

“The Transplant Candidate: Who Will Fail and Who Will Succeed? The Librarian’s CI”



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Transplant Unit

What are the Issues?

- Transplant programs use a variety of test instruments
- No resources available that compile instrument documentation for transplant candidates

Psychosocial Assessment of Candidates for Transplantation (PACT)

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Please bring to attention family (and caregiver) if any for "How often you think should be accepted for surgery?"

1. Social Support	2. Ability to Support System Stability	3. Ability to Support System Stability	4. Psychological Well-Being	5. Hospital Factors	6. Compliance with Medications and Medical Advice	7. Knowledge of Transplant and Recovery
1. Family emotional/lonely or highly unstable relationships	2. Family emotional/lonely or highly unstable relationships	3. Family emotional/lonely or highly unstable relationships	4. Family emotional/lonely or highly unstable relationships	5. Family emotional/lonely or highly unstable relationships	6. Family emotional/lonely or highly unstable relationships	7. Family emotional/lonely or highly unstable relationships
1	2	3	4	5	6	7



- 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

DUKE Home Transplant Programs Organ Donation Referral Process

Duke Transplant Center

Report Cards

- ▶ History
- ▶ Report Cards
The Report Cards compare organ transplant volumes at Duke with those at other North Carolina medical institutions. They also compare post-procedural patient and organ graft survival at Duke with the national average.
 - [Heart Transplant Report Card](#) (January 2004)
 - [Kidney and Pancreas Report Card](#) (January 2004)
 - [Liver Transplant Report Card](#) (January 2004)
 - [Lung Transplant Report Card](#) (January 2004)
- ▶ Appointments
- ▶ Patient Guides
- ▶ Personnel
- ▶ FAQs

<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

Partnership

Library Informationists



Transplant Social Workers



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