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Dear Colleagues

A Best Practices in Live Kidney Donation Consensus Conference was held June 5-6, 2104 in Rosemont Illinois to identify best practices and knowledge gaps pertaining to live donor kidney transplantation (LDKT) and living kidney donation (LKD). Sixty seven transplant professionals, patients, and other key stakeholders discussed processes for educating transplant candidates and potential living donors about living kidney donation; efficiencies in the living donor evaluation process; disparities in living donation; and financial and systemic barriers to living donation.

On behalf of the Leadership, we would like to share important conclusions of the meeting. Enclosed is an executive summary summarizing the recommendations of the meeting. We ask that you share this information with your colleagues both at your center and beyond and consider implementation of the recommendations at your center. Active dissemination and rapid implementation by many invested stakeholders will assist us to continue our mission of improving practice surrounding live donor kidney transplantation and live kidney donation.

We are grateful to everyone who has supported this consensus conference and its dissemination activities. This was a huge undertaking, involving commitment, thought, and effort by experts from all over transplantation. This however is only the first step in the process and transplant programs individually need to embrace the philosophy that LDKT is the best option for most of our patients and that centers must devote resources to enable all that can and want to be live kidney donors are afforded that opportunity in an efficient and comprehensive manner.

Sincerely,

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