



Cutting Edge of Transplantation Meeting 2025
Thursday, February 27th through Saturday, March 1st

Thursday, February 27

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Sensitization in Transplantation: Assessment of Risk (STAR Pre-Meeting)**
Kierland 1

12:00 PM- 1:15 PM **Satellite Lunch Symposium**
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1:15 PM – 1:45 PM **Break**

1:45 PM – 2:00 PM **Welcome Remarks**
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Rachel Patzer, PhD, Deb Adey, MD, and Jon Kobashigawa, MD

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM **Session 1: Data and Modernization: What is the Future of Data to Drive Modernization?**

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Moderators: Allyson Hart, MD, MS and Beau Kelly, MD, MBA, FACS, FAST

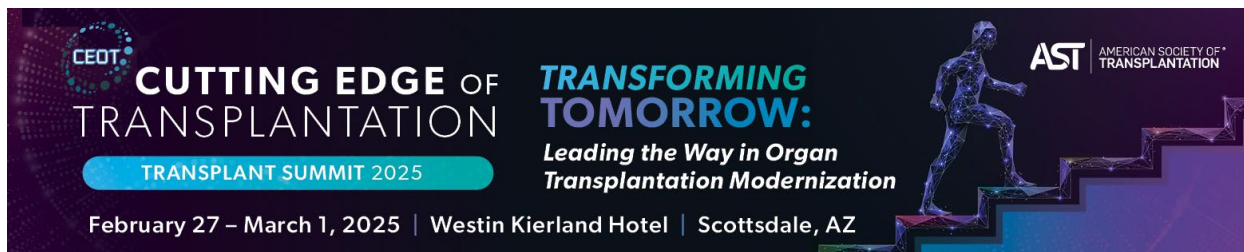
Patient Talk: How Could Patients Use Data in an Ideal System?

Speaker: Tristan Mace

- 1. The Ideal State: A Vision for the Future of Data in Transplantation**
Speaker: Grace Lyden, PhD
- 2. The Status Quo: The Current State of Data in Transplantation**
Speaker: Krista Lentine, MD, PhD
- 3. The Roadmap: Getting Data From Where We Are to Where We Want To Be**
Speaker: Jon Snyder, PhD, MS
- 4. The Possibilities: Demonstrating the Value of a Modern Data System**
Speaker: Sumit Mohan, MD

Panel Discussion

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM **Break**
Science and Innovation Theater
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4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Session 2: Future of Organ Utilization

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Moderators: Joanna Schaenman, MD, PhD and Ali Zarrinpar, MD, PhD

1. **Elevating Standards: How Organ Transplant Programs Can Transcend Comparative Metrics**
Speaker: Ken Andreoni, MD
2. **Optimizing Organ Utilization through Donor Management Guidelines**
Speaker: Kevin Myer, MSHA
3. **Smart Matching: Enhancing Donor Utilization and Matching Efficiency**
Speaker: Dorry Segev, MD, PhD
4. **Turning Challenges into Opportunities: Utilizing Donors with Infections**
Speaker: Emily Blumberg, MD

Panel Discussion

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Break

6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

Transplant Visionaries Challenge

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7:15 PM – 8:30 PM

Welcome Reception and Poster Session

Hall of States, Culturekeepers Halls South and West

Friday, February 28

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM

Breakfast Symposium

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8:15 AM – 8:30 AM

Break

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Session 3: Future of the Allocation Process

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Moderators: Shelley Hall, MD, FACC, FHFA, FAST Marina Serper, MD, MS

1. **Continuous Distribution: Is this the Right System?**
Speaker: Marie Budev, DO, MPH, FCCP
2. **OPTN Expeditious Task Force: And Update and Future Challenges**
Speaker: Rich Formica, MD
3. **Transplantation: Right or Privilege?**
Speaker: Jesse Schold, PhD, M. Stat, M.Ed



4. **Debate: To Maximize Efficiency, Allocation Should be Done via Computer Algorithms**

Speaker: Katie Newhall, PhD, MS

Transplant Physicians Must Remain the Gate Keeper for Final Allocation of Organs

Speaker: David Axelrod, MD, MBA

Panel Discussion

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Break

Science and Innovation Theater

Sponsored by Kamada

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10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Keynote

Aaron Carroll, MD, MS

11:30 AM– 12:00 PM

Break

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Satellite Lunch Symposium

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1:15 PM- 1:45 PM

Break

Doggy Den

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Culturekeepers Hall West

Science and Innovation Theater

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1:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Session 4: OPOs of Tomorrow: Regulations, Best Practices, and Innovation

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Moderators: Alin Gragossian, DO, MPH and Jim Rodrigue, PhD

Patient Talk: From Loss to Legacy: Preserving Opportunity Through Organ Donation

Speaker: Kelly Duren



1. **The OPO Regulatory Landscape: Where We Are, Where We Need to Be**
Speaker: Alexandra Glazier, JD, MPH
2. **Donor Care Centers: Facilitating the Practice and Science of Organ Donation**
Speaker: Jennifer Prinz, RN, BSN, MPH-HPA
3. **New Directions in OPO Infectious Diseases Testing and Donor Management**
Speaker: Peter Chin-Hong, MD
4. **Panel Interview: Collaboration for Life: Strengthening Partnerships in Organ Donation and Transplantation**
Panelists:
OPO Perspective: Alexandra Glazier, JD, MPH
Transplant Surgeon Perspective: Matt Cooper, MD
Research Perspective: Jesse Schold, PhD, M.Stat, M.Ed

Audience Q&A

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Break
Science and Innovation Theater
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3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

Session 5: Future of Transplant Centers
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Moderators: Vineeta Kumar, MD and Marina Serper, MD, MS

1. **Workforce: Shaping the Future of Transplant Centers: Innovations in Workforce Dynamics**
Speaker: Roy Bloom, MD
2. **Finance: From Behind the Scenes to the Spotlight: Claiming Credit for your Work**
Speaker: David Axelrod, MD, MBA
3. **Care Coordination: Advancing the Transplant Center's Reach**
Speaker: Ronald Potts, MD
4. **Debate: Transplant Centers Should Prioritize Increasing Volumes and Access**
Speaker: Jacqueline Garonzik Wang, MD, PhD
Transplant Centers Should Prioritize Excellent Patient and Graft Outcomes
Speaker: Amit Mathur, MD

Panel Discussion



5:15 PM- 5:45 PM

Break

5:45 PM- 7:15 PM

Future of Transplantation Think Tank: Advancing Therapeutic Innovation in Transplant: Transforming Obstacles into Opportunities

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Saturday, March 1

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Breakfast Symposium

OPTN Modernization and Emerging Policy Issues

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8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Break

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Session 6: Breakout

Session 6: Kidney Breakout: Exploring Strategies to Overcome Barriers in the Kidney Transplant Ecosystem to Get from Here to There

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Moderators: Matt Cooper, MD and Vineeta Kumar, MD

- 1. Provider Perspective: Growing Kidney Transplants and Managing Teams in the Current Era**
Speaker: Harini Chakkerla, MD, MPH
- 2. Program Perspective: Balancing Resources and Expectations**
Speaker: Luke Preczewski
- 3. Policy Perspective: Translating Critical Need of Practice Limitations into Future Policy, Working Closely with CMS to Develop Guidelines and Standards**
Speaker: Sumit Mohan, MD

Panel Discussion

Session 6: Heart Breakout: Futuristic Vision for Heart Transplantation

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Moderators: Shelley Hall, MD, FACC, FHFA, FAST and David Baran, MD

- 1. Tell Me Something I Don't Already Know!!**
Speaker: Jon Kobashigawa, MD
- 2. Beyond the Liquid Biopsy: Non-Invasive Monitoring and Diagnosing Will be a Reality**
Speaker: Palak Shah, MD



3. Squeezing Out All the Info Possible from that Piece of Myocardium

Speaker: Jana Lipkova, PhD

4. The AI Will See You Now

Speaker: Rohan Goswami, MD

Panel Discussion

Session 6: Lung Breakout: Stop Looking for a Needle in a Haystack: Improving Utilization of Lung Donors in 2025

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Moderators: Stuart Sweet, MD, PhD and Debbie Levine, MD, FCCP, FAST

1. How to Maximize Utilization of Potential Lung Donors in 2025?

Speaker: Gary Marklin, MD

2. Powering the Transition from “Is this a Good Donor?” to “How to Match this Donor to my Recipient?”

Speaker: Ramsey Hachem, MD

3. Integration of Data into the CAS Score to Ensure that the Right Donor is Matched with the Right Recipient: The OPTN Regulatory Perspective

Speaker: Maryam Valapour, MD, MPP

Panel Discussion

Session 6: Liver Breakout: Innovations in Liver Transplantation

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Moderators: Marina Serper, MD, MS Lisa McElory

1. Xenotransplantation: A New Frontier

Speaker: Ali Zarrinpar, MD, PhD

2. Improving Access – The Role of Satellite Clinics, Telemedicine, and Care Coordination

Speaker: Betsy Verna, MD

3. Developing and Optimizing Continuous Distribution

Speaker: Christopher Sonnenday, MD, MHS

4. Panel: 1+1+3: The Power of Multidisciplinary Care

Speaker: Sarah Lieber, MD, Marina Serper, MD, MS, Hersh Shroff, MD, MPA

Panel Discussion

10:00 AM- 10:30 AM **Break**
Doggy Den



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Culturekeepers Hall West

10:30 AM- 12:00 PM

Session 7: Who Pays for All of This?

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Moderators: Matt Cooper, MD and Allyson Hart, MD, MS

- 1. Third Party Payor Perspective: Aligning Resource Allocation with Value Delivery**
Speaker: Adam Wilk, PhD
- 2. Health System Perspective: Delivering Growth by Ensuring All the Components of the Health System Work Together Efficiently**
Speaker: John Sampson, MD, PhD, MHSc, MBA
- 3. Transplant Center Perspective: Making Do More with Less a Reality**
Speaker: Jennifer Milton, BSN, MBA
- 4. Prioritizing Equity in Modernization**
Speaker: Neil Powe, MD, MPH, MBA

Panel Discussion

12:00 PM

Summary of Meeting/Closing
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