
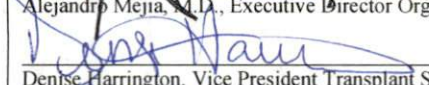
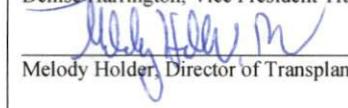
 <b>The Transplant Institute</b> METHODIST DALLAS <b>Methodist Dallas Medical Center</b>	<b>Title:</b> RNs Caring for the Transplant Recipient and Living Donor	<b>Effective Date:</b> 03/2008
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**Purpose:** To identify the qualifications, training and responsibilities of registered nurses caring for the transplant recipient and living donor

**Policy:**

- 1) Registered nurses caring for transplant recipients and living donors must be trained in providing peri and post-operative care.
- 2) Registered nurses must complete an orientation that provides understanding of the clinical aspects of transplant and donor care including but not limited to:
  - Clinical assessment of the transplant recipient
  - Clinical assessment of the living donor
  - Monitoring for signs and/or symptoms of organ rejection
  - Monitoring for signs and/or symptoms of complications from post-living donation
  - Providing patient education related to sign and/or symptoms of organ rejection and complications from post living organ donation
  - Monitoring of immunosuppressive therapy
  - Providing education about immunosuppressive therapy
- 3) The RN must participate in continuing education annually provided either by the hospital or an external educational activity related to transplantation
- 4) The RN's responsibilities are to ensure the continuity of care of patients and living donors during the transplant and discharge phases of transplantation and donation including but not limited to:
  - Addressing elements identified in the perioperative and postoperative/discharge assessment and care plan
  - Educating patients, living donors and families about post-operative care or therapies as needed
  - Monitoring patients and living donors' medical, surgical and psychosocial status
  - Providing feedback to other members of the multidisciplinary team as needed