



## **Guidelines for Sponsoring a Transplant Surgeon Designee Course**

1. Any federally certified renal transplant facility may contact Quality Insights Renal Network Three (QIRN3) for guidelines on sponsoring a Transplant Surgeon Designee Course.
2. The Network maintains an email list of New Jersey (NJ) dialysis facility contacts and will support transplant designee programs by informing the dialysis community of courses when requested by sponsoring centers.
3. Individuals certified as designees are responsible for keeping their certification current and providing their facilities with copies of their certificates.
4. The Network recommends that the Transplant Designee Course should include at minimum the following curriculum:
  - a. Basic Introduction and Overview of Transplantation
  - b. The Role of the Transplant Surgeon Designee (guidelines provided by QIRN3)
  - c. Evaluation of the Transplant Candidate (Inclusion/Exclusion criteria)
  - d. Living Donor Kidney Transplant (including Evaluation of the Living Donor)
  - e. Psychosocial Issues in Transplantation (emotional, social, financial, vocational)
  - f. Short and Long Term Complications of Transplant
  - g. Discussion of multiple listing
  - h. Practical application of learning such as education about initiating/continuing the work of designee in facility and discussion of best practices
  - i. Offer specific topics that are related to current issues and trends in transplantation both locally and nationally
  - j. Financial aspects of transplantation
5. Content should be general and not center specific as the certification of a Transplant Surgeon Designee is a state-wide designation. Attendees should be made aware that they are to refer a patient to a program of the patient's choice, and which best fits his/her needs.
6. Consider engaging local Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) to provide updates.
7. The Transplant Surgeon Designee Course should offer contact hour credits and a Transplant Surgeon Designee Certificate. The Network recommends that designees be educated and certified annually.
8. The Transplant Surgeon Designee must be a licensed individual such as a registered nurse (RN) or a social worker (SW).
9. The target audiences for this course may include registered dietitians and patient care technicians who could support the transplant designee in its role.