



San Antonio, TX

11TH ANNUAL TRANSPLANT QUALITY INSTITUTE

October 22-24, 2025

Grand Hyatt San Antonio River Walk
San Antonio, TX

OBJECTIVES

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

- Discuss current challenges of machine perfusion from a quality, financial and operational perspective
- Describe and practice critical components of conducting a Root Cause Analysis
- Discuss strategies to create a culture of safety and leveraging systems to improve safety and quality
- Identify changes from the transplant growth collaborative to be utilized at your program to increase access to transplant
- Discuss the impact of growth on outcomes and quality
- Evaluate your program readiness for growth and explore the challenges of rapid growth
- Describe efforts to improve and leverage EHR technology including best practices from the transplant community
- Discuss the new data requirements from HRSA focused on referral and evaluation phases and the potential impact on transplant centers
- Review novel community quality initiatives
- Describe the key pre-transplant metrics including waitlist mortality and offer acceptance
- Explain the drivers of out-of-sequence allocation, develop guidelines for application, and determine strategies to educate patients and families

TQI is eligible for the following education credits:

18.5 through AACN

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18.5 through NAHQ

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Agenda

Wednesday, October 22

7:45 am - 8:30 am	Registration Open
7:45 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast
Plenary Sessions	
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Marian O'Rourke, RN, BSN, Miami Transplant Institute</i> <i>Meghan Schaub, MPH, CPHQ, Emory Transplant Center</i>
9:00 am - 9:45 am	Machine Perfusion Meets QAPI: A New Era in Quality and Performance <i>Elizabeth Thomas, DO, FACS, University Health Transplant Institute</i>
9:45 am - 10:30 am	Can Quality Come Out to Play? Cost Considerations and Financial Models of Machine Perfusion, Cold Preservation Storage, NRP, and Procurement Flights <i>Ian Jamieson, MBA, MHA, Duke Transplant Center at Duke University Hospital</i>
10:30 am - 11:00 am	BREAK
11:00 am - 11:45 am	Thrills and Turns: The High-Stake Ride of Organ Preservation and Allocation <i>David Marshman, LifeLink Foundation</i>
11:45 am - 12:05 pm	Abstract: Process Improvement Initiative to Prevent Potential Circuit Breaker Trips in the Operating Room During Transplant Surgery <i>Jessica Slamin, MBA, MSN, RN, AMB-BC, UMass Memorial Medical Center</i>
12:05 pm - 1:15 pm	LUNCH
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	From Alarm to Zero Harm: The Adverse Event Review Journey <i>Christine Chamberlain, RN, BSN, Jackson Memorial Hospital</i>
2:15 pm - 2:45 pm	What Do the Regulations Actually Say? <i>Gwen McNatt, APRN, PhD, FNP-BC, FAAN, University of Iowa Health Care</i>
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	BREAK
3:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Catch It, Track It, Fix It: Adverse Events Tracking <i>Panel Discussion with Audience Participation</i>
3:45 pm - 4:05 pm	Abstract: Why So Complex? Simplifying the Donor Positive Culture Notification Process to Improve the Quality of Patient Care and Safety <i>Heather Kunselman, M.Ed., RN, BSN, CCTN, UCHHealth Transplant Services</i>
4:05 pm - 4:55 pm	Circuit Breakdown - What Went Wrong in Machine Perfusion: An Interactive Mock RCA Exercise
4:55 pm - 5:00 pm	Closing
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	NETWORKING AND POSTER RECEPTION 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm 

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Thursday, October 23

7:15 am - 8:00 am	Registration
7:15 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast
Plenary Sessions	
8:00 am - 8:45 am	60K Transplants: Climbing like a Roller Coaster but with Data <i>Dianne Lapointe Rudow, ANP-BC, DNP, FAAN, Mount Sinai Hospital</i> <i>David Marshman, LifeLink Foundation</i>
8:45 am - 9:45 am	Does Growth Come at the Cost of Quality? What the Data Tell Us <i>Jon Snyder, PhD, Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute</i>
9:45 am - 10:15 am	BREAK
10:15 am - 11:00 am	Culture Shock: Leading and Sustaining Change <i>Michael Goldstein, MD, FACS, Hackensack University Medical Center</i>
11:00 am - 11:45 am	Future-Proofing Program Growth: Maintaining Quality Amidst Growth <i>Amit Mathur, MD, MS, FACS, Mayo Clinic</i>
11:45 am - 12:25 pm	Abstract Presentations from the Community Improving Kidney Transplant Referral to Listing Times <i>Katharine Biagi, BSN, RN, CCTC, Sentara Norfolk General Hospital</i>
	Reducing Nursing Administrative Burden in Pre-Liver Adult Transplant <i>Christopher Peterson, Mayo Clinic</i>
12:25 pm - 1:30 pm	NETWORKING LUNCH
	LUNCH AND LEARN: HOW TO WRITE AN ABSTRACT
1:30 pm - 2:50 pm	Abstract Presentations from the Community Maintaining Regulatory Compliance in Practice Utilizing EPIC <i>Morgan Furtak, RN, Mayo Clinic</i>
	Staying Out of Regulatory Purgatory- One Center's Story of Regulatory Compliance Automation and Dynamic Culture Change <i>Cody Lester, UVA Health</i>
	Strategies for Preventing Early Readmissions in Liver Transplant Patients: A Focus on Team Culture with Discharge Planning <i>Brooke Atkinson, MS, APRN, AGCNS-BC, University of Colorado Transplant Center</i>
	Tools for Completing Pre-Transplant Serologies to Assure Recipient Safety <i>Melissa Zatek, MSN, RN, CCTC, CCM, AATMC, LSSGB, University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center</i>
2:50 pm - 3:20 pm	BREAK
3:20 pm - 4:05 pm	Leveraging Transplant Quality Resources to Drive Financial Process Improvements <i>Jennifer Milton, BSN, CCTC, MBA, University Health Transplant Institute</i>
4:05 pm - 4:25 pm	Abstract: Evaluation of Universal Substance Use Screening in Pediatric Solid Organ Transplant Candidates <i>Jenna Hansen, MPH, Children's Hospital Colorado</i>
4:25 pm - 5:30 pm	EMR Breakouts: 1. EPIC 2. CERNER/OTTR

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Friday, October 24

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Registration Open
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast with Exhibitors
Plenary Sessions	
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Insights from the Past: What Can I Learn from Pretransplant Mortality Metrics? <i>Grace Lynden, PhD, Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute</i>
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Insights from the Past: What Can I Learn from Offer Acceptance Metrics? <i>Nick Wood, PhD, Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute</i>
9:00 am - 9:40 am	Abstract Presentations from the Community
	Measuring Sagittal Abdominal Diameter in Pre-Kidney Transplant Evaluations to Help Predict Post-Transplant Outcomes and Appropriateness for Listing <i>Alex Webb, RDN, LD, Emory Transplant Center</i> Coverage to Care: Evaluating Insurance Risk Factors Impacting Transition of Heart Transplant Care <i>Carrie Smith, RHIA, CPHQ, Texas Children's Hospital</i>
9:40 am - 10:10 am	BREAK
10:10 am - 11:00 am	New Developments in Transplantation: Data that is Loved Tends to Survive <i>Jesse Schold, PhD, M.Stat., M.Ed, University of Colorado Transplant</i>
11:00 am - 11:30 am	The Journey of Transplant Data from Creator to Consumer <i>Christine Maxmeister, MSN, RN, CCTC, CPHIMS, UC Health</i>
11:30 am - 11:50 am	Abstract: Increasing Accuracy and Compliance of UNOS Registry Data Entry Through A Multi-Disciplinary Approach <i>Sarah Ponsonnet, MSN/Hi, BSN, RN, University of Colorado Hospital</i>
11:50 am - 12:15 pm	LUNCH
12:15 pm - 12:45 pm	Listening to What Matters: Elevating the Patient Voice in QAPI <i>Patricia Jones, DPN, RN, NEA-BC, University Health Transplant Institute</i>
12:45 pm - 1:20 pm	When Time Runs Out: The Role of Rescue Allocation in Saving Lives <i>David Marshman, LifeLink Foundation</i> <i>Amit Mathur, MD, MS, FACS, Mayo Clinic</i> <i>Michael Goldstein, MD, FACS, Hackensack University Medical Center</i> <i>Jesse Schold, PhD, M.Stat., M.Ed, University of Colorado Transplant</i>
1:20 pm - 1:30pm	Closing Remarks <i>Marian O'Rourke, RN, BSN, Miami Transplant Institute</i> <i>Meghan Schaub, MPH, CPHQ, Emory Transplant Center</i>

Location and Lodging

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