

Conclusion

How do psychosocial evaluations affect organ transplantation?

- Pretransplant psychosocial evaluations have been used to help target limited organ supply toward appropriate recipients to increase transplant success.
- SIPAT scores should be interpreted with nuance— focusing on specific domains to target interventions, rather than “total score.”
- These evaluations should be used to connect people with resources to help them succeed post-transplant, rather than as barriers preventing waitlisting.

Categories used in pretransplant evaluation can have socioeconomic and racial biases. For example, people with increased access to healthcare may be more likely to attend follow up appointments and fill medications.

Assessment of Psychosocial Factors Affecting Organ Transplantation

Objectives

- Review the background infrastructure for management of organ transplantation in the United States
- Understand some of the health disparities affecting people in need of organ transplants
- Discuss validated assessments used for pretransplant psychosocial evaluation