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I am a general surgery resident physician at Stanford University. I obtained my MD with Honors at the University of Chicago in 2022. My research, which is funded through an F32 National Research Service Award from the National Institutes of Health, focuses on improving organ allocation policies and promoting equity in access to transplantation. In particular, I study how organ allocation systems prioritize patients for transplantation, how transplant centers respond to changes in national allocation policies, and how clinical data can be used to develop more accurate and equitable measures of medical urgency. My long-term goal is to become an academic transplant surgeon whose research informs evidence-based transplant policy and improves outcomes for patients with end-stage organ failure. My work has appeared in journals including JAMA, Journal of the American College of Cardiology, Circulation: Heart Failure, Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation, and American Journal of Transplantation.

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