



The Starzl Spotlight

May 2024



National Donate Life Month

April was National Donate Life Month! Thank you for your support as we continue to spread awareness of the importance of organ donation and encourage more people to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors.



Pediatric Donate Life Week

During Pediatric Donate Life week, the Network hosted a Pediatric Donate Life Spotlight: Personal Insights on Organ Donation & Transplantation featuring David & Christine Eckstein.

David Eckstein is a strong organ donation advocate and a retired Major League Baseball shortstop. David is one of five children. His father, two sisters and brother all have genetic kidney disease, been on dialysis and have been successfully transplanted. David's sister, Christine Eckstein went through kidney failure at age 18, was on kidney dialysis for over two years and transplanted at the age of 21. Christine is also the mother of 4 children, 3 of whom have the family's genetic kidney disease. David and Christine spoke on the importance of networking, finding patient communities, and the value of research.

We send a big thank you to the Eckstein family for sharing their story with us and for all of the advocacy work they do for the transplant community! If you missed the discussion, you can watch the recording on Basecamp or our [YouTube channel](#)!



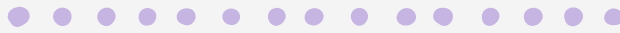
New PARTNER Website

Our PARTNER team is excited to launch a new website! The PARTNER website highlights a roadmap to guide the design and implementation of patient-reported outcomes research in the Starzl Network. For more information, visit: <https://partner.starzlnetwork.org/>



Manuscripts In Progress

- Data Mart Methods - revisions in progress to American Journal of Transplantation (Squires et al)
- LHN manuscript with ACTION & IROC – submitted to Pediatric Transplantation (Feldman, Hooper et al)
- Transition Practice invited manuscript – in preparation (Kosmach et al)
- RTOC Manuscript – in preparation (Kosmach, Gupta et al)
- Machine Learning Model (SBIR & SPLIT Grants) – in preparation (Pahl, E.)
- Optimal Management of highest risk cases (high risk tumor, neonates) – in preparation (Adams, M.)
- Training in Peds Transplant - in preparation (Rasmussen, S.)



Congratulations to the SPaRO team for their abstract being accepted to present at AcademyHealth.

SPaRO: Starzl Network Patient Reported Outcomes Digital Tool Assessing Parent and Child Reports of Quality of Life – Acceptance And Usability
 C. Dunphy, V. Ng, N. Mueller, S. Logan, J. Chessel, S. Lobritto, N. Gupta, E. Hsu, E. Perito, D. Pieratt, L. Kleinman, E. Shemesh and G. Mazariegos

Recent Publications

Raghu, V.K., Zhang, X., Squires, J.E., Eisenberg, E., Feldman, A.G., Halma, J., Peters, A.L., Gonzalez-Peralta, R.P., Ng, V.L., Horslen, S.P., Lobritto, S.J., Bucuvalas, J., Mazariegos, G.V., Perito, E.R. (2024). Impact of early immunosuppression on pediatric liver transplant outcomes within 1 year. Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology Nutrition. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jpn3.12112>

Perito, E.R., McQueen, M., Lau, J., Krise-Confair, C.J., Hillenburg, J.P., Mazariegos, G., Squires, J.E. (2024). Patient-centered research in pediatric transplant: Engaging families and recipients. American Journal of Transplantation. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajt.2024.01.030>

Starzl Network Walk for Children’s Team

The Starzl Network Walk for Children’s team is live! We would love for you to join us in person, virtually, or by donating to the Network! 100% of all donations go directly to supporting the Network. It is our goal to have participation from all 16 sites!

GOAL: \$10,000



Sign up to walk here:



Donate to the Network here:



Thank you to the following sites for your participation!

- Pittsburgh
- Columbia
- Stanford
- Seattle
- UVA



If you need access to Basecamp or the Data Mart, please contact C.J. or Lauren.