



CONVERSATIONS OF THE HEART

National Donor Day Symposium
340 Popp Martin Student Union
Feb. 14th, 2017

9:00 A.M.
MORNING
SESSION A

OPENING REMARKS

THE EVER WIDENING GAP BETWEEN ORGAN SUPPLY AND DEMAND

- **THE CHARLOTTE BANKS INITIATIVE: ANSWERING THE CALL**
- **Gloria Elliott**, Professor and Director of Charlotte Banks, UNC Charlotte
- **REDUCING THE WAITLIST: A NATIONAL PRIORITY**
- **Jedd Lewis**, President, Organ Preservation Alliance

THE DONOR-RECIPIENT-FAMILY EXPERIENCE

- **THE DONOR PERSPECTIVE AND FAMILIAL RISK FOR POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE**
- **Suzanne Ruff**, Kidney Donor, Board Member, Am. Assoc. of Kidney Patients, Author of 'The Reluctant Donor'
- **PERSONAL STORIES**
 - **Candice Grant**, Kidney Recipient, Author
 - **Sam Wyche**, Heart Recipient, Former Player and Head Coach for the Cincinnati Bengals
 - **Anita Erwin**, Mother of Teenage Donor, Nurse, CMC NorthEast

Q&A

Moderated by **Melinda Forthofer**, Chair, Public Health Sciences, UNC Charlotte

10:30 A.M.

COFFEE BREAK

10:45 A.M.
MORNING
SESSION B

REGISTRATION, CONSENT, DECISION MAKING, AND EQUAL ACCESS

- **CHALLENGES TO REGISTRATION AND CONSENT**
- **Sarah Seiler**, Director/ COO LifeShare Of The Carolinas
- **FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN ORGAN DONATION DECISIONS**
- **Caroline Rudisill**, Associate Professor, Department of Social Policy, London School of Economics
- **REDUCING RACIAL DISPARITIES IN KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS**
- **Teri Browne**, Associate Professor, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

Q&A

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11:45 A.M.

LUNCH BREAK



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12:45 P.M. AFTERNOON SESSION A

ORGAN PROCUREMENT, PRESERVATION, AND PLACEMENT

- **PROCUREMENT FROM A TO Z**
- **Chad Hampton**, Manager, Organ Division, LifeShare Of The Carolinas
- **MAKING THE CALL ON SUITABILITY FOR TRANSPLANT**
- **Lon Eskind**, M.D., Transplant Surgeon, Carolinas Healthcare System
- **THE PATH FROM DONOR TO RECIPIENT: OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNOVATION**
- **Michael Haley**, Medical Director, LifeShare Of The Carolinas
- **ORGANS ON ICE: WHAT LIMITS STORAGE TIME?**
- **Mark Clemens**, Professor of Biological Sciences, UNC Charlotte

Q&A

Moderated by **Gloria Elliott**, Professor and Director of Charlotte Banks, UNC Charlotte

1:45 P.M.

STRETCH BREAK

2:00 P.M. AFTERNOON SESSION B

TECHNOLOGY: CHANGING THE FUTURE

- **TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT: HOW DO WE CHOOSE THE BEST TECHNOLOGIES TO INVEST IN TO MAXIMIZE BENEFITS?**
- **Chris Blanchette**, Associate Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences, UNC Charlotte
- **DONATION AFTER CARDIAC DEATH: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPANDING THE DONOR POOL**
- **Charles Lee**, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering, UNC Charlotte; CSO HepatoSys
- **DECISION MODELS FOR ORGAN ALLOCATION: BIG DATA STRATEGIES**
- **Gabriel Zenarosa**, Assistant Professor, Systems Engineering and Engineering Technology, UNC Charlotte
- **BLOOD VESSEL PRESERVATION AS A STEP TOWARDS LONG-TERM STORAGE OF VASCULARIZED ALLOGRAFTS**
- **Shangping Wang**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Mechanical Engineering, UNC Charlotte

Q&A

Moderated by **Jedd Lewis**, CEO, Organ Preservation Alliance

CONCLUDING REMARKS

3:00-5:00 P.M.

RECEPTION

Please join us to share your experiences and to forge new partnerships towards the grand challenge goal of eliminating the waitlist for organ transplants.