

TRANSPLANT GROWTH COLLABORATION

Join us for a first-of-its-kind leadership working session to celebrate and learn from regional and national examples of life-saving transplant program growth.



THE OPPORTUNITY

While organ donation rates have steadily increased over the last five years, transplant rates have not kept pace. In addition, new techniques and technologies have allowed previously underutilized organs to be successfully transplanted, expanding the organ pool. Every year transplant rates lag behind donation rates, we create higher non-use rates and miss opportunities to save more lives.

THE ASK

We have witnessed tremendous growth from several transplant centers in recent years and believe your center has the potential for the same. We are seeking your attendance at this collaborative event where you will:

- Learn directly from leaders of transplant centers that have already demonstrated significant growth
- Identify common barriers and solutions to transplant program growth
- Understand the benefits of growth on key factors such as improved patient outcomes, increased revenue, and patient lives saved
- Agree to explore the potential for specific, ambitious growth goals

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHTS

Dianne LaPointe Rudow, ANP-BC, DNP, FAAN

In addition to previously serving as the Board President of the OPTN, Dianne is also the Director of the Center for Living Donation at Mount Sinai Hospital. She has served on many boards, consensus conferences, and committees on transplantation including on the Board of Directors at AST and as President of NATCO. She also started the Liver Transplant Program at Columbia University Medical Center.

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60K DECEASED DONOR TRANSPLANTS IN 2026

In 2023, the Expeditious Task Force as established by the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) to develop pathways to increase the number of successful deceased donor transplants and to increase organ allocation efficiency. The Task Force first sought to establish a Bold Aim to guide its work and arrived at the goal of 60,000 deceased donor transplants.

Your commitment to growth is critical to realizing a goal of this magnitude.

THE INAUGURAL EVENT

APRIL 12
8 AM - 3 PM

COTTONWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
Holladay, Utah

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AGENDA

OPENING REMARKS

Dominic Adorno, Executive Director & President, DonorConnect

CONNECT TO PURPOSE

Understanding the need from the patient perspective

George Surratt, Transplant Recipient & Former OPTN Board Member

FRAMING

Growth requests, offers, and commitments

Dennis Wagner & Chris Zinner, Expeditious Task Force

CALL TO ACTION

How we got here, where we're going, and why we need your help

Dianne LaPointe Rudow, Former OPTN Board President

CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

Exploring current trends in organ donation and use

Kevin Cmund, Expeditious Task Force

GROWTH OUTCOMES

Learning how growth in transplant leads to better outcomes

Dr. Ken Kizer, Health System Transformation Expert

PEER STORIES

Hear from leaders of high-growth transplant programs about their program's specific growth journey

- *Derek Ginos, Senior Director of Transplant & Dr. Jean Botha, Program and Surgical Director of Abdominal Transplant - Intermountain Medical Center (Liver)*
- *Dr. Sanjeev Raman, Transplant Pulmonology - University of Utah Health (Lung)*
- *Mark Sparta, President & Dr. Michael Goldstein, Director of Abdominal Transplant - Hackensack University Medical Center (Kidney)*

C-SUITE PANEL

Discussion with C-Suite leaders from high-growth centers

Dianne LaPointe Rudow & Dr. Ken Kizer

LEAVING IN ACTION

Distilling key insights and potential actions from the day

Dennis Wagner & Chris Zinner

CLOSING REMARKS

Dominic Adorno

Kenneth Kizer, MD, MPH

Dr. Kizer is an internationally respected health care leader known for his expertise in health system transformation. He spearheaded the internationally acclaimed transformation of the Veterans Healthcare System in the 1990s when serving as the VA's Undersecretary for Health, and served as the Chairman of the NASEM Committee from 2020-2022. Dr. Kizer is one of very few people to be elected as a member of both the National Academy of Medicine and the National Academy of Public Administration.

Mark Sparta, FACHE

Mark is the President of Hackensack University Medical Center (HUMC) and President, Northern Region, of Hackensack Meridian Health Network. Under Mark's leadership, U.S. News & World Report named HUMC as the #1 adult and children's hospital in New Jersey in 2023, and HUMC's Kidney Transplant Program is among the fastest-growing in the nation.

Dominic Adorno

Dominic is the Executive Director and President of DonorConnect. Previously, he served on the National Donation Leadership Council at the Organ Donation and Transplantation Alliance, as Vice President of Clinical Operations at LifeCenter Northwest, and as COO at Lions VisionGift.

J. Kevin Cmund

Kevin is involved in several organizations aimed at improving organ donation and usage, including the Expeditious Task Force, the CMS initiative to increase kidney transplantation, and Gift of Life. He recently served as President and CEO of Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network and is the founder and past Executive Director of the Illinois Transplant Fund.

George Surratt

As a two-time transplant recipient, George has been an active patient representative in the transplant community. He previously served as a board member for the OPTN and currently serves as a Board Member at LifeSource OPO, and was a member of the Expeditious Task Force. He is a former platform quality director at 3M's Medical Solutions Division and a 3M Six Sigma Black Belt.