



## Flying LifePort Kidney Transporter (LKT) in Cabin of Commercial Aircraft

### Checklist

#### Documents to accompany LKT

1. OPTN Identifiers
2. Copy of itinerary
3. Contact numbers for OPO and ORS 24/7 Perfusion Helpline number
4. Copy of TSA contact email from both airports
5. LKT battery specifications

#### Prior to Arriving at Outbound Airport

- Understand basic LKT troubleshooting
- Call preferred airline to purchase two tickets next to each other for outgoing flight, preferably a middle and window seat; options include but are not limited to:
  - American Airlines Special Assistance, 800-237-7976
  - Delta Airlines Accessible Travel Services, 404-209-3434
  - Southwest Airlines, Customer Service, 800-435-9792
- Contact TSA via email to provide information about the perfusion case (itinerary, Unique Donor ID, OPO name, and OPO phone number) and obtain a local TSA point of contact for both airports. Print emails and add to required documents
- Swap LKTs if necessary
- Ensure LKT has adequate ice prior to leaving OPO
- Make sure LKT batteries are charged
- Consider bringing cart or Travel Bag with LKT to airport
- Silence LKT alerts by turning Audible Alert Switch to "O" with a flathead screwdriver
- Arrange transportation upon landing to receiving transplant hospital, if needed

#### At Outbound Airport

- If not done previously, purchase two airline tickets next to each other for outgoing flight, preferably a middle and window seat

**NOTE:** During the transition phase following the publication of FAA Organ Transport Work Group Final Report, different airports may require you to visit the airline ticket counter before proceeding to the TSA Checkpoint to verify organ transport documentation
- Bring LKT to airline ticket counter to verify documentation
  - Present paperwork on LKT, Batteries, and email communication with TSA as needed
  - Obtain boarding pass
- Proceed to TSA Checkpoint for screening
  - Present paperwork on LKT, Batteries, and email communication with TSA as needed
  - Send LKT through x-ray, if required. If any issues arise, request to speak to TSA Point of Contact

## At Gate and on Outbound Plane

- Notify gate counter personnel of organ transport and potential MEDEVAC status to ensure flight priority in takeoff and landing. Request preboarding and gate check Travel Bag or cart if necessary
- Secure LKT in second seat and notate time of boarding
- Verify with crew of organ transport and potential MEDEVAC status and request priority deplaning
- Purchase WiFi to be able to communicate with courier company or OPO, who may need to call ORS 24/7 Perfusion Helpline if any issues arise



## Resources

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Transportation of Organs on Commercial Airlines  
[https://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/avs/offices/afx/afs/afs200/organ\\_transport](https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/afx/afs/afs200/organ_transport)