

ASPR TRACIE Speaker Series
Brief Speaker Biographies

Healthcare Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic Speaker Series

Impact of COVID-19 on Solid Organ Donation and Transplantation

David Klassen, MD

Medical Director, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN)

Dr. Klassen joined UNOS in 2014 as Chief Medical Officer. In this role, Dr. Klassen provides an experienced clinical perspective the UNOS policymaking, research, education, and patient safety efforts. He assists the developing, planning and implementing UNOS' strategic direction. Prior to coming to UNOS, Dr. Klassen was the Medical Director of the Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Programs at the University of Maryland Hospital, where he was as a faculty member beginning in 1986. He has a long history of volunteer leadership with UNOS and many professional societies. Dr. Klassen served on the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors and as a member of the OPTN/UNOS Kidney Transplantation Committee and Membership and Professional Standards committee. He has published extensively in clinical kidney and pancreas transplantation as well as in transplant outcomes and policy. Dr. Klassen earned his medical degree from the Ohio State University in Columbus and completed his Internal Medicine and Nephrology training at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

Christopher C. Curran, CPTC, CTBS, CTOP

Senior Vice President, Organ Utilization, New England Donor Services

Mr. Curran joined New England Organ Bank in October 2000 and currently serves as the Senior Vice President of Organ Utilization for New England Donor Services. Chris also served as the Vice President of Organ Operations at LifeGift in Texas for two years before returning to New England Donor Services in September of 2021. Chris has served as the Chair of the APO Procurement Council and on many OPTN/UNOS Committees, including the OPO Committee, VCA Committee, Disease Transmission Advisory Committee and currently serves as a member of the Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee and as the Chair of the Operations and Safety Committee.

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Dr. Sumit Mohan is an associate professor of medicine & epidemiology at Columbia University. Dr. Mohan's clinical and research career has been focused on understanding the health disparities in kidney disease with a goal of improving access to care and outcomes for patients with kidney disease. His research is funded by the NIH, he has served on multiple committees for UNOS, SRTR and CMS and is the founding Deputy Editor for Kidney International Reports.