



*Reimagine* 2025:

**If You Could Change One Thing: Bold Ideas for  
Reimagining Organ Donation and Transplantation**

**October 12, 13 & 14, 2025**

**The Estancia, La Jolla**



**UC San Diego**

**CENTER FOR RESEARCH, EDUCATION,  
INNOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION  
IN ORGAN DONATION**

## **Sunday October 12, 2025**

**Noon - 2:00 pm:** Check in + Registration

**3:00 pm - 3:10 pm:** Welcome: Dr. Gabriel Schnickel, Executive Director, The UC San Diego REIMAGINE Center

**3:15 pm - 3:45 pm:** Session 1: If I Could Change One Thing: Compassion In Donation  
Topics: Fundamentals of Compassionate Communication & Enhancing Compassion in Donation

**3:45 pm - 4:00 pm:** Break

**4:00 pm - 5:00 pm:** Breakout sessions:

Breakout A: Self-compassion Workshop

Breakout B: Compassionate Communication Workshop

**5:00 pm:** Keynote Session: The Power of Compassion

**6:00 pm:** Networking Reception

# Monday October 13, 2025:

**6:30 am:** Group Hike

or

**7:00 am:** Yoga or Mindfulness Meditation

**7:30 am - 8:30 am:** Breakfast + Sponsor Showcase

**8:30 am- 10 am:** Session 1: If I Could Change One Thing: Reimagining the System

**10:00-10:15 am:** Break

**10:15 am -11:45 am:** Session 2: If I Could Change One Thing: Societal Engagement in US Organ donation.

**Noon- 2:00 pm:** Lunch + Exercise in Self-compassion  
Mindfulness + Wellness Activities

**2:00 pm - 3:30 pm:** Session 3: If I Could Change One Thing: Bold strategies in Organ Donation and Allocation

**3:30 pm - 4:00 pm:** Break

**4:00 pm - 5:00 pm:** Session 4: Creating Change: How Do We Make Big Ideas Happen?

**5:00 pm:** Keynote

**5:45 pm:** Reception + Drinks

## **Tuesday October 14, 2025:**

**6:30 am:** Group Hike

or

**7:00 am:** Yoga or Mindfulness Meditation

**7:30 am -8:30 am:** Breakfast Sponsor Showcase

**8:30 am - 10:00 am:** Session 1: If I Could Change One Thing: Technology in Organ Donation

**10 am - 11:00 am:** Session 2: Collective Commitments: Moving Big Ideas Forward

**11:00 am - Noon:** Closing + Farewell

# REIMAGINE 2025

## If You Could Change One Thing: Bold Ideas for Reimagining Organ Donation and Transplantation

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### Keynote Speaker

**Amy Purdy**

World-Class Paralympian, Best-selling Author, Dancer, Model, Motivational Speaker, Kidney Transplant Patient

#### Dr. Heather Gardiner, PhD

Carl V. Granger Endowed Chair in Health Equity; Director, Community Health Equity Research Institute; Professor, Department of Family Medicine, Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, University at Buffalo



#### Dr. Macey Levan, JD, PhD

Associate Professor of Surgery and Population Health, NYU Grossman School of Medicine; Director, Center for Surgical and Transplant Applied Research Qualitative Core, NYU Langone Transplant Institute.

#### Dr. Sylvester Black, MD, PhD

Professor of Surgery; Surgical Director of Liver Transplantation; Director, CREATE Ohio State Medical Center; Director, Living Donor Liver Transplantation, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

#### Dr. Amy Waterman, PhD, FAST

Division Chief for Patient Engagement and Diversity for the Center for Outcomes Research, Houston Methodist Research Institute; Director of Patient Engagement, Equity, and Education, Department of Surgery, Houston Methodist Hospital; Affiliate Faculty Member, Terasaki Institute for Biomedical Innovation

#### Dr. Anji Wall, MD, PhD

Medical Director, BSW Transplant Center for Innovation, Science, Policy Research and Ethics; Vice Chair of Research, Abdominal Transplant Surgeon and bioethicist, Baylor Simmons Transplant Institute, Dallas, TX

#### Dr. Marwan Abouljoud, MD, FACS, MMM, CPE

Benson Ford Chair, Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery; Director, Henry Ford Transplant Institute, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI; Professor of Surgery, Wayne State University Medical Center; Past President, American Society of Transplant Surgeons

#### Monique Pascucci, MA, LSSB

Change Management Lead, UC San Diego Health

#### Dr. David Lee, MD

Surgical Director, Liver Transplantation, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center; Associate Professor

#### Dr. John Magee, MD, FACS

Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Professor of Transplantation Surgery; Professor of Internal Medicine; Professor of Pediatrics; Professor of Surgery, University of Michigan Medical school

#### Dr. Satish Nadig, MD, PhD FACS

Edward G. Elcock Professor of Surgery; Professor of Microbiology/Immunology; Pediatrics; Chief, Division of Abdominal Transplant Surgery; Director, Comprehensive Transplant Center, Northwestern Medicine

#### Dr. Gary Buckholz, MD

Affiliate Faculty, Sanford Institute for Empathy & Compassion, UC San Diego

#### Chris Zinner

Managing Director, Accenture Health; Human Centered Design (HCD) Subcommittee co-chair, SRTR (2021-2023)

#### Dr. Shireen Mansouri, MD, CCFP (EM), FCFP

Family Medicine; Certified Compassion Cultivation Teacher, The Compassion Institute

#### Dr. Steve Wisel, MD

Assistant Professor of Surgery, Living Donor Kidney Program Surgical Director, Pancreas Transplantation Comprehensive Transplant Program, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

#### Jeff Orlowski, MS, CPTC

President and CEO, LifeShare Network; Vice President, International Society for Donation Professionals (ISODP); MTF Biologics Board of Directors; Vice Chair, Donation Board of Trustees (DBOT) for MTF; Chair, Oklahoma Governor's Advancement of Wellness Advisory Council; Past President of both the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO) and Donate Life America