



ASTS
American Society of
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Fall 2026 Fellows Symposium

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

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

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| 7:30 am - 8:30 am | Breakfast |
| 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 |
| 9:05 am - 9:35 am | ASTS Presidential Address |
| 9:35 am – 10:00 am | Technical Pitfalls: Kidney |
| 10:05 am - 10:25 am | Technical Pitfalls: Pancreas |
| 10:25 am - 10:35 am | Break |
| 10:35 am - 11:05 am | HLA Essentials for the Transplant Fellow |
| 11:10 am - 11:55 am | Kidney Donor- Recipient Matching: Navigating Organ Offer Review and Selection |
| 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Sponsored Lunch |
| 1:05 pm - 1:25 pm | Building a Robotic Kidney Transplant Program: Strategy, Training, and Team Building |
| 1:30 pm - 1:50 pm | Robotic Kidney Transplant: Donor and Recipient Technical Steps |
| 1:55 pm - 2:15 pm | How Transplant Programs Make Money |
| 2:20 pm - 3:05 pm | Advocacy in Transplantation: Policy, Equity, and Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OPTN Modernization• Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Advocacy• Getting Involved in Advocacy |
| 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 | Happy Hour - Pictionary Theme: Kentucky Derby |
| 7:10 pm - 8:40 pm | Sponsored Dinner |



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| 7:30 am - 8:30 am | Breakfast |
| 8:30 am - 8:40 am | Second Day Overview |
| 8:40 am - 9:10 am | Technical Pitfalls: Liver |
| 9:15 am - 9:45 am | Advances in Transplant Oncology |
| 9:45 am - 10:05 am | Bariatrics in Transplantation |
| 10:05 am - 11:00 am | Launching Your Transplant Career: Strategies for Success from Junior to Senior Faculty |
| 11:05 am - 11:15 am | Break |
| 11:15 am - 12:10 pm | Liver Offer Evaluation and Donor-Recipient Matching: Interactive Case Review |
| 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm | Sponsored Lunch |
| 1:20 pm - 1:50 pm | Surgical Endurance |
| 1:55 pm - 2:50 pm | Argarwal Lecture- Innovations in Transplantation: Surgical Ingenuity and Future Directions |
| 2:50 pm - 3:00 pm | Break |
| 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm | Donor Procurement: Pearls and Pitfalls |
| 3:35 pm - 3:55 pm | Advances in Liver Preservation: Machine Perfusion and Normothermic Regional Perfusion |
| 4:00 pm - 4:20 pm | Advances in Kidney Preservation: Machine Perfusion and Normothermic Regional Perfusion |
| 4:20 pm - 4:30 pm | Break |
| 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm | Machine Perfusion Demonstration and Networking Session |
| 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm | Happy Hour |
| 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm | Sponsored Dinner |



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| 7:30 am - 8:00 am | Breakfast |
| 8:05 am - 8:25 am | The TACC Fellowship Certification Pathway |
| 8:30 am - 8:50 am | Pediatric Transplantation: Core Concepts |
| 8:55 am - 9:15 am | Ethics in Selection Committee Decision-Making |
| 9:20 am - 9:50 am | Transplant Global Health |
| 9:55 am - 10:50 am | Culture and Leadership: Building Influence and Resilience in Transplant Teams |
| 10:55 am - 11:15 am | Fellowship Survey Insights and Discussion |
| 11:20 am – 11:25 am | Closing Reflections and Adjournment |
