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Ground breaking organ transplant!
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Together, Cascade Life Alliance and Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center made history with the oldest DCD (donation after circulatory death) liver ever transplanted in the US this past weekend! Thanks to the generosity of her family in honoring her decision to be a donor as well as the compassionate care provided by the hospital team to preserve the option of donation, this 72-year-old patient was able to save a life with her gift. The liver was recovered utilizing the procurement technology Abdominal Normothermic Regional Perfusion (A-NRP), which involves post-mortem in situ oxygenated perfusion to the abdominal organs intended for transplantation. The entire Kaiser team worked together to support this process during a busy time, and their creativity and enthusiasm led to an incredible outcome. As of Monday morning, CLA learned from the accepting transplant team that their recipient was doing well post-transplant.

Cascade Life Alliance and OPOs across the country are committed to achieving 50,000 transplants by 2026. In addition to OPO and hospital process improvements, advances in organ preservation techniques including normothermic perfusion technologies can be one of the keys to increasing the donor pool and saving more lives!