

Transplant Center Role

How to Contribute

Support the Transplant Patient Peer Program by introducing the program at your transplant center, identifying people who are interested in being a Transplant Trailblazer, hosting program meetings at your site, and celebrating program accomplishments. Collaborate with dialysis centers and your ESRD Network to promote the program beyond your organization.

How It Works

- 1 Share information about how to become a Transplant Trailblazer at your center and notify your Network that you have done so
- 2 Work closely with local dialysis centers to connect your Transplant Trailblazers with a Dialysis Peer
- 3 Host an orientation kick-off to teach Transplant Trailblazers about their role and program expectations
- 4 Support the program by collaborating with local dialysis facilities and your ESRD Network
- 5 Provide basic resources about the benefits of transplantation for your Transplant Trailblazer to share with their Dialysis Peer
- 6 Celebrate the program success with your local Network, dialysis facilities, Trailblazers, and Dialysis Peers

Implementation Recommendations

- Use introductory materials to announce the program and create awareness.
- Identify a transplant program staff member to lead the program and connect Transplant Trailblazers with Dialysis Peers
- Share kick-off materials to educate Transplant Trailblazers on their role and program expectations
- Provide the opportunity for Transplant Trailblazers and Dialysis Peers to share their program experience during transplant center new patient orientation
- Establish a way for Transplant Trailblazers and Dialysis Peers to meet in-person or virtually at their dialysis facility or local transplant center
- Offer support by scheduling regular check-ins with Transplant Trailblazers engaged in the program
- Start small and expand incrementally based on success stories
- Celebrate successes and continue to expand program reach

How will your center benefit?

- + **Increases patient accountability** by encouraging patients to maintain and be engaged in their post-transplant treatment plan
- + **Improves the patient** experience by helping patients feel supported emotionally and socially after receiving their transplant

- + **Creates a community** by supporting the development of relationships amongst your past and present patients
- + **Promotes transplantation** as the preferred treatment option for Dialysis Peers



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