2:30 PM
<p>Allocation, Utilization, and Preservation</p> 	<p>Breaking Barriers in Liver Utilization: Smarter Tools, Faster Decisions, Better Outcomes</p> <p>Reducing late declines and maximizing liver utilization requires both innovation and precision. This session examines how 3D volumetrics can support faster, more confident placement decisions and explores the impact of pre-allocation open liver biopsy on overall liver utilization rates. This session offers practical approaches to integrating smarter diagnostic tools into their decision-making processes.</p>	1:35 PM - 2:30 PM


<p>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</p>	<p>Advancing Donation Collaboration: Elevating Outcomes Through Liaison and Specialist Integration Strong hospital partnerships and specialized expertise are at the heart of improving donation outcomes. This session highlights the inaugural Donation Liaison Workshop and the impact of in-house donation specialists on OPO-hospital collaboration and organ donation outcomes. Participants will walk away with insights into how dedicated liaison models are strengthening relationships and driving measurable improvements in the field.</p>	<p>1:35 PM - 2:30 PM</p>
<p>AI Strategies</p> 	<p>From Data to Donation: Partnering with AI to Improve DCD Decisions Artificial intelligence is reshaping how donation teams identify opportunities and anticipate critical clinical moments. This session explores the use of AI in determining donor eligibility and predicting imminent asystole in DCD cases, offering a closer look at how data-driven tools can support faster, more accurate decision-making. Clinicians and coordinators will gain practical insight into integrating AI-enabled approaches to improve DCD outcomes.</p>	<p>1:35 PM - 2:30 PM</p>
<p>Training & Education</p>	<p>Smarter Conversations: Using Simulation and Predictive Analytics to Support Family Approach in DCD Navigating family conversations in DCD cases requires both skill and strategy. This session examines simulation-based training for managing opposition during first-person authorization discussions and explores how predictive analytics can inform donor advocate deployment to normalize and support complex conversations. This session equips attendees with innovative tools and approaches to strengthen family communication and improve authorization outcomes in DCD cases.</p>	<p>1:35 PM - 2:30 PM</p>
<p>Pediatrics</p>	<p>Navigating the Intersection of Pediatric Death Investigation and Organ Donation This session examines the coordination required when pediatric death investigations overlap with organ and tissue donation opportunities. Participants will review roles of medical examiners, healthcare teams, and organ procurement organizations, along with key legal, ethical, and communication considerations. Emphasis will be placed on preserving forensic integrity, supporting families, and promoting timely, collaborative decision-making.</p>	<p>1:35 PM - 2:30 PM</p>
<p>Energizing Break with Exhibitors</p>		<p>2:30 PM - 3:15 PM</p>



MONDAY, JUNE 22ND BREAKOUT SESSIONS (cont'd)

TRACK	B-Breakout Sessions	TIME
<p>Collaborative Partnerships</p>	<p>Community-Powered Donation: Engaging First Responders, Advancing Equity, and Expanding Access Building a culture of donation requires meeting communities where they are. This session showcases innovative outreach strategies, from leveraging friendly competition among first responders to foster pro-donation communities, to an OPO-led equity initiative addressing persistent disparities in kidney transplant access. Those in attendance will gain fresh perspectives and replicable models for driving meaningful engagement and expanding access across diverse populations.</p>	<p>3:20 PM - 4:15 PM</p>
<p>DCD, UDCD, NRP</p> 	<p>Flow & Form: Histologic Value and Blood Utilization in NRP Understanding what happens at the cellular level during normothermic regional perfusion is key to maximizing organ viability. This session examines the histologic value of NRP-perfused kidneys and explores blood and perfusion solution utilization practices within NRP protocols. Audience members will come away with a deeper understanding of how perfusion dynamics influence organ quality and inform best practices in NRP implementation.</p>	<p>3:20 PM - 4:15 PM</p>
<p>OPO Operations</p> 	<p>Ending the Ice Age: Redefining Organ Preservation Through Controlled Hypothermic Technology Advances in controlled hypothermic preservation are expanding what's possible in organ transport. This session highlights the KidneyVault's support of continuous machine perfusion during commercial air travel, controlled hypothermic preservation for donor livers, and BAROguard as a rescue pathway for hard-to-place donor lungs. Participants will walk away with insight into how these technologies are broadening placement opportunities and redefining organ preservation.</p>	<p>3:20 PM - 4:15 PM</p>
<p>Allocation, Utilization, and Preservation</p> 	<p>It's Not You, It's the Data: Navigating Invalid NATs and Blood Type Plot Twist Data anomalies can complicate even the most straightforward donation cases. This session tackles two nuanced challenges: the impact of invalid nucleic acid test (NAT) results on deceased donor organ utilization and the implications of blood type transformation following bone marrow transplant. Clinicians and coordinators will gain practical insight into navigating these complex scenarios to minimize their impact on organ placement and donor outcomes.</p>	<p>3:20 PM - 4:15 PM</p>
<p>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</p>	<p>Measuring What Matters: A Data-Driven Look at FPA Opposition and Authorization Outcomes Accurate performance assessment depends on asking the right questions and measuring the right outcomes. This session presents a data-driven framework for evaluating authorization performance through an observed versus expected lens, while also drawing important distinctions between FPA resistance and FPA opposition. This session equips attendees with analytical tools and a clearer conceptual framework to drive more meaningful quality improvement in authorization practices.</p>	<p>3:20 PM - 4:15 PM</p>

Referral Management	<p>Get There First, Find Them Faster: Mastering Early Referrals & Registry Optimization</p> <p>Timing and technology are everything in organ donation. This session explores the critical value of early referrals, strategies for optimizing and automating registry searches, and the role of mobile health platforms in streamlining workflows through a human factors lens. Those in attendance will come away with actionable strategies to improve referral timing, enhance registry efficiency, and leverage technology to identify and act on donation opportunities faster.</p>	3:20 PM - 4:15 PM
Training & Education	<p>Leader Development in Action: From Individual Plans to Organizational Impact</p> <p>Effective leadership development starts with intentional, individualized growth. This session highlights a coaching-driven approach to leader development, exploring how Individual Development Plans and targeted coaching strategies can strengthen workforce engagement and elevate organizational performance. Participants will walk away with practical frameworks for building a culture of continuous development that drives impact at every level.</p>	3:20 PM - 4:15 PM

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TRACK	C-Breakout Sessions	TIME
Collaborative Partnerships	<p>Little Lives, Lasting Legacies: Pediatric Donation Done Right</p> <p>Pediatric donation presents unique clinical and ethical considerations that demand specialized expertise and consistent practice. This session addresses two critical areas: ensuring the full utilization of anatomical gifts from pediatric donors and examining variation in hospital policies governing neurologic death determination. Audience members will come away with insight into best practices and policy considerations that support equitable, compassionate, and thorough approaches to pediatric donation.</p>	4:20 PM - 5:15 PM
DCD, UDCD, NRP	<p>More Organs, Better Outcomes: Unlocking the Potential of DCD & NRP</p> <p>NRP is proving to be a powerful lever for expanding DCD organ utilization. This session examines how OPO-driven NRP is increasing liver utilization and improving observed-to-expected ratios, the impact of combining NRP with advanced organ preservation strategies, and practical lessons in sustaining effective perfusion practices. Clinicians and coordinators will gain insight into how NRP-centered approaches are translating into more organs transplanted and better outcomes across the board.</p>	4:20 PM - 5:15 PM
OPO Operations	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>From Insight to Action: AI-Driven Recommendations and Streamlined Donation Workflows</p> <p>Smarter systems are making donation workflows faster and more effective. This session explores how comprehensive AI-driven chart summarization and clinical recommendations are enhancing decision-making, alongside how ecosystem interoperability is streamlining the donation process from end to end. Clinicians and coordinators will gain insight into how integrating intelligent tools and connected systems can reduce friction and drive more timely, informed action across the donation continuum.</p> </div> </div>	4:20 PM - 5:15 PM

<p>Allocation, Utilization, and Preservation</p>	<p>Storms Within: Navigating Asthma and Brain Death Physiology in Organ Donation Optimizing donor management in the face of complex physiology is essential to maximizing transplant potential. This session explores the impact of donor management strategies on lung transplant outcomes in asthmatic donors and examines approaches to restoring cardiac function in the brain dead donor to enhance transplant suitability. This session equips attendees with evidence-informed strategies for navigating challenging donor physiology and improving organ utilization outcomes.</p>	<p>4:20 PM - 5:15 PM</p>
<p>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</p>	<p>Navigating Resistance, Building Partnerships, and Using Data to Enhance Organ Donation Sustainable donation growth requires both strong relationships and smart data. This session explores how one OPO transformed conflict into collaboration across a multi-hospital system through strategic partnerships, education, and effective navigation of FPA resistance. Presenters will also examine how national public health data can guide targeted outreach efforts to drive donor registration. Participants will walk away with replicable strategies for strengthening hospital relationships and applying a public health lens to expand donation impact.</p>	<p>4:20 PM - 5:15 PM</p>
<p>Referral Management</p>	<p>From Determination to Donation: Reducing Variability, Improving Timeliness, and Maximizing Donor Potential Timely and accurate clinical evaluation is critical to maximizing every donation opportunity. This session addresses two key barriers in the donation process: reducing actionable non-referrals through onsite clinical evaluation by referral responders and identifying obstacles to timely brain death determination in critically ill patients. This session equips attendees with practical strategies to minimize variability, improve timeliness, and ensure no opportunity is missed from determination to donation.</p>	<p>4:20 PM - 5:15 PM</p>
<p>Training & Education</p> 	<p>Back to Basics: The Value of Watch One, Do One, Teach One in Surgical Skills Training Sometimes the most effective training models are rooted in time-tested principles. This session revisits the "Watch One, Do One, Teach One" framework as an approach to surgical skills training for non-transplant organs, exploring how this hands-on methodology builds competency and confidence across donation teams. Audience members will come away with insight into how foundational training principles can yield meaningful improvements in surgical preparedness.</p>	<p>4:20 PM - 5:15 PM</p>

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7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Open	TBD
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors	TBD
7:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Medical Directors Meeting <i>(Closed meeting for OPO Medical Directors only)</i>	TBD
12:10 PM – 1:40 PM	Lunch with Exhibitors	TBD
12:10 PM – 1:40 PM	AOPO Foundation Lunch <i>(Closed meeting for Foundation Board Members only)</i>	TBD
12:10 PM – 1:40 PM	In-House Counsel Lunch <i>(Closed meeting for OPO In-House Counsel only)</i>	TBD

TUESDAY, JUNE 23rd BREAKOUT SESSIONS

TRACK	D-Breakout Sessions	TIME
Collaborative Partnerships	<p>No Cath, No Problem: How OPOs Achieve Record-Breaking Results with MOSAiCC</p> <p>Cardiac catheterization has long been a standard step in donor evaluation — but what happens when you take it out of the equation? This session explores how OPOs are achieving record-breaking results using MOSAiCC by CompuMed, challenging traditional evaluation pathways and demonstrating that high performance is possible without routine catheterization. Clinicians and coordinators will gain insight into how this innovative approach is streamlining workflows and expanding organ utilization.</p>	8:30 AM - 9:25 AM
OPO Operations - Logistics	<p>Precision in Transit: Improving Outcomes through Logistics and Thermal Stability</p> <p>Every minute and every degree matters in organ transport. This session examines two key dimensions of transportation excellence: the strategic value of Indirect Air Carrier certification in elevating logistics operations, and the thermal stability and operational outcomes of a static cold storage shipper in abdominal organ transport. Participants will walk away with practical insight into how precision logistics and temperature management are improving reliability and outcomes across the organ transport continuum.</p>	8:30 AM - 9:25 AM

<p>OPO Operations – Staffing Models</p>	<p>Workforce Solutions: Career Ladders and Strategic Staffing for OPO Teams A stable, well-structured workforce is foundational to OPO performance. This session examines two complementary approaches to building sustainable teams: a structured third-party clinical staffing model designed to enhance operational performance and reduce costs, and a career ladder and staffing framework tailored for recovery and preservation teams. Attendees will leave with actionable strategies for strengthening workforce stability, supporting staff growth, and optimizing team structure to meet the demands of a dynamic donation environment.</p>	<p>8:30 AM - 9:25 AM</p>
<p>Allocation, Utilization, and Preservation</p>	<p>Mismatch Made Possible: Unlocking Transplant Potential Beyond 8/8 Deceased donor bone marrow is emerging as a transformative graft source for patients with limited transplant options. This session presents findings from four studies examining cryopreserved deceased donor bone marrow in allogeneic transplantation, covering relapse reduction in HLA-mismatched cases, rapid access models, alternative graft sourcing, and first-in-human results in hematologic malignancies. Participants will leave with insight into how this evolving science is expanding transplant eligibility and offering new hope beyond traditional matching thresholds.</p>	<p>8:30 AM - 9:25 AM</p>
<p>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</p>	<p>Engaging Hearts and Minds: Culturally Informed Organ Donation Initiatives Trust and cultural connection are at the core of effective donation outreach. This session highlights two community-driven initiatives — an Islamic outreach program helping local Muslims navigate organ donation through a faith-informed lens, and a bilingual Día de los Muertos-based program engaging Latino communities in meaningful donation conversations. Participants will walk away with culturally grounded models for expanding outreach and donor registration across diverse populations.</p>	<p>8:30 AM - 9:25 AM</p>
<p>HD Mentorship</p>	<p>Unifying Partnerships and People: Driving Donation Growth Through Strategic Integration and Mentorship Growth in donation begins with strong foundations. This session highlights two complementary strategies: a systems-level approach to unifying referring partnerships that drives efficiency and donation growth, and a mentorship program designed to cultivate mission-driven employees through meaningful connection. Those in attendance will come away with practical models for aligning organizational strategy with people-centered development.</p>	<p>8:30 AM - 9:25 AM</p>
<p>Training & Education</p>	<p>Building the Donation Workforce: Innovative OPO-Led Student and Preceptor Initiatives The future of donation depends on cultivating mission-driven professionals early. This session showcases two OPO-led initiatives: a medical student program inspiring the next generation of healthcare professionals, and a comprehensive preceptor model strengthening workforce readiness. Participants will walk away with replicable frameworks for building educational pipelines that advance the donation mission.</p>	<p>8:30 AM - 9:25 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>		<p>9:25 AM - 10:10 AM</p>

TUESDAY, JUNE 23rd BREAKOUT SESSIONS (cont'd)

TRACK	E-Breakout Sessions	TIME
Collaborative Partnerships	<p>Bridging the Gap: Living vs. Deceased Donation Education in Dialysis Communities</p> <p>Misconceptions about living versus deceased donation can quietly undermine registration and transplant access. This session examines how this confusion impacts donor registration and highlights a community-engaged education model delivered within dialysis centers to reduce transplant barriers. Participants will walk away with replicable strategies for bringing targeted education directly to high-need communities.</p>	10:15 AM - 11:10 AM
DCD, UDCD, NRP	<p>From 'We're Out' to 'We're In': Rewriting the Ending in the OR</p> <p>When organs decline intraoperatively, the story doesn't have to end there. This session highlights remarkable salvage cases and strategies that turned potential losses into life-saving outcomes, including real-time heart salvage without ex vivo perfusion, lung recovery following intraoperative decline using ex-vivo lung perfusion, and strategies for maximizing lung placement in DCD donors. Clinicians and coordinators will gain insight into the clinical creativity and decisive action that can rewrite the ending in the OR.</p>	10:15 AM - 11:10 AM
OPO Operations 	<p>Building Resilient OPOs: Strategic Approaches to Business Continuity</p> <p>When disruption strikes, preparation makes the difference. This session presents a strategic framework for business continuity implementation in OPOs, offering a roadmap for building resilient operations that can withstand and adapt to unexpected challenges. Audience members will come away with practical tools and approaches to strengthen organizational preparedness and safeguard mission-critical functions.</p>	10:15 AM - 11:10 AM
Allocation, Utilization, and Preservation 	<p>Cold Time, Hot Data: How Remote Monitoring is Changing Kidney Transplant Logistics</p> <p>Real-time data is transforming how teams manage kidney transport and acceptance decisions. This session explores how remote monitoring and tracking technologies are driving operational efficiency and accelerating kidney acceptance, reducing cold time and improving placement outcomes. Participants will walk away with insight into how leveraging live data can streamline logistics and support faster, more confident decision-making across the transplant field.</p>	10:15 AM - 11:10 AM
Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support	<p>From Loss to Legacy: Innovative Programs Supporting Donor Families</p> <p>Honoring the gift of donation means supporting donor families long after the moment of loss. This session highlights two programs designed to deepen that commitment: a 13-month bereavement program enhancing services and support for donor families, and a Donation Legacy Case Program celebrating the lasting impact of each donor's gift. Those in attendance will come away with meaningful models for strengthening family aftercare and fostering enduring connections between donors, families, and the donation community.</p>	10:15 AM - 11:10 AM

Referral Management	<p>Switching It Up: Reimagining Roles and Real-Time Referral Support</p> <p>Adapting how and where support is delivered can make all the difference in referral outcomes. This session examines two organizational shifts redefining frontline donation support: a transition from virtual to in-person referral support and the strategic move from donation liaisons to referral liaisons. Delegates will leave with practical insight into how reimagining roles and real-time support models can strengthen hospital partnerships and improve referral performance.</p>	10:15 AM - 11:10 AM
Training & Education	<p>Better Together: Peer Review and After-Action Insights for Efficient Donor Management</p> <p>Continuous improvement thrives when teams reflect, learn, and act together. This session explores collaborative quality frameworks including peer-to-peer case review, after-action review improvement planning, and specialized authorization and clinical AOC meetings designed to enhance donor management and workflow efficiency. Audience members will come away with structured approaches to building a culture of shared learning that drives meaningful performance improvement across the organization.</p>	10:15 AM - 11:10 AM

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TRACK	F-Breakout Sessions	TIME
Collaborative Partnerships	<p>Partnering to Save Lives: Donation Education for Hospice and Advance Care Planning</p> <p>Donation conversations don't begin in the ICU — they start long before, in hospice settings and advance care planning discussions. This session explores partnership-driven approaches to integrating donation education within hospice programs and equipping advance care planners with the knowledge and tools to support informed decision-making. Those in attendance will come away with strategies for expanding donation awareness earlier in the care continuum.</p>	11:15 AM - 12:10 PM
DCD, UDCD, NRP	<p>Legacy Without Limits: The Impact of Upper Age Donation in DCD</p> <p>Age alone should not define the boundaries of donation. This session explores the utilization and outcomes of upper-age DCD donors, examining both the opportunities and challenges of expanding donor age criteria. Presenters will take a closer look at elderly DCD patients and what their inclusion means for organ availability and transplant outcomes. Those in attendance will come away with insight into how broadening age considerations can expand the donor pool and extend the reach of life-saving donation.</p>	11:15 AM - 12:10 PM
OPO Operations	<p>Donor Care in Action: Lessons from a Tertiary ICU Unit and Telemedicine-Driven Training</p> <p>Real-world experience and innovative training models are shaping the future of donor management. This session shares outcomes from the first 12 months of clinical operations at an ICU-based Donor Care Unit within a tertiary academic transplant center, alongside a look at how telemedicine is being leveraged to expand advanced clinical training and donor management capabilities. Delegates will leave with practical takeaways on building and sustaining high-performing donor care programs.</p>	11:15 AM - 12:10 PM

<p>Allocation, Utilization, and Preservation</p> 	<p>No Organ Left Behind: Persistence, Precision, and Progress in Lung Allocation</p> <p>Every viable lung deserves a chance. This session examines how relentless utilization efforts are reducing waitlist mortality, the complexities of remote centralized ex vivo lung perfusion, lungs transplanted after list exhaustion, and a comparison of static cold storage versus controlled hypothermic storage in EVLP outcomes. Attendees will leave with insight into how persistence and advanced preservation strategies are keeping more lungs in play and more patients off the waitlist.</p>	<p>11:15 AM - 12:10 PM</p>
<p>Peer, Partner, and Donor Family Support</p>	<p>Score a Life: Engaging Young Adults Through Sports and Innovative Donation Campaigns</p> <p>Reaching young adults requires meeting them where their passion lives. This session highlights two creative outreach strategies: a football-based campaign building emotional connection to donation and driving young adult registration, and an innovative public outreach initiative addressing declining donor registration trends. Participants will walk away with fresh, replicable approaches to capturing the attention and commitment of the next generation of donors.</p>	<p>11:15 AM - 12:10 PM</p>
<p>Allocation</p>	<p>Beyond Age and History: Unlocking New Possibilities in Donation</p> <p>Expanding the donor pool means challenging assumptions and rethinking what's possible. This session explores strategies for increasing organ utilization and maximizing donor potential, offering practical approaches to identifying and acting on opportunities that might otherwise be overlooked. Those in attendance will come away with insight into how pushing beyond traditional boundaries is opening new possibilities in donation and improving outcomes for patients in need.</p>	<p>11:15 AM - 12:10 PM</p>
<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Protecting Patients, Strengthening OPOs: Advocacy That Matters Now</p> <p>The policy landscape shaping organ donation is evolving — and OPOs must be ready to engage. This session addresses the critical role of advocacy in protecting patients and strengthening OPO operations, equipping attendees with the knowledge and tools to effectively champion policies that advance the donation and transplantation mission. Audience members will come away with a clearer understanding of the advocacy priorities that matter most right now and how to make their voices heard.</p>	<p>11:15 AM - 12:10 PM</p>
<p>Networking Lunch with Exhibitors</p>		<p>12:10 PM – 1:40 PM</p>



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Time	Session	Room
1:40 PM – 1:55 PM	Welcome Back / Connect To Purpose	TBD
1:55 PM – 2:45 PM	Validated Metrics AOPO is leading a proactive solution in developing metrics grounded in patient-level data and aligned with expert guidance. The goal is to strengthen the organ donation and transplantation system and build public trust around OPO performance while accurately defining the OPOs role in saving lives and delivering valuable data insights that support our system partners and oversight bodies.	TBD
2:45 PM – 3:30 PM	Break with Exhibitors	TBD
3:30 PM – 4:05 PM	Incoming President's Address / Awards Join us for the Incoming President's Address, where Ali Erickson, will share her vision for the year ahead. This session will highlight key priorities, celebrate the contributions of our members, and outline the opportunities and challenges that will shape our path forward. Don't miss this inspiring and unifying moment as we come together to welcome new leadership and energize our collective commitment to our mission.	TBD
4:05 PM – 5:15 PM	Persistent Support, Persistent Gaps: What 30 Years of National Survey Data Means for the OPO Community This session examines more than 30 years of nationally representative HRSA survey data to understand persistent trends—and enduring gaps—in public attitudes and behaviors related to organ donation, with a focus on implications for OPO practice and targeted messaging to reduce donor deregistration.	TBD

Please Join us for the AOPO Social Closing Night Event!

