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**. Breakout session locations are listed each day below.

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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 on 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 are break areas throughout the halls and foyers. Feel free to help yourself to the snack and drink items!

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**Program**

**Friday, September 23, 2022**

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**  
Deepali Kumar, MD, MSc, FRCP, FAST, Jamil Azzi, MD, and Deirdre Sawinski, MD, FAST

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

4:00 pm  **Discussion/Questions**

4:15 pm  **Break**  
*This break is generously supported by Immucor.*

4:35 pm – 6:05 pm  **Organ Specific Breakouts – Donor Selection and Early Post-Transplant Management Challenges**  
*(please select one of 7 options)*

**Kidney and Kidney/Pancreas**  
Alexander Wiseman, MD, Deirdre Sawinski, MD, FAST, and Matthew Cooper, MD  
*Location: Val Verde*

**Liver**  
Juliet Emamaullee, MD, PhD, Elizabeth Verna, MD, MS, and Andrew Adams, MD, PhD  
*Location: Cap Rock*

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

**Lung**  
Deborah Levine, MD and Jasleen Kukreja, MD  
*Location: Su Vino*

**Immunosuppression (pharmacist focused)**  
Lisa Potter, PharmD, BCPS, FCCP, FAST and Lyndsey Bowman, PharmD, BCPS, BCTXP, FCCP, FAST  
*Location: International*

**Delayed Graft Function – Ischemia Reperfusion Injury, Novel Therapeutics**  
Héth Turnquist, PhD, and Jamil Azzi, MD  
*Location: Ste. Genevieve*

**HLA and Pathology – Challenging Cases in Antibody Mediated Rejection**  
Nicole Valenzuela, PhD, D(ABHI) and Miroslav Sekulic, MD  
*Location: Delaney*
Program (continued)

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  Icebreaker and Reception  
Location: The Knoll  
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7:30 pm – 9:30 pm  Dinner with the Faculty  
Location: Windfall Restaurant

Saturday, September 24, 2022

7:00 am – 8:00 am  Breakfast Breakout Sessions – Professional Development  
(grab breakfast and choose to attend 1 of 4 options)  
This activity is generously supported by Paragonix Technologies.

  How to Negotiate  
Alexander Wiseman, MD and Elizabeth Verna, MD, MS  
Location: International

  Transplant Pharmacist Career Advice  
Lisa Potter, PharmD, BCPS, FCCP, FAST and Lyndsey Bowman, PharmD, BCPS, BCTXP, FCCP, FAST  
Location: Delaney

  Being a Clinician-Scientist: Rewards and Challenge  
Deirdre Sawinski, MD, FAST and Andrew Adams, MD, PhD  
Location: Spicewood

  Leadership in the Transplant Center  
Matthew Cooper, MD and Sean Pinney, MD  
Location: Ste. Genevieve

8:00 am – 9:15 am  General Session 2  
Mechanisms and Intervention of Ischemia Reperfusion Injury  
Location: Val Verde

  8:00 am  Ischemia Reperfusion Injury Basics  
Hēth Turnquist, 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

  9:00 am  Discussion

9:15 am – 10:30 am  General Session 3  
Using Science to Advance Clinical Care  
Location: Val Verde

  9:15 am  Allograft Injury Monitoring – Paolo Cravedi, MD, PhD  
Biomarkers – Use and Misuse – Kenneth Newell, MD, PhD  
HLA – Nicole Valenzuela, PhD, D(ABHI)  
Pathology – Moving Beyond the Biopsy – Miroslav Sekulic, MD

  10:15 am  Discussion

  10:30 am  Break | This break is generously supported by Immucor.
10:45 am – 11:45 am  
**General Session 4**  
The Future is Now  
*Location: Val Verde*  

10:45 am  
**Xenotransplant – From Basic Science to Clinical Trials**  
Andrew Adams, MD, PhD  

11:05 am  
**Cellular Therapies and Tolerance in Transplantation**  
Sandy Feng, MD, PhD  

11:25 am  
**Can You Hear Me Now? Using Technology to Combat Nonadherence**  
Lisa Potter, PharmD, BCPS, FCCP, FAST  

11:45 am – 12:45 pm  
**Lunch**  
*This lunch is generously supported by CareDx.*  
*Location: Windfall Restaurant*  

12:45 pm – 2:15 pm  
**Breakout Sessions**  
*(choose between 2 options)*  

**Professional Development**  
*Location: Val Verde*  

How to Write a Grant – Elizabeth Verna, MD, MS and Anita Chong, PhD  
How to Read, Write, and Review a Paper – Sandy Feng, MD, PhD and John Gill, MD, MS  
Collaborative Science – Working with Basic Researchers, Colleagues and Industry – Deirdre Sawinski, MD, FAST and Kenneth Newell, MD, PhD  

**Deep Dive into Basic Immunology**  
*Location: International*  

Innate Immunity – Paolo Cravedi, MD, PhD  
T cells – Hēth Turnquist, PhD  
B cells – Anita Chong, PhD  

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 – Alexander Wiseman, MD  
Liver – Juliet Emamaullee, MD, PhD  
Heart – Sean Pinney, MD  
Lung – Deborah Levine, MD  

3:45 pm  
**Discussion**  

4:00 pm  
**Break**  
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Program (continued)

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm  Organ Specific Breakout Sessions – Recipients and Post-transplant Care (Choose 1 of 7 options)

Kidney and Kidney/Pancreas – Recipient Considerations  
John Gill, MD, MS, and Matthew Cooper, MD  
Location: Val Verde

Liver – Recipient Challenges  
Elizabeth Verna, MD, MS and Juliet Emamaullee, MD, PhD  
Location: Cap Rock

Heart – Recipient Issues  
Sean Pinney, MD and Shelley Hall, MD  
Location: Spicewood

Lung – Recipient Considerations  
Deborah Levine, MD and Jasleen Kukreja, MD  
Location: Su Vino

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

Transplant Hack-a-Thon  
Jamil Azzi, MD, Hēth Turnquist, PhD, and Paolo Cravedi, MD, PhD  
Location: Ste. Genevieve

Infectious Disease in Solid Organ Transplantation – Donors and Recipients  
Deepali Kumar, MD, MSc, FRCPC, FAST and Marian Michaels, MD, MPH  
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 25, 2022

7:00 am – 7:45 am  Breakfast
Location: Windfall Restaurant

8:00 am – 10:30 am  General Session 6
Controversies in Transplantation
Location: Val Verde

  8:00 am  Living Donor Risk Assessment – Can We Get to Zero?
          John Gill, MD, MS

  8:30 am  Expanding the Deceased Donor Pool (Using “High Risk” Donors Including COVID+)
          Marian Michaels, MD, MPH

  9:00 am  Discussion

  9:15 am  Ethical Issues and Expanding the Donor Pool
          Paying Living Donors and Financial Neutrality – Kenneth Newell, MD, PhD
          Working with OPOs and Legislators to Increase Deceased Donation – Matthew Cooper, MD

  10:15 am  Discussion

10:30 am  Break | This break is generously supported by Immucor.

10:45 am – 11:55 am  Transplant Trivia
Jamil Azzi, MD and Deirdre Sawinski, MD, FAST
Location: Val Verde
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11:55 am – 12:00 pm  Final Comments
Jamil Azzi, MD and Deirdre Sawinski, MD, FAST
Location: Val Verde

12:00 pm  Adjourn
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Learning Objectives

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, COVID19, 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.

Disclaimer

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by Maryl R. Johnson, MD; Professor of Medicine, Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

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