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Dear Colleague:

Given your role as a transplant nephrology training program director, we are writing to share an update as the field begins to transition from accreditation by the Transplant Nephrology Fellowship Training Accreditation Program (TNFTAP) to accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

As the ACGME's work progresses, the AST Board of Directors has considered the future of the TNFTAP, a wholly owned subsidiary of the AST. The AST Board continues to support ACGME accreditation of transplant nephrology training programs and believes that ACGME recognition and accreditation of transplant nephrology is one step towards attracting more practitioners to the field. The AST Board determined that having multiple accrediting bodies offers limited value and could hinder ACGME's efforts. The AST Board emphasized the need to give current TNFTAP programs time to apply for ACGME accreditation and plan for the eventual conclusion of the TNFTAP. Accordingly, to support a smooth transition, **the AST decided it will conclude the TNFTAP two years after ACGME finalizes its program requirements and application.**

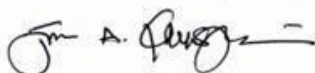
The ACGME recently released proposed transplant nephrology training program requirements for stakeholder feedback. The ACGME Board is expected to review the final proposed program requirements in September 2025. If approved, the requirements would take effect immediately, and accreditation applications would be released. **Based on this projected timeline, AST plans to conclude the TNFTAP in September 2027.**

You should have already received an invitation to attend a transplant nephrology fellowship program directors meeting at the 2025 World Transplant Congress in San Francisco. This meeting will be held on Saturday, August 2 from 1:15 – 4:15 PM PT in Room 151 at the Moscone Convention Center. Navigating the transition to ACGME accreditation will be a primary focus of the meeting and your attendance is strongly encouraged to contribute to a robust discussion. This discussion will also create an opportunity to identify program directors' outstanding questions about this transition.

You can expect additional updates from us as more details become available, answers to your outstanding questions are known, and timelines are solidified. Updates will also be posted to the AST, ASN, and TNFTAP websites.

Thank you for your support and commitment to developing a thriving workforce. If you have any questions or need additional information, please reach out to Chad Waller, AST Associate Executive Director, at cwaller@myast.org.

Sincerely,



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