

Transplant Management Forum

2026 Agenda

Wednesday, April 29

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pre-conference workshop
AI bootcamp with Microsoft

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Early registration

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Opening reception
Exhibit Hall opens

Thursday, April 30

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration Desk Opens

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast with Exhibitors & Abstract Poster Viewing

8:30 a.m. - 8:35 a.m.

Welcome to Atlanta
Meghan Schaub, Emory

8:35 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.

Announcements & Welcome
Marie Quintero-Johnson, UNOS Board of Directors

8:40 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Opening Session
Mark Johnson, UNOS

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Connect to Purpose
Mary Baliker, 2025 Lisa Schaffner Advocate Award Winner

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Break with Exhibitors & Abstract Poster Viewing

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Opening Keynote
Dr. Anupam Jena, Harvard Medical School

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Break with Exhibitors & Abstract Poster Viewing



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11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Machine Perfusion in 2026: From Innovation to Scalable Implementation

Sponsored by Bridge to Life
Speakers to be announced

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Lunch & Exhibitors

12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Heckenkemper & Abstract Awards Ceremony

Heckenkemper award sponsored by Guidry & East

1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Beyond the Graft: A Hematology-GI Transplanters Partnership in PTLD Management

Sponsored by Pierre Fabre
Dr. Warren Alperstein, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center and Dr. Jennifer Garcia, Miami Transplant Institute

1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Educational Symposium

Sponsored by Paragonix
Speakers to be announced

2:10 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

UNOS Tools - What's New, What's Coming

Ankit Mathur, UNOS

2:50 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Abstract Poster Presentations

Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning in Transplant

Sponsored by Sapien View
Ankit Mathur, UNOS; Chris Jaynes, 34 Lives; Dr. Michael Kraus, Indiana Donor Network; Dr. Manpreet Samra, Teletransplant

3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

OPO & Transplant Center Collaboration

Sponsored by Transplant Coordinators of America
Diana Harter, St. Luke's Hospital of Kansas City, Woodlhey Ambrose, Life Gift, and Melissa Ott, Midwest Transplant Network

3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Break with Exhibitors & Abstract Poster Viewing

4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Advancing Transplant: Innovation & Public Trust

Dr. Matthew Cooper, Medical College of Wisconsin

4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

What We'd Do Differently: Lessons from Transplant Leaders in the Trenches

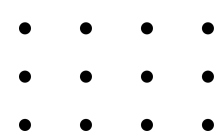
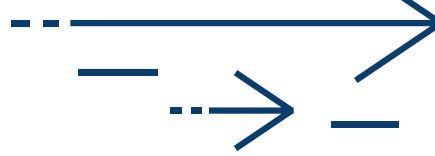
Sponsored by Arrowsmith RNs
Samantha Ramierz, Keck Medicine of USC and Yvette Chapman, Keck Medicine of USC

5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Network & Learn

CareDx sponsored interactive happy hour





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Friday, May 1

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast with Exhibitors - Abstract Poster Viewing

8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements
Mark Johnson, UNOS

8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

**New World, New Rules:
Negotiating through an Uncertain World**
Sponsored by Lung Bioengineering
Scott Wayne, Envoy

9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The Power of Partnership
Speakers to be announced

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Break with Exhibitors & Abstract Poster Viewing

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Breakout Session: Current AI Applications in
Transplant Management**
Sponsored by Microsoft Elevate
Speakers to be announced

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Breakout Session: Two Lenses, One Roadmap:
Surgeon & Executive Insights on Tech-Enabled
Pediatric Transplant Growth**
Diesa Samp, Texas Children's Hospital and Dr. Kevin Huang,
Baylor College of Medicine

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Break with Exhibitors & Abstract Poster Viewing

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

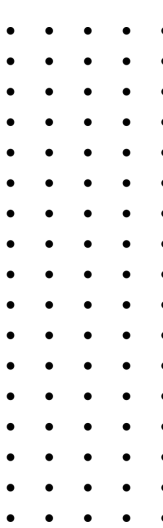
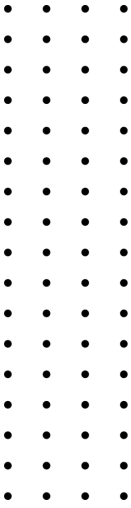
Abstract Mini Orals
15 minutes each

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Empowering Your Program: Aligning Vision,
Volume and Value for Long-Term Success**
Lunch and Learn sponsored by CareDx

12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Breakout Session: Frontline Connection
Sponsored by Guidry & East
Candace Nicolls, Envoy and James Warren, Envoy



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12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Breakout Session: Maximizing IOTA Earnings Through Living Donor Eligibility Support

Sponsored by Sanofi

Daniela Shuman, Project Donor and Sarah Taranto, UNOS

1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Break with Exhibitors & Abstract Poster Viewing

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Breakout Session: Transforming Ideas Into Outcomes: An OPO's Journey of Continuous Innovation and Improvement

Heather Osipowicz, Nevada Donor Network and Jacyln Russe, Nevada Donor Network

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Breakout Session: Frontline Connection

Sponsored by Guidry & East

Candace Nicolls, Envoy and James Warren, Envoy

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Breakout Session: Transplant Workforce Challenges: Practical Solutions from the Field

Sponsored by CareDx

Alex Garza, UNOS, Laura Droll, Ohio State University Medical Center, and Christopher Fowler, Medical City Healthcare

2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Breakout Session: Artificial Intelligence Case Study: Transforming Unstructured Clinical Data Into Product Innovation

Sponsored by eHealth Technologies

Speakers to be announced

2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Breakout Session: Increasing Equity in Living Donation: A Pediatrics Perspective

Sponsored by Stanford Medicine Children's Health

Speakers to be announced

2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Breakout Session: Learn What's New with UNOS Tools!

Alex Garza, UNOS and Sarah Taranto, UNOS

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Regional Roundtables & OPO Roundtable

4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Closing Session

Mark Johnson, UNOS