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# 12TH ANNUAL TRANSPLANT QUALITY INSTITUTE + PRECONFERENCE MEETING

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# OVERVIEW

## **Join your fellow quality professionals at the Transplant Quality Institute Annual Meeting!**

Connect with peers from across the country during this dynamic multi-day event designed to inspire, educate, and empower transplant quality leaders. The program features top industry experts, interactive table-top discussions, focused breakout sessions, and hands-on learning opportunities. Participants will gain practical, real-world tools they can immediately apply to strengthen quality, compliance, and performance within their transplant programs.

### Continuing Education Credits

Applications will be made to the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), the American Board for Transplant Certification (ABTC), and the National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ).

#### **TQI is eligible for the following education credits:**

- 17.0 through AACN
- 17.0 through ABTC
- 17.0 through NAHQ

#### **Preconference meeting is eligible for the following education credits:**

- 5.95 through AACN
- 5.95 through ABTC
- 5.95 through NAHQ

### Who Should Attend?

**The scope of this course is focused on in-depth comprehensive transplant quality training, intended for:**

- Transplant program leadership with oversight responsibility for transplant quality
- Transplant Physicians and Surgeons with an interest or role in transplant quality
- Transplant Clinical, Data Analytics, and Operational Managers
- Transplant Quality Coordinators/Officers
- Transplant Compliance Coordinators/Officers
- Transplant/Hospital Improvement Engineers/Staff
- Transplant/Hospital Educators with responsibility to educate and engage staff in quality
- Hospital Quality/Patient Safety/Risk Management
- Hospital Administrators and Executives responsible for transplant programs
- Transplant Administrators
- OPO Leaders and Quality Professionals

# TQI PRECONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- **Interpret national transplant and donation data** to understand current system performance, emerging trends, and opportunities for improvement.
- **Analyze waitlist mortality metrics** and apply structured approaches, including trend analysis and case review, to inform QAPI initiatives and reduce patient risk.
- **Describe the complexities of the organ allocation system** and identify factors that influence access, equity, and decision-making.
- **Compare transplant center and OPO perspectives on organ offer filters** and evaluate how these practices impact organ utilization and acceptance behavior.
- **Assess key drivers of organ offer acceptance performance**, using data to identify variation and opportunities to improve acceptance practices.
- **Leverage analytic tools to evaluate organ offer acceptance and post-transplant outcomes**, supporting data-driven decision-making and performance improvement.
- **Translate data insights into operational action**, including structuring effective organ offer and post-transplant case reviews that lead to measurable practice change.
- **Navigate public reporting of post-transplant outcomes**, including tiers and performance indicators, and understand their implications for program evaluation.

# PRECONFERENCE PROGRAM

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 AM	9:00 AM	<b>Breakfast / Registration</b>
9:00 AM	9:05 AM	<b>Opening / Welcome</b>
9:05 AM	10:00 AM	<b>Current State of Organ Donation and Transplantation: What Does the Data Tell Us?</b> <i>Jon Snyder, PhD, Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute</i>
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	<b>Waitlist Mortality: Key Metrics and What They Mean</b> <i>Maria Masotti, PhD, Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute</i>
10:30 AM	11:00 AM	<b>Insights to Waitlist Mortality: Turning Data Into Action Through Analysis of Trends, Case Reviews, and QAPI Discussions</b> <i>An Interactive Panel Discussion</i>
11:00 AM	11:15 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
11:15 AM	12:00 PM	<b>The Organ Allocation System: You Don't Know What You Don't Know</b> <i>David Marshman, LifeNet Health</i> <i>Nicholas Wood, PhD, Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute</i>
12:00 PM	12:15 PM	<b>Organ Offer Filters: The Transplant Center Perspective</b> <i>Alden Doyle, MD, UVA Health</i>
12:15 PM	12:30 PM	<b>Organ Offer Filters: The OPO Perspective</b> <i>Jackie Russe, RN, MSN, CPTC, LSSBB, Nevada Donor Network</i>
12:30 PM	1:00 PM	<b>Organ Offer Acceptance: Metrics and Performance Drivers</b> <i>Nicholas Wood, PhD, Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute</i>
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>

# PRECONFERENCE PROGRAM CONTINUED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

2:00 PM	2:15 PM	<b>Leveraging Tools To Interpret Your Organ Offer Acceptance Practices</b> <i>Nicholas Wood, PhD, Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute</i> <i>Sarah Tarento, United Network for Organ Sharing</i>
2:15 PM	2:45 PM	<b>From Review to Action: Operationalizing Organ Offer Reviews</b> <i>A Facilitated Panel Discussion</i>
2:45 PM	3:15 PM	<b>Tiers and Dials: Understanding Public Post-Transplant Outcomes</b> <i>Jon Miller, PhD, Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute</i>
3:15 PM	3:35 PM	<b>Leveraging Tools to Interpret Your Post-Transplant Outcomes</b> <i>Jon Snyder, PhD, Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute</i>
3:35 PM	4:15 PM	<b>Effective Post Transplant Case Reviews: Structure, Learning, and Practice Change</b> <i>An Interactive Discussion</i>

# TQI OBJECTIVES

**Following the three-day Transplant Quality Institute conference, participants will be able to:**

- **Apply data-driven strategies** to improve organ acceptance decisions and reduce missed opportunities including reviewing structured processes for organ offer review.
- **Interpret post-transplant outcome data** to inform clinical and operational decision-making using all available tools from the EMR and UNOS.
- **Summarize the evolution of the U.S. transplant system** and recent impacts from HRSA, CMS, and MPSC and their implications for transplant programs.
- **Interpret regulatory requirements** and anticipate areas of increased scrutiny to maintain regulatory readiness in a rapidly changing environment.
- **Evaluate how EMR and AI systems can support** compliance, communication, and clinical decision-making.
- **Interpret staffing survey results** to identify workforce needs, and areas of opportunity in order to communicate operational or quality needs in an executive-friendly manner to support decision-making.
- **Apply fundamental change-management principles** to lead successful initiatives, overcome common barriers, engage stakeholders, and develop a culture that drives successful team and patient outcomes.

# Agenda

## Wednesday, September 30

7:00 AM	8:00 AM	<b>Breakfast / Registration</b>
8:00 AM	8:30 AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	<b>A Quality Journey Through The US Transplant System from Inception to Modern Era</b> <i>Shelley Hall, MD, FACC, FHFSA, FAST, Baylor Scott &amp; White Health</i>
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	<b>HRSA Updates</b> <i>Raymond Lynch, MD, MS, FACS, HRSA</i>
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	<b>CMS Updates</b> <i>CMS Invitation Extended</i>
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	<b>Q&amp;A from Updates</b>
10:15 AM	10:45 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 AM	11:30 AM	<b>MPSC Update</b> <i>Clifford Miles, MD, University of Nebraska Medical Center</i>
11:30 AM	12:00 PM	<b>Regulatory Readiness Through Shifting Sands</b> <i>An Interactive Discussion</i>
12:00 PM	1:15 PM	<b>LUNCH AND LEARN: HOW TO WRITE AN ABSTRACT</b>
1:15 PM	1:45 PM	<b>Update from the OPTN Operations and Safety Committee</b> <i>Steve Potter, MD, FACS, MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute</i>
1:45 PM	2:15 PM	<b>A DTAC Update: Progress Made, Priorities Ahead</b> <i>Rachel Miller, MD, FIDSA, FAST, Duke University School of Medicine</i>
2:15 PM	2:45 PM	<b>Interactive Panel Discussion</b>
2:45 PM	3:15 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
3:15 PM	5:00 PM	<b>EMR Tools: Epic and More</b>
5:00 PM	6:30 PM	<b>Networking and Poster Reception</b>





# Agenda

## Thursday, October 1

7:00 AM	8:00 AM	<b>Breakfast / Registration</b>
8:00 AM	8:30 AM	<b>Allocation Out of Sequence: Expedited Placement</b> <i>Justin Wilkerson, MBA, OPTN Volunteer</i>
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	<b>Allocation Out of Sequence: Organ Offers</b> <i>Steve Potter, MD, FACS, MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute</i>
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	<b>Allocation Out of Sequence: What Does the Data Say</b> <i>Nicholas Wood, PhD, Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute</i>
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	<b>Shared Responsibility: Getting Organ Offer, Policy and Outcomes Aligned</b> <i>An Interactive Panel Discussion</i>
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	<b>The Good, the Bad, and the Nerdy: Weighing the Promise and the Pitfalls of AI in Transplantation</b> <i>Luke Preczewski, Miami Transplant Institute</i>
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	<b>Abstract Presentations</b>
12:30 PM	1:45 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:45 PM	3:05 PM	<b>Abstract Presentations</b>
3:05 PM	4:05 PM	<b>Breakout Discussions</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ABOi</li> <li>2. HIV POS to HIV POS Recipient</li> <li>3. Recording &amp; Reporting Organ Offer - Policy 18.3</li> </ol>



# Agenda

## Friday, October 2

7:00 AM	8:00 AM	<b>Breakfast / Registration</b>
8:00 AM	9:20 AM	<b>Abstract Presentations</b>
9:20 AM	10:20 AM	<b>From Near Miss to Next Steps: How Transplant Programs Detect, Review, and Act on Safety Events</b> <i>An Interactive Discussion</i>
10:20 AM	10:50 AM	<b>Who's Doing the Work? What a National Transplant Quality Staffing Survey Reveals</b> <i>Julie Rodriguez, Intermountain Healthcare</i>
10:50 AM	11:20 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
11:20 AM	12:20 PM	<b>Closing the Communication Gap: What Your C-Suite Wants and Needs from Transplant Quality</b> <i>Luke Preczewski, Miami Transplant Institute</i> <i>Chris Ghaemmaghami, MD, MHCM, FACHE, Jackson Health System</i>
12:20 PM	1:20 PM	<b>Culture as the Cure: Leading the Next Era of Transplant Quality and Outcomes</b> <i>Kristen Mekeel, MD, MS, FACS, UC Health Anschutz Medical Center</i>
1:20 PM	1:30 PM	<b>Closing</b>

# REGISTRATION FEES

\$299	Preconference Meeting ONLY
\$899	TQI 3-Day Conference ONLY
\$1,150	Preconference Meeting + TQI 3-Day Conference (\$50 savings)

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