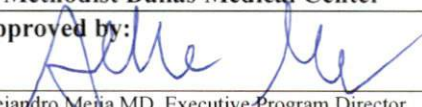

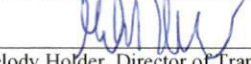
 <b>The Transplant Institute</b> METHODIST DALLAS <b>Methodist Dallas Medical Center</b>	<b>Title:</b> Transplant Physician Directors	<b>Effective Date:</b> 3/2008
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**Purpose:** To describe the qualifications and responsibilities of the transplant programs' primary transplant surgeon and primary transplant physician/director.

**Policy:**

1) Primary Transplant Surgeon Qualifications

- The primary surgeon is an MD or DO credentialed and privileged by Methodist Dallas Medical Center to perform transplant services for a particular transplant program.
- The primary surgeon has unrestricted medical staff privileges.
- The primary surgeon for the kidney/pancreas and liver transplant programs is certified by the American Board of Surgery, the American Board of Urology, or the American Board of Osteopathic Surgery.
- The primary surgeon for each transplant program has performed a sufficient number of transplant procedures to demonstrate competence in transplantation and is currently practicing in accordance with the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) Bylaws Appendix B (Criteria for Institutional Membership) and Bylaws Appendix B (Designated Transplant Program Criteria).

2) Primary Transplant Physician Qualifications

- The primary physician is an MD or DO credentialed and privileged by Methodist Dallas Medical Center to perform transplant services for a particular transplant program.
- The primary physician has unrestricted medical staff privileges.
- The primary physician is board certified or has achieved eligibility in the sub-specialty of his/her major area of interest by either the American Board of Internal Medicine or the American Board of Pediatrics.
- The primary physician for each transplant program has been involved with the primary care of sufficient number of transplant patients to demonstrate competence in care of the transplant patient and is currently practicing in accordance with the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) Bylaws Appendix B (Criteria for Institutional Membership) and Bylaws Appendix B (Designated Transplant Program Criteria).

3) Responsibilities of Transplant Director

The physician director of each transplant program in conjunction with the Transplant Institute's VP and the Clinical Director have the following responsibilities:

- Oversees the development, implementation, and evaluation of the organ-specific transplant program.
- Confirms that the care of each transplant patient and living donor is supervised by a qualified transplant surgeon or physician.
- Confirms that transplantation surgery is performed under the direct supervision of a qualified surgeon.
- Provides input on the training of clinical staff regarding the care of the transplant patient and living donor.
- Oversees the tissue typing process.
- Assures organ procurement services are available.
- Oversees the multidisciplinary care of transplant patients and living donors.
- Oversees organ program operations and quality improvement process.

4) Investigation to assure OPTN compliance

Any new director roles will be researched with the OPTN for history of compliance.