DONATION CHAMPION LEARNING SESSIONS

This is a one day, highly interactive program that focuses on the role of critical care staff in utilizing and sharing best-demonstrated practices for referring potential organ donors to the organ procurement organization, providing support for families of potential organ donors, and maximizing clinical donor management.

Attendees will be given focused information to allow them to become Donation Champions, one who role-models and shares key information to assist colleagues in carrying out best demonstrated practices in real time. These programs are open to hospital staff who work at hospitals in Gift of Life's region. Pre-registration is required for all sessions.
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Our 2019 schedule (all dates and locations) may be found HERE

1. Thursday, **March 28, 2019** at Gift of Life Donor Program, **Philadelphia, PA**
2. Thursday, **April 11, 2019** at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg **Hershey, Harrisburg, PA**
3. Thursday, **May 9, 2019** at the Holiday Inn Wilkes Barre East Mountain, **Wilkes-Barre, PA**
4. Thursday, **May 16, 2019** at Gift of Life Donor Program, **Philadelphia, PA**
5. Thursday, **June 13, 2019** at Lankenau Medical Center in **Wynnewood, PA**
6. Thursday, **July 18, 2019** at Gift of Life Donor Program, **Philadelphia, PA**
7. Thursday, **September 12, 2019** at the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, **Bethlehem, PA**
8. Wednesday, **September 25, 2019** venue/date still being finalized, **Atlantic City, NJ**
9. Wednesday, **October 16, 2019** at the Best Western Country Cupboard Inn, **Lewisburg, PA**
10. Thursday, **November 14, 2019** at Gift of Life Donor Program, **Philadelphia, PA**
11. Thursday, **December 5, 2019** at Gift of Life Donor Program, **Philadelphia, PA**

There is no cost to attend, and CEUs are offered for RNs and RRTs.

Upcoming
Events & Opportunities
MARCH 2019

Thursday, March 21, 2019 – Friday, March 22, 2019 (Poster Session the evening of March 20th)| Ethics of Caring®- 6th Annual National Conference ~ Vulnerability and Presence | UCLA Meyer & Renee Luskin Conference Center, 425 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA | Hosted by Ethics of Caring®| **(LEARN MORE)**

By its very nature, an ethic of care calls us to address the vulnerability of those we care for as well as our own. This dual ethical obligation of self-care while caring for others recognizes that vulnerability is a thread that weaves us all together as human beings. The vulnerable person is not to be regarded as 'other', as it is part of the human condition to experience vulnerability; thus, it is not we, "the clinician" and they, the "ill."

The purpose of this conference is to encourage awareness and reflection that will develop creative and skillful responses to the stark vulnerability that we witness in healthcare daily. In doing so, this conference will enhance your practice and promote care and compassion for the self as professional caregiver.

Target Audience: Nurses, Nurse Managers, Nursing Leaders, and Social Work.

MORE INFORMATION

Thursday, March 21, 2019 | NATCO Webinar Series: Social Media and Organ Donation: Ethically Navigating the Next Frontier| Hosted by NATCO The Organization for Transplant Professionals | Time 1400 – 1500 Eastern Time | **(LEARN MORE)**

Speaker(s):
Macey L. Henderson, J.D., Ph.D.,
Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery in the Division of Transplantation
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Purpose/Goal: As the organ shortage continues to grow, the creation of social media communities by transplant hospitals and the public is rapidly expanding to increase the number of living donors. Social media communities are arranged in myriad ways and without standardization, raising concerns about transplant candidates' and potential donors' autonomy and quality of care. Social media communities magnify and modify extant ethical issues in deceased and living donation related to privacy, confidentiality, professionalism, and informed consent, and increase the potential for undue influence and coercion for potential donors and transplant candidates.

Currently, no national ethical guidelines have been developed in the United States regarding the use of social media to foster organ transplantation. This webinar will explore an ethical framework to guide transplant stakeholders in using social media for public and patient communication about transplantation and living donation, and offer recommendations for transplant clinical practice and future research.

Target Audience: Members of the donation and transplantation community serving diverse populations to include administrators, coordinators, physicians, nurses, surgeons, managers, quality improvement specialists, social workers, and other donation and transplantation center professionals and their colleagues.

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MARCH 2019

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 | Transplant Webinar Series: Successful Post-Operative Pain Management Using an Opioid-Sparing Regimen| Hosted by The Alliance | Time 1400 – 1500 Eastern Time | **(LEARN MORE)**

Speaker(s):
Kay Kendall, MSW, LISW-S, CCTSW,
Social Worker, Heart Transplant, Mechanical Circulatory Support Team, Cleveland Clinic
Kim Miracle, ACNP
Nurse Practitioner, Mechanical Circulatory Support Service, Cleveland Clinic

Purpose/Goal: When it was revealed that 30% of Cleveland Clinic LVAD patients were receiving chronic opiates after their hospitalization to implant the device, The Mechanical Circulatory Support Team assumed a more assertive and responsible role in the acute pain management of these LVAD patients. A high percentage of these patients had LVAD implanted as a bridge to transplant and they were active on the heart transplant waiting list. It was their belief that the effective management of acute pain, using an opiate-sparing medication regiment (OSMR), would prevent patients from ultimately transitioning to chronic opiate use.

During this webinar, we will hear from two members of the Cleveland Clinic's Mechanical Circulatory Support Team as they discuss the implementation of an OSMR and how it has led to a significant decrease in opiate prescriptions.

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MORE INFORMATION **REGISTER**

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 – Saturday, March 30, 2019 | Trauma Conference 2019 | Hyatt Regency Lexington, 401 West High Street, Lexington, KY| Hosted by the Society of Trauma Nurses (STN)|
(LEARN MORE)

Conference features a variety of educational programs designed for nurses involved in the care of trauma patients and the management of trauma programs and trauma systems. An audience of more than 600 trauma nurses and nursing professionals I expected to attend this multi-day conference. Review the agenda to discover the programs and activities in store for attendees.

MORE INFORMATION **REGISTER**

Upcoming
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MARCH 2019

Thursday, March 28, 2019 | Philadelphia, PA Donation Champion Learning Session
Gift of Life Donor Program, 401 N. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA | Hosted by Gift of Life Donor Program | Time 0800 – 1600 Eastern Time **(LEARN MORE)**

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Friday, March 29, 2019| Donors Are Heroes THE Party |The Bellevue Hotel, 200 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA | Hosted by Donors Are Heroes | Time: 2000 – 2300 Eastern Time | **(LEARN MORE)**

You don't want to miss Mardi Gras at THE Party!
Donors are Heroes annual event, THE Party, is a festive fundraiser for a good cause! THE Party features dancing, drinks, entertainment and delicious cuisine from the region's top restaurants and chefs. Tickets $150

The money raised at this event funds public education programs to increase awareness about the critical need for organ and tissue donors in our region, especially among young people and in the clergy and multicultural communities. Additional information: Karen Keener, kkeener@donors1.org or (215) 557-8090.

Target Audience: Anyone who wants to enjoy a great evening out!

MORE INFORMATION **BUY TICKETS** **CONTACT**

Upcoming
Events & Opportunities
APRIL 2019

Thursday, April 11, 2019 | Harrisburg, PA Donation Champion Learning Session
Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA | Hosted by Gift of Life Donor Program | Time 0800 – 1600 Eastern Time **(LEARN MORE)**

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Friday, April 12, 2019 | National Donate Life Blue & Green Day| Nationwide observance | Hosted by Gift of Life Donor Program & Donate Life America

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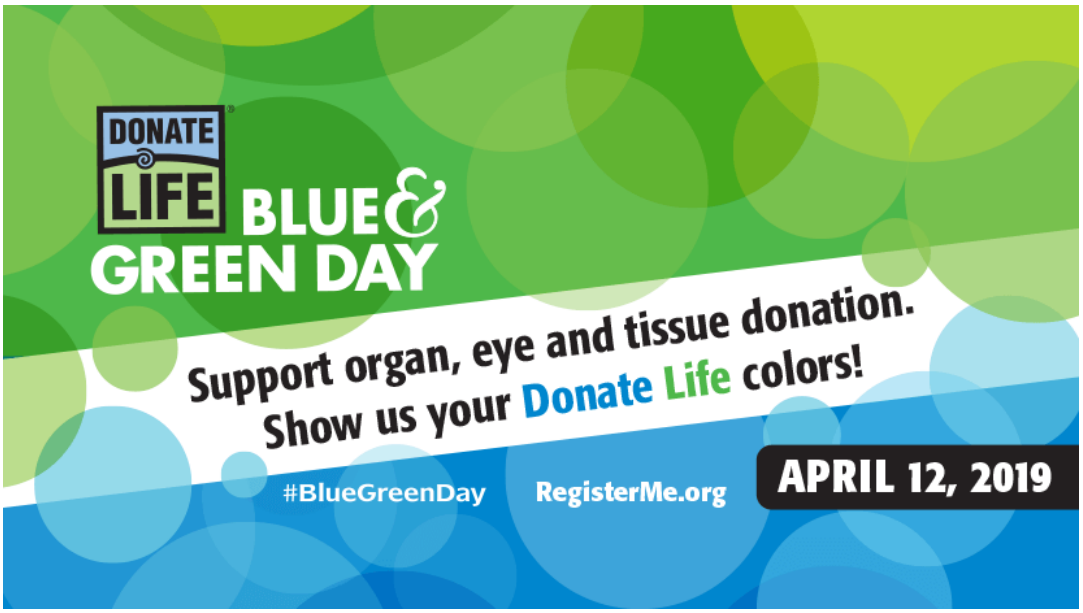
During this day, the public is encouraged to wear blue and green, hold events and fundraisers, and partner with local restaurants, malls, media, and community organizations in an effort to promote the success of organ, eye and tissue transplantation and the extreme need for registered donors.

Wear blue and green to promote donation, take lots of photos and post them on social media with **#BlueGreenDay** and tag **donors1**.



Upcoming
Events & Opportunities
APRIL 2019

Sunday, April 14, 2019 | 24th Annual Donor Dash | Philadelphia Museum of Art, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA | Hosted by Gift of Life Donor Program
(LEARN MORE)

Since 1996, Gift of Life Donor Program along with its dedicated volunteers have hosted the Donor Dash to promote organ and tissue donation and to raise funds to educate the community about the critical need for more people to register as organ and tissue donors. The Dash consists of 10K & 5K runs and 3K walk. 10K begins at 7:10 am | 5K begins at 7:20 am | Kids Fun Run begins at 7:45 am | 3K Walk begins at 8:30 am.

REGISTER

Monday, April 22 – Friday, April 26, 2019 | National Pediatric Transplant Week| Nationwide Observance |
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National Pediatric Transplant Week takes place the last full week of National Donate Life Month in April. It focuses on the powerful message of ending the pediatric transplant waiting list. Throughout the week, clinical partners share their innovative work and patient stories (candidates and recipients), donor families whose children have saved and healed lives through organ, eye, and tissue donation are honored, and recipient families share their thanks and celebrate milestones.

Donate Life America (DLA), the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), the American Society of Transplantation (AST) and the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) have partnered together this year to develop materials and promote National Pediatric Transplant Week.

RESOURCES AND IMPLEMENTATION IDEAS

Upcoming
Events & Opportunities
APRIL 2019

Tuesday, April 23 – Wednesday, April 24, 2019 | ATSPA Annual Conference | Hosted by the American Trauma Society – Pennsylvania Division | Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey, PA | **(LEARN MORE)**

Medical challenges arise each year in Pennsylvania, especially in trauma care. The ATSPA's annual conference aims to provide an educational arena for pre-hospital personnel, physicians, nurses, administrators, social workers, rehabilitation specialists and others to learn about current trends in trauma.

The conference speakers consistently provide up-to-date information on various topics. As an educational event, conference attendees receive continuing education credit.

In addition to the educational aspect, the annual conference delivers an excellent networking opportunity with other medical professionals and service companies/organizations.

REGISTER

Thursday, April 25, 2019 | Gift of Life's Organ Donation and Transplantation Summit: A Regional Collaborative Aimed at Improving Outcomes | Hosted by Gift of Life Donor Program | Sessions being held in Philadelphia, PA and Hershey, PA | 1200 – 1730 Eastern Time

This Summit will be the first in 2019, and is part of Gift of Life Donor Program's Donation Process Improvement Initiative for regional hospitals. Sessions will be held concurrently in **Philadelphia, PA** at Gift of Life's headquarters located at 401 N. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA AND in **Hershey, PA** at the Hershey Country Club (Keystone Ballroom), 1000 East Derry Road, Hershey, PA 17033. For more information/to register, please contact your Gift of Life Hospital Services Coordinator or call Beatrice McQuiston at (215) 557-8090, ext 1212.

REGISTER FOR HERSHEY LOCATION **REGISTER FOR PHILADELPHIA LOCATION**

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Washington Regional Transplant Community (WRTC) and the Gift of Life Donor Program (GLDP.) WRTC is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

CREDIT DESIGNATION

WRTC designates this Live Activity for a maximum of 4.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. GLDP has applied for 4.5 credits. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

STATEMENT

Washington Regional Transplant Community (WRTC) is a provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) for possible 4.5 CE contact hours.

Upcoming
Events & Opportunities
MAY 2019

Monday, May 6 – Sunday Sunday, May 12, 2019 | National Nurses Week
Nationwide Observance **(LEARN MORE)**

National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6th and ends on May 12th, Florence Nightingale's birthday. It features a host of events across the U.S. to honor nurses for the work they do and also educates the public about nurses' role in health care.

While the first National Nurses Day was celebrated in 1954 – the 100th anniversary of Nightingale's famous mission to the Crimea – it wasn't until 1982 that President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation that May 6 would henceforth be National Nurses Day and the annual celebration of nurses' efforts would be nationally recognized. The American Nurses Association (ANA) has always led efforts to celebrate nursing, ensuring that recognition is promoted as widely as possible and in 1990 extended it to a week-long celebration - National Nurses Week. Every year ANA selects a theme for the week highlighting a particular aspect of nurses' practice.

Thursday, May 9, 2019 | Wilkes-Barre, PA Donation Champion Learning Session
Holiday Inn Wilkes Barre - East Mountain, 600 Wildflower Dr, Wilkes Barre, PA | Hosted by Gift of Life Donor Program | Time 0800 – 1600 Eastern Time **(LEARN MORE)**

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Thursday, May 16, 2019 | Philadelphia, PA Donation Champion Learning Session

Gift of Life Donor Program, 401 N. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA | Hosted by Gift of Life Donor Program | Time 0800 – 1600 Eastern Time **(LEARN MORE)**

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