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General Information

Welcome to the American Society of Transplantation Fellows Symposium on Transplantation.

Take advantage of the time that you spend at the AST Fellows Symposium!

Please feel free to engage and converse with faculty members in the halls or during our recreation and break times. All faculty members are committed to helping with your careers and professional development. When you are not talking with faculty, take the opportunity to meet the other attendees.

Below is some helpful information that will make it easier for you to find your way over the course of the weekend.

Meeting Rooms
All general sessions will be in Val Verde, Lobby Level.

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**Meals**

Breakfast will be provided by the AST in a grab-and-go style on Saturday and Sunday mornings at 7:00 AM in the Windfall Restaurant. This is located on the lobby level. Lunches on Friday and Saturday will also be held in the Windfall Restaurant.

The Friday evening reception will be held in The Knoll. Dinner to follow in the Windfall Restaurant.

When sessions conclude on Saturday, we will meet on the Hilton Lawn from 6:15 – 7:30 PM for relaxation and sporting events. At 8:00 PM, we will be at the Austin Ranch for dinner. Bring your dancing shoes as our DJ will teach a few line dances and happily take your music requests.

There will be a break area outside of Val Verde - feel free to help yourself to the snack and drink items!

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There is a Mother’s room located on the lower level in Cross Timbers I. This room will be open throughout the duration of the meeting.

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Program
Friday, September 22, 2023

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM  Lunch with Faculty
Location: Windfall Restaurant

1:45 PM – 4:15 PM  General Session 1
Overview of Transplantation
Location: Val Verde

1:45 PM  Welcome Remarks
Josh Levitsky, MD, MS, FAST
Paolo Cravedi, MD, PhD
Elizabeth Verna, MD, MS

2:00 PM  The “Why” and “How” of Transplant
Kidney and Multi-Organ – Deirdre Sawinski, MD, FAST
Liver – Elizabeth Verna, MD, MS
Heart – Maryjane Farr, MD, MSc, FACC, FAST
Lung – Deborah Levine, MD

3:00 PM  Discussion/Questions

3:15 PM  The Immune Response to Transplants and Immunosuppression Mechanisms of Action
Jamil Azzi, MD, PhD

4:00 PM  Discussions/Questions

4:15 PM  Break

4:35 PM – 6:05 PM  Breakout 1 – Donor Selection and Early Post-Transplant Management Challenges
(select 1 of the 7 options)
Kidney and Pancreas
Karin True, MD, FASN
Matthew Cooper, MD
Deirdre Sawinski, MD, FAST
Location: Val Verde

Liver
Elizabeth Verna, MD, MS
Andrew Adams, MD, PhD
Josh Levitsky, MD, MS, FAST
Location: Cap Rock

Heart
Maryjane Farr, MD, MSc, FACC, FAST
Sean Pinney, MD
Location: Spicewood

Lung
Deborah Levine, MD
Jasleen Kukreja, MD, MPH
Location: Su Vino

Immunosuppression (Pharmacist Focused)
Lisa Potter, PharmD, BCPS, FCCP, FAST
Lyndsey Bowman, PharmD, BCPS, BCTXP, FCCP, FAST
Location: International
Program (continued)

HLA and Pathology – Challenging Cases in Antibody Mediated Rejection
Nicole Valenzuela, PhD, D(ABHI)
Miroslav Sekulic, MD
Location: St. Genevieve

Infectious Disease in Solid Organ Transplantation – Donors and Recipients
Deepali Kumar, MD, MSc, FRCPC, FAST
Marian Michaels, MD, MPH
Location: Delaney

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM  Icebreaker and Reception
Location: The Knoll

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM  Dinner with Faculty
Location: Windfall Restaurant

Saturday, September 23, 2023

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM  Breakout 2 – Professional Development
(grab breakfast and select 1 of the 4 options)
How to Negotiate Your First Job
Alexander Wiseman, MD
Elizabeth Verna, MD, MS
Location: International

Building a Career as a Transplant Pharmacist
Lisa Potter, PharmD, BCPS, FFCCP, FAST
Lyndsey Bowman, PharmD, BCPS, BCTXP, FCCCP, FAST
Location: Delaney

Being a Clinician-Scientist: Rewards and Challenge
Deirdre Sawinski, MD, FAST
Xunrong Luo, MD, PhD, FAST
Location: Cap Rock

Leadership in the Transplant Center
Matthew Cooper, MD
Sean Pinney, MD
Location: Val Verde

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM  General Session 2
Mechanisms and Intervention of Ischemia Reperfusion Injury
Location: Val Verde

8:00 AM  Ischemia Reperfusion Injury Basics
Hēth T urnquist, PhD

8:15 AM  Advances in Organ Preservation – Getting Warmer?
Kidney – Alexander Wiseman, MD
Liver – Andrew Adams, MD, PhD
Heart and Lung – Jasleen Kukreja, MD, MPH
NRP – Matthew Cooper, MD

9:15 AM  Discussion
Program (continued)

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM  General Session 3
Using Science to Advance Clinical Care
Location: Val Verde
9:30 AM  Allograft Injury Monitoring – Paolo Cravedi, MD, PhD
Biomarkers – Use and Misuse – Kenneth Newell, MD, PhD
Anti-HLA and non-HLA Antibodies – Nicole Valenzuela, PhD, D(ABHI)
10:15 AM  Discussion

10:30 AM  Break

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM  General Session 4
The Future is Now
Location: Val Verde
10:45 AM  Cellular Therapies and Tolerance in Transplantation
Paolo Cravedi, MD, PhD
Josh LeVitsky, MD, MS, FAST
Xenotransplant – From Basic Science to Clinical Trials
Andrew Adams, MD, PhD
Can You Hear Me Now? Using Technology to Combat Nonadherence
Lisa Potter, PharmD, BCPS, FCCP, FAST

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM  Lunch
Location: Windfall Restaurant

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM  Breakout 3 (select 1 of the 2 options)
OPTION 1: Professional Development
Location: Val Verde
How to Write a Grant
Elizabeth Verna, MD, MS
Xunrong Luo, MD, PhD, FAST
How to Read, Write, and Review a Paper
Lisa VanWagner, MD, MSc
John Gill, MD, MS, FAST
Collaborative Science – Working with Basic Researchers, Colleagues, and Industry
Deirdre Sawinski, MS, FAST
Kenneth Newell, MD, PhD

OPTION 2: Deep Dive into Basic Immunology
Location: International
Innate Immunity – Paolo Cravedi, MD, PhD
T cells – Hêth Turnquist, PhD
B cells – Nicole Velanzuela, PhD, D(ABHI)

2:15 PM  Break
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2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
General Session 5
Clinical Trials in Transplantation

Location: Val Verde

2:30 PM
Pivotal Clinical Trials in Transplantation
Kidney – Karin True, MD, FASN
Liver – Lisa VanWagner, MD, MSc
Heart – Sean Pinney, MD
Lung – Deborah Levine, MD
Infectious Disease – Marian Michaels, MD, MPH

3:45 PM
Discussion

4:00 PM
Break

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM
Breakout 4 - Recipients and Post-Transplant Care
(select 1 of the 7 options)

Kidney and Pancreas
John Gill, MD, MS, FAST
Matthew Cooper, MD
Location: Val Verde

Liver
Elizabeth Verna, MD, MS
Andrew Adams, MD, PhD
Location: Cap Rock

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Location: Spicewood

Lung
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Location: Su Vino

Immunosuppression/Medication Management Challenges (All Organs + Pharmacy)
Lisa Potter, PharmD, BCPS, FCCP, FAST
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Location: International

Transplant Shark Tank
Jamil Azzi, MD, PhD
Héth Turnquist, PhD
Location: Ste. Genevieve

Transition from Pediatric Care to Adult Care
Karin True, MD, FASN
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Location: Delaney

6:15 PM – 7:30 PM
Fellows and Faculty Networking Recreation
Location: Hilton Lawn

8:00 PM – 11:00 PM
Texas Style Dinner and Dancing
Location: The Austin Ranch
Program (continued)

Sunday, September 24, 2023

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM  Breakfast  
Location: Windfall Restaurant

8:00 AM – 10:40 AM  General Session 6  
Controversies in Transplantation  
Location: Val Verde  
8:00 AM  Living Donor Risk Assessment – Can We Get to Zero?  
Alexander Wiseman, MD  
8:20 AM  Overcoming Barriers to Increase Living Donation  
Kenneth Newell, MD, PhD  
8:40 AM  Expanding Deceased Donation and Working with the OPOs  
Matthew Cooper, MD, FAST  
9:00 AM  Panel Discussion  
9:15 AM  Break  
9:25 AM  Challenges with Transplant Oversight  
Jesse Schold, PhD, M Stat, MEd  
9:45 AM  Increasing Access and Equity to Transplant  
Deirdre Sawinski, MD, FAST  
10:05 AM  Rethinking Clinical Trial End Points  
John Gill, MD, MS, FAST  
10:25 AM  Panel Discussion  

10:40 AM  Break

10:55 AM – 11:55 AM  Transplant Trivia  
Paolo Cravedi, MD, PhD  
Elizabeth Verna, MD, MS  
Location: Val Verde

11:55 AM – 12:00 PM  Final Comments  
Paolo Cravedi, MD, PhD  
Elizabeth Verna, MD, MS  
Location: Val Verde

12:00 PM  Adjourn
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After attending this program, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the basic immunology of solid organ transplantation, innate immunity, and implications for graft rejection and inflammation.
2. Describe the indications for transplantation within appropriately evaluated candidates.
3. Identify the mechanisms for immunosuppression therapies currently available and in development.
4. Explain specific challenges in the care of the transplanted patient, including racial disparity in transplantation, COVID-19, among other relevant current topics.
5. Discuss the organization of various resources (e.g. large clinical databases, professional societies, and government agencies) that are specific for transplantation and their potential for career development.

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