

Logic Model for OPOs

Inputs

Demand for Organs

Donor Registration/Registries

Payment and Policy

Healthcare payment models
HRSA and OPTN policies
HIPAA and other federal laws
CMS Cost Report
ME/Coroner System
State laws/UAGA
Hospital, OPO, and transplant center
CMS measures/regulations/policies

Social/Cultural Factors

Trust/lack of trust of the healthcare system
Media influence/social media
Religious beliefs, social norms, culture, and ethics
Education in schools prior to driver's license

Donation and Transplant Science/Research

New drug/device approvals
Ethics (NRP, DCD)
New organ sources
Recovery techniques
Preservation devices

Access to Medical Care/Facilities

Geography/distance
EMS coverage
Trauma centers
Hospital capacity and ORs
Supplies and resources
Laboratory
Who is referred for transplant

Transportation Systems

Travel time/distance/conditions
Commercial airlines
Private aircraft
Roads and conditions/traffic
Weather
Ground transport
EMS coverage
Technology/pump travel limitations
Other means of transport

Population Health and Demographics

Insurance type and status
Cause of death factors
Socioeconomic and cultural determinants
Race/ethnicity
Primary language
Religion
Immigration status
Education level
Patient acuity
Overall health/comorbidities
Age of donor pool
Trust of donation process
Cultural competence of OPO staff

Donation Support Activities

Donor Hospital Engagement

Hospital agreement/contract
Personnel/leadership engagement
Education on role with OPO and clinical triggers
Data/reports – OPO to hospitals
Relationship management
Engage with donor care teams
After-action reviews

Engagement With Partners

Transplant center coordination
Advocacy to legislatures
Regulatory agencies
State and local hospital association engagement
Donor Registry engagement
Media
ME and coroners
DAs and law enforcement
EMS providers
Funeral homes
Hospice, palliative care

Promote Donation/Registration

Community outreach and education
Promote registration

Patient and Family Engagement

Family support during donation period
Family care post-donation

Donor Record Documentation

Documentation
Post-transplant follow-up and documentation
Donor hospital follow-up

Data Reporting/QA

OPTN
Transplant center
ME/coroner
Compliance with timeframes

Finance, Contracts, and Billing Services

Vendor and Supply Management

IT Support

Public Relations

Training and Learning

Donation Activities

Pre-Authorization

Receipt and Management of Referrals (Initial)
Preserve option for donation/prevent de-escalation of care
Electronic and telephonic referrals
Confirm donor registration status
Response to referrals (onsite)
EMR access
Real-time clinical oversight/evaluation
Donor evaluation/initial review
Assess clinical hospital resources for donation or transport options

Authorization

Determine legal Next of Kin
Pre-approach conversations
Donation decision support
Relationship building with families
Having the conversations with donor families
HCT huddles
Determine registration status
Honoring FPA-related activities

External Partner Engagement on Donor Case

Coroner/ME discussions
District attorney
Funeral homes

Post-Authorizations

Donor Management and Care
Transportation/transfer of donor
Donor Care Unit activities
Manage clinical care – BD vs. DCD
Preserve option for donation
Conduct clinical/diagnostic testing
DCD process/confirm BD testing
Honor walk

Allocation

Running match list(s)
Coordinating multiple offers and documentation
Expedited placement decisions/activities
Resolving late declines and addressing organ non-use

Organ Recovery and Preservation

Pathology services
Perfusion services
Data transfer and intraoperative documentation
Team coordination and transportation
Biopsies
Surgical procedure and time
Available OR
Available recovery surgeon credential (ACIN)
Supplies

Organ Transportation to Transplantation

Tracking
Machine recovery
Delay/cancellations problem solving

Short-Term Outputs

Pre-Authorization

Registered donors increase
Real-time information on donor status available*
All hospitals timely notify OPOs of potential organ donor candidates*
Referrals receive rapid follow-up
Increased collaboration between hospital and OPO*
All hospitals medically manage potential organ donor candidates to maximize donation opportunities (meeting the Donor Management Goals (DMGs))*
All hospitals appropriately declare brain death*
Hospitals prioritize activities and training supporting donation*
Limit the number of variances/process issues associated with the donation process
Reduced missed ventilated referrals

Authorization

Authorization is done at the right time by the right people

Authorization rates increase:
Among registered potential donors
Among non-registered potential donors
Among DCD potential donors
Among brain dead potential donors

Post-Authorizations

Families are supported during the donation process
Donor and potential donor records are updated in near real time
Access to ancillary services and testing (cardiology, pulmonology, pathology, etc.) for successful donor management and organ allocation
Organ acceptance practices by transplant centers (timeliness, staff training)*
Allocation results in acceptance*
Number of viable organs recovered increases
Number of organs transplanted increases*
Rapid transfer/transport of organs
For DCD donors, all hospitals medically manage potential organ donor candidates to maximize donation opportunities (DMGs)*
For BD donors, OPO medically manages potential organ donor candidates to maximize donation opportunities*
No recipient safety incidents*
Number of Pancreas for Islet Cell Research

Longer-Term Outputs

Pre-Authorization

Automation of referrals
Public and healthcare provider attitudes increasingly accept organ donation as an option
More people register as donors
Hospitals build capability and capacity to appropriately support donation
OPOs build capability and capacity to respond to referrals

Authorization

Quality of donor care continues to improve

Post-Authorizations

Medicine, science, and technology supporting living, BD, and DCD donation continues to become more accessible and affordable
Barriers to transfer/transport of donated organs are removed
Performance data is used for continuous process improvement by OPOs
Transplant center cooperation and collaboration continues to improve
Collaboration with donor hospitals continues to improve

Data Reporting/QA

Accurate and timely reporting of OPO performance
Tracking Transplant Patient Outcomes
More root cause analysis of missed donation opportunities

Structural Outputs

More OPO quality improvement initiatives
Number/availability of donor care units increases
Barriers are removed for transplant centers to allow transfer of donor patients in their facilities to OPO DCUs*
No donor-related safety incidents
Shorter waitlists
Data and information moves more smoothly between donor hospitals, OPOs, and transplant centers*
Improved waitlist-organ matching*
Timeliness of organ placement is improved
Reduced organ waste
Greater regulatory alignment across OPOs, transplant centers, and donor hospitals

Overall Outcomes

Donation is viewed as a trusted aspect of high-quality end-of-life care by the public

Deaths on the organ transplant waiting list are reduced*

More organs transplanted*
All viable organs available for transplant are offered to transplant centers

Organ transplant recipients live full and healthy lives*

Donor families are engaged, supported, respected, and appreciated

* Shared responsibility with other entities in the transplant ecosystem