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**
Crystal Ballroom	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
Crystal Ballroom	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	**Sponsored Breakfast** – Gallery
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** *Innovations in Transplantation: Surgical Ingenuity and Future Directions* 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 Dinner–** *Rooftop Garden- 16th Floor*

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Friday, October 9, 2026

Moderators: Adam Frank, MD and Chandra Bhati, MS, FEBS, MRCS

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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