



ASTS
American Society of
Transplant Surgeons

Fall 2025 Fellows Symposium

September 17–19, 2025 | The Kimpton Hotel Monaco in Pittsburgh, PA

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Moderators: Fady Kaldas, MD, FACS and Kendra Conzen, MD

Sheffield Ballroom

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast – Sofia Ballroom
8:30 am - 8:50 am	Find your table/group
8:50 am - 9:00 am	Opening Remarks and Orientation: Setting the Stage for Fellow Symposium Speaker: Fady Kaldas, MD, FACS University of California, Los Angeles
9:00 am - 9:30 am	ASTS Presidential Address Speaker: James Markmann, MD Penn Transplant Institute
9:30 am - 9:55 am	Technical Pitfalls: Kidney Speaker: Alex Zendel, MD Hackensack University Medical Center
9:55 am - 10:20 am	Technical Pitfalls: Pancreas Speaker: Rachel Forbes, MD Vanderbilt University Medical Center
10:20 am - 10:30 am	<i>Break</i>
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Donor-Recipient Matching: Navigating Organ Offer Review and Selection Introduction: Alex Zendel, MD Hackensack University Medical Center Moderator: Chaya Shwaartz, MD University of Toronto
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Artificial Intelligence in Transplantation: Promise and Practicality Speaker: Henry Randall, MD SSM Health Saint Louis University
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Biogen Sponsored Lunch – Sofia Ballroom
1:00 pm - 1:25 pm	Establishing a Robotic Kidney Transplant Program: Strategy, Training, and Team Building Speaker: Michelle Nguyen, MD Mayo Clinic Arizona
1:25 pm – 1:35 pm	Robotics – Q&A
1:35 pm – 2:00 pm	The Business of Transplantation: Financial Principles for Surgical Leaders Speaker: Tomoaki Kato, MD Columbia University
2:00 pm - 2:10 pm	The Business of Transplantation – Q&A
2:10 pm - 2:20 pm	<i>Break</i>
2:20 pm - 3:20 pm	Advocacy in Transplantation: Policy, Equity, and Professional Engagement Speaker: Debra Sudan, MD Duke University Medical Center Speaker: Henry Randall, MD SSM Health Saint Louis University Speaker: Amit Mathur, MD Mayo Clinic Arizona Moderator: Vidya Fleetwood, MD Saint Louis University School of Medicine
3:20 pm - 3:30 pm	Group Picture and Day 1 Wrap-up
3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	<i>Break</i>
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Pictionary Happy Hour – Sofia Ballroom <i>Theme: 70s Transplant Origins</i>
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Dinner – Rialto & Emperor Rooftop <i>Sponsored by Sanofi</i>

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8:30 am - 8:40 am

Second Day Overview

8:40 am - 9:05 am

Technical Pitfalls: Liver

Speaker: Fady Kaldas, MD, FACS | University of California, Los Angeles

9:05 am - 9:15 am

Technical Pitfalls: Liver – Q&A

9:15 am – 9:50 am

Transplant Oncology: Expanding Indications and Navigating Access

Speaker: Julie Heimbach, MD | Mayo Clinic Rochester

9:50 am - 10:30 am

Complex Liver Transplantation Panel: Case-Based Learning in High-Risks Scenarios

Moderator: Chaya Shwaartz, MD | University of Toronto

Panelist: Julie Heimbach, MD | Mayo Clinic Rochester

Panelist: Fady Kaldas, MD, FACS | University of California Los Angeles

Panelist: Amit Mathur, MD | Mayo Clinic Arizona

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am – 11:40 am

Launching Your Transplant Career: Strategies for Success from Junior to Senior Faculty

Moderator: Vidya Fleetwood, MD | Saint Louis University School of Medicine

Panelist: Anushi Shah, MD | Integris Baptist Medical Center

Panelist: Anji Wall, MD | Baylor Simmons Transplant Institute

Panelist: Amit Mathur, MD | Mayo Clinic Arizona

11:40 am - 12:30 pm

Interactive Case Review: Liver Offer Evaluation and Donor-Recipient Matching

Introduction: Chaya Shwaartz | University of Toronto

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

TransMedics Sponsored Lunch – Sofia Ballroom

1:35 pm - 2:10 pm

Optimizing Surgical Ergonomics: Wellness and Injury Prevention in the OR

Speaker: Sunil Geevarghese, MD | Vanderbilt University Medical Center

2:10 pm – 3:05 pm

Agarwal Lecture

Innovations in Transplantation: Surgical Ingenuity and Future Directions

Speaker: Lloyd Ratner, MD | Columbia University

3:05 pm – 3:20 pm

Break

3:20 pm - 3:50 pm

Advances in Liver Preservation: Machine Perfusion (MP) and Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP)

Moderator: Motaz Selim, MD, MBBCh, MSc | University of Utah

Panelist: Jennifer Yu, MD | Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis

Panelist: Anji Wall, MD | Baylor Simmons Transplant Institute

Panelist: Michelle Nguyen, MD | Mayo Clinic Arizona

3:50 pm - 4:05 pm

Panel Q&A for Machine Perfusion (MP) and Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP)

4:05 pm - 4:15 pm

Overview of the TACC Fellowship Certification Pathway

Speaker: John Magee, MD | University of Michigan

4:15 pm - 6:00 pm

Machine Perfusion Demonstration and Networking Session

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Break

6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

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Pediatric Transplantation: Core Concepts for All Transplant Surgeons

Speaker: Debra Sudan, MD | Duke University Medical Center

8:40 am - 9:15 am

Ethics in Selection Committee Decision-Making

Speaker: Robert Montgomery, MD | NYU Langone Transplant Institute

9:15 am - 9:50 am

Selection Conference Ethics: Case-Based Q&A and Discussion

Moderator: Anji Wall, MD | Baylor Simmons Transplant Institute

9:50 am - 10:00 am

Break

10:00 am - 10:45 am

Culture and Leadership: Building Influence and Resilience in Transplant Teams

Speaker: Kendra Conzen, MD | University of Colorado

10:45 am - 11:00 am

Culture & Leadership – Q&A Discussion

Moderator: W. Christian Crannell, MD | Vanderbilt University Medical Center

11:00 am - 11:25 am

Fellowship Survey Insights and Discussion

Speaker: Michelle Nguyen, MD | Mayo Clinic Arizona

11:25 am - 11:30 am

Closing Reflections and Adjournment

Speaker: Michelle Nguyen, MD | Mayo Clinic Arizona

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