“A Partnership for Development of a Mental Status Instrument for Transplant Candidates”

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What are the Issues?

- Transplant programs use a variety of test instruments
- No resources available that compile instrument documentation for transplant candidates
- Mental and behavioral health issues recognized in potential candidates
- Postoperative psychological disorders threaten outcomes
- Lack of instruments to predict who will succeed and who will drop out

http://organtransplant.mc.duke.edu/Report.html
Library Barriers

Lack of Transplant Instrument Coverage In

• Traditional Print Resources
  - Mental Measurements Yearbook
  - Tests
  - Tests In Print

• Databases
  - Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HAPI)
  - PsycINFO
  - Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL)
  - MEDLINE

• Single Monographs and Bibliographies

Few Reliable Instruments

• Psychosocial Assessment of Candidates for Transplantation (PACT)
• Transplant Evaluation Rating Scale (TERS)
• INTERMED – A Biopsychosocial Assessment

Instrument Documentation Scattered
Objectives

• Provide insight into how the patient will function emotionally and cope with the stress of transplantation

• Develop instruments that best predict who will succeed and who will fail

• Assemble instruments into a single resource (especially for potential solid organ transplant patients)

• Impact patient care through test development, documentation and resulting resources