



# ASTS ADVOCACY PHILOSOPHY

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The American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) advocates from a place of deep respect for the gift of life, the dignity of donors, and hope for our patients. Our advocacy is rooted in our commitment to the highest ethical standards, scientific innovation, and equitable access. We strive to shape policies that expand access to deceased and living donor transplantation, protect patient and donor safety, and promote responsible innovation while preserving the integrity of the transplant ecosystem.

We honor the patient-physician relationship, knowing that we are our patients' strongest advocates. We believe that decisions about how our transplant system should operate are a collaborative effort, balanced between appropriate oversight by federal agencies and policymakers and the patient-centric priorities of the transplant community. We support regulatory frameworks that are streamlined, data-driven, and transparent, encouraging innovation without undermining patient safety or delaying life-saving transplants.

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**We see ourselves not only as surgeons but also as stewards of the public trust upon which our profession depends. In honoring the donors who make the gift of life possible, we advocate tirelessly for our patients.**

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