



## **Heckenkemper Leader in Transplant Administration/Quality Award**

### **Criteria**

#### **Background Information:**

We are seeking nominations for the Leader in Transplant Administration/Quality Award in memory and honor of Deedle Heckenkemper. This award commemorates the contributions Deedle made in the foundation and development of the UNOS Transplant Administrators Advisory Group and the donation and transplantation community.

#### **Overall Criteria:**

- Must currently hold a leadership position in Transplant with at least 5 years of experience
- Must be at the manager level or above at a single or multi-organ transplant program/center
- Must have dedicated most of their professional career to transplant administration or managing quality, regulatory, and performance improvement initiatives within a transplant program.
- Retirees are not eligible to receive the award.

#### **Individual Achievement Criteria:**

- Nominees should have demonstrated contributions in one or more of the following areas, in alignment with the goals of the UNOS Transplant Management Forum Advisory Group: Optimization of transplant services through administrative practices, quality and performance improvement projects, and field advancements for the benefit of patients, programs and the broader transplant community
- Promotion of patient-centered models and practices that improve the quality of services delivered
- Improvement of safety in care delivery systems
- Enhancement of communication and collaboration among transplant professionals
- Encourage research, performance improvement projects and "best practice" initiatives
- Facilitate the standardization of program information that is collected and commonly shared in the transplant community and public venues (i.e., lessons learned, standard practices, etc.)
- Provide leadership and input in public policy development impacting transplant programs
- Provide education for the transplant community regarding administrative issues (e.g., management, compliance, financial issues, policy development, patient safety, quality, performance improvement endeavors, and workflow best practices)
- Foster new leaders in transplant
- Provide constructive comments on policy proposals as requested by the OPTN and CMS

**Submission Requirements:**

- Nominations must be submitted via the Call for Heckenkemper Award Nominations application
- The deadline for submissions is 11:59 pm, Eastern Time, November 30, 2024. Submissions after the deadline will not be considered.
- Current members of the UNOS Transplant Management Forum Advisory Group, OPTN Transplant Administrators Committee, UNOS Board of Directors or OPTN Board of Directors are not eligible for nomination, but members of these groups may submit nominations.

**Award Process:**

- The UNOS Transplant Management Forum Heckenkemper Work Group will review all nominations and select 3 individuals as finalists.
- The final 3 nominees will be notified of their nomination and will be asked to provide additional information with letters of recommendation.
- Nominations and letters of recommendation will be reviewed by the UNOS Transplant Management Forum Advisory Group
- The winner will be determined based on the outlined criteria and the full Advisory Group vote
- The winner will be notified in advance of the award presentation which will take place at the Annual UNOS Transplant Management Forum. The award will include free registration, hotel accommodation and travel to the UNOS TMF that year.
- To view past aware winners, visit <https://unos.org/about/tmf/award/>