

Organ Transplant Elective Syllabus

Winter 2026 | (Surgery 160.08) | Monday's 12:10-1:00pm

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Course Description:

The organ transplant lunchtime series elective will offer students a unique insight into transplant surgery by featuring talks from attendings and residents in the field. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for and participate in runs to help retrieve donor organs.

Course Logistics:

Monday's, 12:10-1pm

In-person at HSW 303

or

Zoom link:

To register: Go to Study List on your Student Portal and enter for subject: "Surgery" then enter for course: "The Organ Transplant Experience" under Surgery 160.08. **Enrollment is mandatory to be considered for organ runs!**

Course Schedule:

Date	Speaker + Topic	Room
2/9/26	Introduction to Deceased Organ Donation (Gardner/Roll) * Mandatory attendance for this first session to be considered for organ runs	HSW 303
3/2/26	Living donor liver transplantation (Roberts)	HSW 303
3/30/26	Kidney Transplantation (Freise)	TBD
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Course Attendance + Organ Run Qualification

Students must attend 6 out of the 7 sessions in order to receive full credit for the elective. Make-up work may be assigned on a case-by-case basis. **To be qualified for the organ run, you must be enrolled in the elective as well as attend the mandatory first session.**

Donor Runs Student Selection Workflow:

1. Student Sign-Up Process

- Students enrolled in the organ procurement elective must sign up on the designated list at the beginning of the rotation.
- Students must be comfortable sharing their **full name, date of birth (DOB), and weight** for flight purposes.

2. Organ Procurement Activation

- Once an organ becomes available, the organ procurement coordinator is notified.
- The coordinators initiate the student selection process immediately.

3. Random Selection of Students

- The coordinators will use a random selection method (e.g., a random number generator) to choose **three** students from the elective sign-up list.
- The selected students will be ranked in order of selection:
 1. **Primary Student**
 2. **First Alternate**
 3. **Second Alternate**

4. Contacting Students

- The coordinator will attempt to contact the **Primary Student** first.
 - If the student accepts, they are confirmed for the procurement run.
 - If the student declines or is unavailable, the coordinators will proceed to the **First Alternate** and** second alternate. **
- If none of the selected students are available, the process repeats with a new random selection.

- Once chosen, the student will be contacted by one of the coordinators and given the details about the procurement run.
- Students should be aware that procurement runs **typically occur late at night**, and coordinators may contact them later in the day depending on when the organ availability notification occurs.

5. Confirmation and Documentation

- Once a student is confirmed, their participation is recorded in the system.
- If a student does not respond, this should be noted to ensure fairness in future selections.
- The coordinator notifies the selected student of logistical details, including departure time and required preparations.
- Once a student participates in a procurement run, their name will be moved to the bottom of the list.
- A student can only be selected again once all other interested students have had an opportunity to go on a procurement run.

This workflow ensures a fair and transparent selection process while maximizing student participation in organ procurement runs.