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NYS Transplant Council's National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Committee Meeting

December 11, 2025 / 28 Liberty Street, Manhattan, NY

AGENDA

- **Introductions**
- **Review of the Committee Charge Given Changing National Landscape**
- **Workgroup Reports and Next Steps**
 1. **Development of Performance Measures**
 2. **Improve System Performance to Increase Equity & Access to Care**
 3. **Improved Use of Donated Organs**
- **Questions and Answers**
- **Adjourn**



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- **Original Charge of the Committee:**

Evaluate the content and recommendations of the 2022 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) Report, evaluate for NYS-specific opportunities for improvement, and make recommendations to increase access to and equity in the donation and transplantation system.

- **Review of Accomplishments to Date**

- **Emerging Disparities**

- **New Data Sources Available, e.g., Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Center Specific Reports on Social Determinants of Health**



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- **Question:**

Does/Should the evolving changes with the Organ Procurement Transplant Network, Health Resources Services Administration, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, etc. impact our charge or how we initially envisioned carrying it out?



Workgroups and Charges

- 1. Develop Performance Measures and Goals**
- 2. Improve System Performance to Increase Equity and Access**
- 3. Improve Use of Donated Organs**



PERFORMANCE MEASURES WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Identify and set performance standards aimed at:**
 - **Increasing access to referrals, transplant evaluations, being listed**
 - **Total volume of transplanted patients**
 - **Reducing disparities among minority and disadvantaged populations**
 - **Improving offer acceptance for each organ per program**
 - **Reducing declinations, out of sequence allocations, and unused organs**
 - **Increasing the number of medically complex donors and number of organs per donor**



IMPROVE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Review/revise multi-listing restriction in NYS.**
- **Create and sustain a semi-annual NYS Collaborative for Improvement.**
 - **Professionals and practitioners**
 - **Community Stakeholders**
- **Create a multi-disciplinary forum on emerging technologies.**
- **Leverage technology to reduce disparities**
- **Improve Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) and donor hospital communication.**



INCREASED USE OF DONATED ORGANS WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Curate NYS data regarding use of Donated Organs**
- **Foster better spirit of cooperation between organ procurement organizations & Transplant Centers**
- **Convene regular meetings to promote collaboration between NYS transplant programs, organ procurement organizations, and regulatory agencies (Consortia)**
 - **Invite organ procurement organizations (e.g., Gift of Life) to share best practices/dashboard**
 - **Discuss items that contribute to mistrust, e.g., Out of Sequence Offers, Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP), etc.**
 - **Communicate changes in practice, e.g., Increasing Organ Transplant Access (IOTA) education for organ procurement organizations.**



INCREASED USE OF DONATED ORGANS WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Establish Donor Units in each Donor Service Area.**
- **Educate physicians on-standard organ use.**
- **Educate patients about organ offers and SRTR data.**
- **Create guidelines for transplant hospitals to streamline transplant logistics.**
 - **Operating Room availability/staffing**
- **Advocate at the national level to make it easier for transplant programs to say “yes” to organ offers.**
 - **Standardize offer timing; DonorNet user-friendly updates; perfusion reimbursement.**





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