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Fall 2026 Fellows Symposium

October 7–9, 2026 | The Brown Hotel Louisville, KY

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Moderators: Christian Crannell, MD, and Anushi Shah, MD

7:30 am - 8:30 am **Breakfast** – Crystal Ballroom

8:30 am - 8:45 am **Find your table/group**

8:50 am - 9:00 am **Opening Remarks and Orientation: Setting the Stage for Fellows Symposium**

Speaker: Michelle Nguyen, MD, MPH | Mayo Clinic Arizona

9:05 am - 9:35 am **ASTS Presidential Address**

Speaker: Henry Randall, MD, MBA, FACS | SSM Health Saint Louis University

9:35 am - 10:00 am **Technical Pitfalls: Kidney**

Speaker: Motaz Selim, MD, MBBCh, MSc | University of Utah Medical Center

10:05 am - 10:25 am **Technical Pitfalls: Pancreas**

Speaker: Rachel Forbes, MD, MBA, FACS | Vanderbilt University Medical Center

10:25 am - 10:35 am **Break**

10:35 am - 11:05 am **HLA Essentials for the Transplant Fellow**

Speaker: Alex Chang, MD | University of Texas at Houston

11:10 am - 11:55 am **Kidney Donor-Recipient Matching: Navigating Organ Offer Review and Selection**

Moderators: Christian Crannell, MD | Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Robert Plews, MD, MS | University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Sponsored Lunch** – Gallery Ballroom

1:05 pm - 1:25 pm **Building a Robotic Kidney Transplant Program: Strategy, Training, and Team Building**

Speaker: Michelle Nguyen, MD, MPH | Mayo Clinic Arizona

1:30 pm - 1:50 pm **Robotic Kidney Transplant: Donor and Recipient Technical Steps**

Speaker: Chandra Bhati, MS, FEBS, MRCS | University of Maryland School of Medicine

1:55 pm - 2:15 pm **How Transplant Programs Make Money**

Speaker: Amit Mathur, MD, MS, FACS | Mayo Clinic Arizona

2:20 pm - 3:05 pm **Advocacy in Transplantation: Policy, Equity, and Engagement**

Moderator: Amit Mathur, MD, MS, FACS | Mayo Clinic Arizona

Speaker: Debra Sudan, MD | Duke University Medical Center

Speaker: Irene Kim, MD | Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles

Speaker: Matthew Cooper, MD | Medical College of Wisconsin Transplant Surgery Division

3:10 pm - 3:30 pm **Group Picture and Day 1 Wrap-Up**

3:30 pm - 6:00 pm **Break**

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm **Pictionary Happy Hour** – Gallery Ballroom

Theme: Kentucky Derby

7:10 pm - 8:40 pm **Sponsored Dinner** – Rooftop Garden- 16th Floor

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Thursday, October 8, 2026

Moderators: Meredith Barrett, MD, and Yvonne Kelly, MD

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast – Crystal Ballroom
8:30 am - 8:40 am	Second Day Overview Speaker: Michelle Nguyen, MD, MPH Mayo Clinic Arizona
8:40 am - 9:10 am	Technical Pitfalls: Liver Speaker: Fady Kaldas, MD, FACS University of California, Los Angeles
9:15 am - 9:45 am	Advances in Transplant Oncology Speaker: Julie Heimbach, MD Mayo Clinic
9:45 am - 10:05 am	Bariatrics in Transplantation Speaker: Tayyab Diwan, MD Mayo Clinic Rochester
10:05 am - 11:00 am	Launching Your Transplant Career: Strategies for Success from Junior to Senior Faculty Moderator: Chaya Shwaartz, MD University of Toronto Panelist: Alex Chang, MD University of Texas at Houston Panelist: Kelly Collins, MD University of Wisconsin Panelist: Julie Heimbach, MD Mayo Clinic
11:05 am - 11:15 am	Break
11:15 am - 12:10 pm	Liver Offer Evaluation and Donor-Recipient Matching: Interactive Case Review Moderators: Anushi Shah, MD Integris Baptist Medical Center, Lucy Chiang Chau, MD, BSc (Hons), MSc University of Washington
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Sponsored Lunch – Gallery Ballroom
1:20 pm - 1:50 pm	Surgical Endurance Speaker: Christian Crannell, MD Vanderbilt University Medical Center
1:55 pm - 2:50 pm	Agarwal Lecture <i>Innovations in Transplantation: Surgical Ingenuity and Future Directions</i> Speaker: Abraham (Avi) Shaked, MD, PhD University of Pennsylvania
2:50 pm - 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Donor Procurement: Pearls and Pitfalls Speaker: Anji Wall, MD, PhD Baylor Simmons Transplant Institute
3:35 pm - 3:55 pm	Advances in Liver Preservation: Machine Perfusion and Normothermic Regional Perfusion Speaker: Kristopher Croome, MD Mayo Clinic Florida
4:00 pm - 4:20 pm	Advances in Kidney Preservation: Machine Perfusion and Normothermic Regional Perfusion Speaker: Christian Crannell, MD Vanderbilt University Medical Center
4:20 pm - 4:30 pm	Break
4:30 pm – 6:15 pm	Machine Perfusion Demonstration and Networking Session
6:15 pm – 8:00 pm	Happy Hour/Networking Sponsored Dinner – Rooftop Garden- 16 th Floor

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Friday, October 9, 2026

Moderators: Adam Frank, MD and Plamen Mihaylov, MD

7:30 am - 8:00 am **Breakfast** – Crystal Ballroom

8:05 am - 8:25 am **The TACC Fellowship Certification Pathway**
Speaker: John Magee, MD | Michigan Medicine

8:30 am - 8:50 am **Pediatric Transplantation: Core Concepts**
Speaker: Kelly Collins, MD | University of Wisconsin

8:55 am - 9:15 am **Ethics in Selection Committee Decision-Making**
Speaker: Tayyab Diwan, MD | Mayo Clinic Rochester

9:20 am - 9:50 am **Transplant Global Health**
Speaker: Thomas Pham, MD | Stanford University

9:55 am - 10:50 am **Culture and Leadership: Building Influence and Resilience in Transplant Teams**
Moderator: Anji Wall, MD, PhD | Baylor Simmons Transplant Institute
Panelist: Matthew Levine, MD, PhD | University of Pennsylvania
Panelist: Jacqueline Garonzik Wang, MD, PhD, FACS | University of Alabama at Birmingham
Panelist: Anushi Shah, MD | Integris Baptist Medical Center

10:55 am - 11:15 am **Fellowship Survey Insights and Discussion**
Speaker: Michelle Nguyen, MD, MPH | Mayo Clinic Arizona

11:20 am - 11:25 am **Closing Reflections and Adjournment**
Speaker: Michelle Nguyen, MD, MPH | Mayo Clinic Arizona

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