

# UNOS Region 5 Educational Collaborative

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A “collaborative” is an effort, on the part of multiple organizations, to come together with faculty to learn about and to create improved processes in a specific topic area. The expectation is that teams share expertise and data with each other; thus, everyone *learns*, everyone *teaches*.

## AGENDA

*\*Topics and times subject to change\**

8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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8:00 am - 8:45 am

**Registration**

\*Breakfast provided

## Plenary Sessions

8:45 am - 9:00 am

**Welcome to the UNOS Region 5 Educational Collaborative**

***Heather Osipowicz, MBA, MSBS, CTBS***

*Director Hospital Services, Nevada Donor Network*

***Angela Velleca, MHDS, BSN, RN, CCTC***

*Transplant Manager, Thoracic Transplant Programs, Cedars-Sinai*

9:00 am - 9:20 am

**Connect to Purpose**

***Speaker: Valerie Parriett, Living Kidney Donor***

*Moderator: Heather Osipowicz, MBA, MSBS, CTBS*

*Director Hospital Services, Nevada Donor Network*

✦ Collaboration ✦ Equality ✦ Teamwork ✦ Commitment ✦  
✦ Communication ✦ Sharing ✦ Responsibility ✦ Love for the Job ✦

9:20 am - 9:50 am	<p><b>A Look into Region 5 OPO Data Metrics and Outcomes</b></p> <p><b>Speaker: Robbie Glazner, MA, MDiv</b> Director of Business Intelligence, Donor Network of Arizona</p>
9:50 am - 10:20 am	<p><b>UNOS Tools</b></p> <p><b>Speaker: Sarah Taranto</b> UNOS Service Line Lead, UNOS Solutions</p>
10:20 am - 10:35 am	<p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Jenna Rush, RN, MSN, ACNP-BC, CCTC Manager of Organ Allocation and Donor Triage Transplant Institute, Session moderator HERO, Keck Medical Center of USC</i></p>
<b>10:35 am - 11:00 am</b>	<p><b>Break with sponsors and colleagues</b> *Beverages provided</p>
11:00 am - 11:30 am	<p><b>Implications of IOTA: What to Expect</b></p> <p><b>Speaker: Dani Ramstack, MSN</b> Clinical Nurse Manager, UCSD Medical Center</p>
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	<p><b>Organ Offer Filters in Kidney transplant: A Single Center Experience</b></p> <p><b>Speaker: Melissa Dunbar – Forrest, BSN, CPTC</b> Program Manager, UCLA Kidney and Pancreas Transplant</p> <p><b>Donna Penanueva Baciles, MD, CPHQ, HACP</b> QA Manager, Kidney and Pancreas Transplant, UCLA Health</p>
12:00 pm - 12:15 pm	<p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Jennifer Cabodi, RN, BSN, CPTC Pre-Liver Transplant Coordinator, Loma Linda University Medical Center</i></p>
<b>12:15 pm - 1:15 pm</b>	<p><b>Lunch with sponsors and colleagues</b> *Lunch provided</p>
1:15 pm - 1:35 pm	<p><b>Machine Perfusion and Preservation</b> <i>High level presentations of the challenges at hand with machine perfusion and preservation.</i></p> <p><b>Update on Organ OX: An OPO Perspective</b></p> <p><b>Speaker: Jocelyn Cooper</b> Director of Organ Preservation &amp; Surgical Services, Donor Network West</p> <p><b>Justin Johnson, RN, MSBS-HDS, BSN, CPTC</b> EVP/COO, Donation Development &amp; Organ Operations, Donor Network West</p>

1:35 pm - 1:55 pm	<p><b>Use of Third-Party Procurement Services and the Effects</b></p> <p><b>Speakers: Angela Velleca, MHDS, BSN, RN, CCTC</b> <i>Transplant Manager, Thoracic Transplant Programs, Cedars-Sinai</i></p> <p><b>Deepa Kurup, RN, MSN, MBA, CPHQ, LSSBB</b> <i>Sr. Director, Center for Transplantation, UC San Diego Health System</i></p>
1:55 pm - 2:15 pm	<p><b>Challenges with Donor Case Logistics</b> (prioritization of machine perfusion device for one donor selected, warm ischemic time calculation, blood supply)</p> <p><b>Speaker: Sheri Combs</b> <i>Manager of Organ Donor Optimization, Donor Network of Arizona</i></p>
2:15 pm - 2:35 pm	<p><b>Allocation/Operations (offer timing, opportunity “former marginal” outcomes, donors navigating time constraints)</b></p> <p><b>Speaker: Casey O’Brien, BSN, RN, CCRN, CPTC</b> <i>Lead Organ Procurement Coordinator, LifeSharing</i></p> <p><b>Jaclyn Russe, MSN, RN, CPTC, LSSBB</b> <i>Associate Director, Organ Services, Nevada Donor Network</i></p>
2:35pm-2:50pm	<p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Matt Rafiei, MS</i> <i>Lead, Transplant Procurement Tech, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center</i></p>
2:50pm-2:55pm	<p><b>Collaborative Discussion Framing</b></p> <p><b>Speaker: Angela Velleca, MHDS, BSN, RN, CCTC</b> <i>Transplant Manager, Thoracic Transplant Programs, Cedars-Sinai</i></p> <p><b>Heather Osipowicz, MBA, MSBS, CTBS</b> <i>Director Hospital Services, Nevada Donor Network</i></p>
2:55 pm - 3:10 pm	<p><b>Break with sponsors and colleagues.</b> *Beverages provided</p>

3:10 pm - 4:00 pm	<p><b>Collaborative Discussion</b>  <i>The audience will divide into tables combined of OPO and Transplant Center representatives to tackle 6 discussion questions. Each table will designate a lead/scribe to briefly document key ideas resulting from the discussions.</i></p> <p><b>Table Moderators:</b>  <b>Jenna Rush, RN, MSN, ACNP-BC, CCTC</b>  <i>Manager of Organ Allocation and Donor Triage Transplant Institute, Keck Medical Center of USC</i></p> <p><b>Diana Ponce-Martel</b>  <i>Director, Donor Allocation, OneLegacy</i></p> <p><b>Valerie Chipman, RN, BSN</b>  <i>Manager, Pediatric Advanced Cardiac Therapies (PACT) and Heart Transplant Program, Stanford Children's</i></p> <p><b>Keirsten Smith, BSN, RN, CPTC, LSSBB</b>  <i>Organ Procurement Coordinator, LifeSharing</i></p>
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	<p><b>Collaborative Discussion Reports</b>  <i>Each group lead/scribe will report the key ideas resulting from the table from discussions.</i></p>
4:30 pm - 4:45 pm	<p><b>Connect to Purpose</b></p> <p><b>Speaker: Dinorah Arambula, Kidney Recipient</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Heather Osipowicz, MBA, MSBS, CTBS  Director Hospital Services, Nevada Donor Network</i></p>
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Heather Osipowicz, MBA, MSBS, CTBS</b>  <i>Director Hospital Services, Nevada Donor Network</i></p> <p><b>Angela Velleca, MHDS, BSN, RN, CCTC</b>  <i>Transplant Manager, Thoracic Transplant Programs, Cedars-Sinai</i></p>
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	<p><b>Networking Reception</b>  <b>Sponsored by Nevada Donor Network</b></p> 