



Call for IMACS Registry Medical Director

Position Summary

The IMACS Registry Medical Director serves as Chair of the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) Registry for Mechanically Assisted Circulatory Support (IMACS) Steering Committee and provides strategic, scientific, and operational leadership for the Registry.

Working closely with the Registry Steering Committee, participating collectives and centers, the Data Collection Center (DCC), researchers, IMACS Vice Chair, ISHLT staff, the ISHLT Research Oversight Committee and Board of Directors, the Medical Director oversees Registry governance, scientific direction, data quality initiatives, stakeholder engagement, and long-term sustainability.

Appointment and Term

The Medical Director/Chair shall be appointed by the ISHLT Board of Directors for a three-year term and may be reappointed for one additional consecutive term.

Key Responsibilities

1. Registry Leadership and Governance

- Serve as Chair of the IMACS Registry Steering Committee and provide leadership for all Registry activities
- Establish strategic priorities and objectives for the Registry in alignment with ISHLT's mission and goals
- Facilitate Steering Committee meetings and oversee the implementation of committee decisions
- Nominate individuals and encourage applications for qualified individuals to serve in appointed IMACS Registry roles
- Ensure compliance with Registry policies, governance documents, and applicable regulatory requirements

2. Registry Development and Innovation

- Lead efforts to enhance and expand the Registry's scope, capabilities, and scientific value
- Oversee implementation of Registry enhancements and modernization initiatives.
- Promote innovation in data management, analytics, reporting, and international collaboration.

3. Data Quality and Integrity

- Collaborate with the Data Collection Center and others to improve data submission compliance and quality.
- Monitor Registry performance metrics and recommend corrective actions when necessary.



4. Reporting and Accountability

- Represent the IMACS Registry within the ISHLT Research Oversight Committee.
- Serve as the primary liaison between the IMACS Registry and the ISHLT Board of Directors.
- Provide regular updates and reports regarding Registry operations, scientific activities, participation, and strategic initiatives
- Present Registry achievements, challenges, and future plans during the IMACS annual report at the ISHLT annual meeting
- Ensure transparency and accountability in Registry operations.

5. Registry Growth and Stakeholder Engagement

- Promote the Registry within the international advanced heart failure and mechanical circulatory support communities.
- Recruit and engage new participating centers, regional collectives, and international partners.
- Foster strong relationships with clinicians and researchers
- Represent the Registry at scientific meetings, conferences, and other professional forums as appropriate

6. Collaboration and Partnership Management

- Work collaboratively with participating centers and collectives, data coordinating centers, and other key stakeholders.
- Facilitate communication among Registry participants and ensure stakeholder needs are addressed.
- Support initiatives that strengthen collaboration and data sharing across participating organizations.

7. Scientific Leadership and Publications

- Provide scientific oversight for Registry analyses, research initiatives, and publication activities.
- Co-author the annual IMACS Registry Report and other Registry-related manuscripts.
- Support the development and review of research proposals utilizing Registry data.
- Promote high-quality scientific output that advances the field and enhances the Registry's visibility and impact.
- Mentor investigators and encourage collaborative research opportunities within the Registry community.
- Promote responsible stewardship of Registry resources.



Qualifications

Required

- Maintain ISHLT membership in good standing.
- MD, DO, or equivalent medical degree.
- Recognized expertise in advanced heart failure and mechanical circulatory support.
- Demonstrated experience with clinical registries, multicenter research, or outcomes research.
- Strong leadership, organizational, and communication skills.
- Experience working with multidisciplinary and international collaborations.
- Proven record of scientific publications and presentations.

Preferred

- Prior experience serving in a leadership role within ISHLT
- Experience with data governance, quality assurance, and registry operations.
- Track record of successful grant funding, fundraising, or sponsorship development.
- Familiarity with international healthcare systems and collaborative research networks.

Time Commitment

The Medical Director is expected to dedicate sufficient time to oversee Registry operations, participate in committee meetings, engage with stakeholders, support scientific activities, and represent the Registry at relevant meetings and events.

Honorarium

The Medical Director receives an honorarium in recognition of contributions to ISHLT and the field.

Reporting Relationship

The IMACS Registry Medical Director reports to the ISHLT Research Oversight Committee and works in close collaboration with the IMACS Registry Steering Committee, IMACS Vice chair, participating collectives and centers, data coordinating center, and ISHLT staff.

Submit Your Interest

To apply for the role, please submit your CV and letter of intent to ISHLT Research & Education Manager Olivia Penninger at olivia.penninger@ishlt.org.