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NEW YORK STATE TRANSPLANT COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 2026 | 28 LIBERTY STREET, MANHATTAN, NY

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Welcome and Remarks
- Chairperson Report
- Approval of Minutes
- Organ Donation and Transplantation Updates
- Federal Updates
- New Business
- Department Updates
- Committee Reports
- Other Business

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Council Members vote on approval of April 2026 meeting minutes



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ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION UPDATES



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TRANSPLANTATION SURGERY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM FOR DONATION

Presenter:

Lewis Teperman, MD

Chair, Transplant Council

IMPROVING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND TRANSPLANT PROGRAMS

Presenter:

Sander S. Florman, MD

Director, Recanati/Miller Transplantation Institute

Mount Sinai Health System

BRAIN DEATH AND DONATION AFTER CIRCULATORY DEATH (DCD) AND MACHINE PRESERVATION

Presenters:

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Mount Sinai Health System

ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION (OPO) UPDATE FROM CONNECTLIFE

Presenter:

Kevin D. Gramlich

President/CEO, ConnectLife

FEDERAL UPDATES



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ORGAN PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPLANTATION NETWORK (OPTN) CHANGES

Presenter:

John Magee, MD

President, Organ Procurement Transplant Network & Member

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Vice Chairperson



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UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES



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LIVING DONOR SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Program launched 10/22/2025
- Eligibility Criteria: Both the donor and the ultimate intended recipient must be New York State residents
- Program website: [Living Donor Support Program](#)
- Dedicated Program email inbox: LivingDonor@health.ny.gov

LIVING DONOR SUPPORT PROGRAM

212
Applicants

24%
Liver Donors

76%
Kidney Donors

Total Amount
Paid:
\$532,277

Average # of
days for
reimbursement:
Less than 15



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*All data as of August 18, 2026

WADSWORTH CENTER UPDATES

Presenter:
Matthew Kohn, PhD
Wadsworth Center
New York State Department of Health

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES



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NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND MEDICINE CO MMITTEE REPORT

Presenter:
Nancy Metzler, MBA, MHA, FACHE
NASEM Committee Chair

OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting: April 2027



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