

Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the Executive Council of the Canadian Donation and Transplantation Research Program (CDTRP), we are pleased to welcome you to Banff to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Transplant Summit. The Canadian Society of Transplantation, Canadian Blood Services and the Canadian Donation and Transplantation Research Program have once again come together to develop a common approach for increasing access to organs, cells and tissues, and for improving health outcomes for Canadians living with a transplant.

There are tremendous opportunities for our communities to learn from one another and develop strong relationships that will lead to collective success. By working together to define a common understanding of the barriers and challenges facing our patients, we can begin to identify and execute opportunities that will transform our approaches to donation and transplantation in Canada. The presence of families and patients at this Summit is an excellent opportunity to bring their voices and lived experiences to the table and to direct our research and clinical practice. Bringing together our communities to learn from one another and to participate with patients, families, policy makers, journalists, and engaged citizens will increase awareness of the importance of donation and the science of transplantation.

While our collective communities have made many significant, world-leading accomplishments, and while we have succeeded in advancing clinical care for our patients, we recognize that the true potential of transplantation in Canada is only beginning to be realized. Tens of thousands more Canadians could benefit from receiving a transplant. Obstacles that impair effective implementation of donation opportunities, hinder access to transplantation, and contribute to imperfect outcomes are solvable challenges. By working together, we can achieve the paradigm shift that will make transplantation a life-long cure for our patients.

We look forward to listening to your input and being inspired by your enthusiasm over the course of the Canadian Transplant Summit.

Sincerely,



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