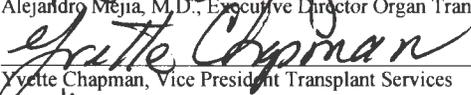
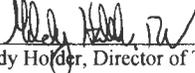


 The Transplant Institute METHODIST DALLAS Methodist Dallas Medical Center	Title: RNs Caring for the Transplant Recipient and Living Donor	Effective Date: 03/2008
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Purpose: To identify the qualifications, training and responsibilities of registered nurses 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