



## Why Does Social Support Matter for Transplant?

### When:

Thursday, April 25, 2019  
3-4pm ET / 12pm-1pm PT

### Speaker(s):

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### Target Audience:

Administrators • Coordinators • Physicians  
• Nurses • Surgeons • Managers • Quality  
Improvement • Social Workers • Other  
Donation and Transplantation Professionals

### Purpose:

Since the inception of transplantation, there have been ongoing discussions about the significance of a support system during the various phases of transplant and how that support can impact survival pre and post-transplant. During the psychosocial assessment, it is routine for a patient's "social support" to be evaluated as it is believed to play a significant role in the organ transplantation process. Most social workers recognize the emotional and practical need of support systems and how the presence of support can improve the overall outcome. During this webinar, we will hear from three social workers as they share evidence-based tools that can be used in evaluating support systems as well as their experiences in assessing transplant patients. Additionally, we will discuss articles that represent different views on the significance of support and the role it plays in determining if a patient is a suitable transplant candidate. Join us as we evaluate the need for social support in the field of organ transplantation!

### Objectives:

At the end of the webinar, participants should be able to:

- Recall and effectively summarize the current literature regarding the role and significance of caregiver support in solid organ transplantation and LVAD placement.
- Apply the skills learned to introduce the concept of support during the psychosocial evaluation.
- Assess the availability and reliability of the support system.
- Describe the ways caregivers support a patient during the phases of transplant.
- Identify social work interventions used to educate, prepare and retain caregivers.

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