



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **STAFF CHANGES AT SOUTHWEST TRANSPLANT ALLIANCE**

There have been several staff changes at Southwest Transplant Alliance (STA), a non-profit organ procurement organization (OPO) based in Dallas, TX.

Jeffery C. Reese, MD, FACS, has been named medical director/procurement surgeon. He received his medical degree from St. Louis University. Reese is a member of the American College of Surgeons, the American Society of Transplant Surgeons and the New England Surgical Society.

Geoffrey A. Funk, MD, FACS, has been named associate medical director. He received his medical degree from Texas A & M and is currently pursuing a doctorate in liberal studies at Southern Methodist University with a focus on adult medical education.

Chad Ezzell has been named director of quality. He earned a M.S in management, with a certificate in healthcare management from Saint Joseph College and is a member of the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations.

Yvette M. Chapman, RN, BSN, CCTC, has been named director of transplant center development. She is formerly STA's director of quality and risk assessment. Chapman holds a B.S. in nursing from South University and a B.S. in biology/biological sciences from Louisiana State University. She is on the board of directors for the International Transplant Nurses Society and is a member of the National American Transplant Coordinators Organization.

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*About Southwest Transplant Alliance:*

For more than 40 years, STA has been saving lives by recovering donated organs for individuals awaiting a life-saving transplant. STA is among the largest of 58 federally designated, non-profit organ procurement organizations (OPO) and is now ranked number three in the nation for the highest number of organs transplanted. Founded in 1974, STA has facilitated more than 22,000 organs for recovery and enhanced the lives of more than 100,000 people. STA is a member of the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS) and is accredited by the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO). The organization serves communities in North Texas, Beaumont, Bryan/College Station, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Galveston, Midland/Odessa, Temple and Tyler. For more information, go to [www.organ.org](http://www.organ.org).

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