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Advanced Transplant Providers *e-Newsletter*

The art and science of the transplantation community



ASTS Advanced Transplant Providers Committee Launches ATP e-Newsletter!

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Issue

Welcome to the February 2012 issue of the Advanced Transplant Provider (ATP) e-Newsletter brought to you by the ASTS Advanced Transplant Providers Committee!

We have a lot to share with you in this issue. First, the December 2011 issue of the ATP e-Newsletter was a success! The first e-Newsletter was sent to 336 surgical associate members of the ASTS and was designed as a vehicle to the latest news and information from the ATP community as well as keeping you up-to-date on the Committee's work and other activities. We hope that you will continue to support this member benefit and invite you to submit any recent interesting articles or up coming events and projects on transplantation that you would like to feature in this bi-monthly communication.

We look forward to hearing from you!

2012 Winter Symposium Highlights

The ASTS held its 12th Annual State of the Art Winter Symposium in beautiful South Beach Miami and was the most successful meeting yet!

The collegial atmosphere was electric and the conversations amongst colleagues were thought provoking, educationally inspiring and refreshing. The Symposium offered cutting-edge science and among the many sessions, it offered the ATP community sessions such as Transplant Training Paradigms; with educational barriers and approaches which addressed mentoring, new training paradigms and essential elements of a transplant curriculum that ensures success among the many facets of providers in the multidisciplinary team. One key component seemed to resonate as a theme among the many presenters - ASTS members seek to provide an environment of learning and supporting the new clinician in transplant. In celebration of the success of the Symposium, a dinner and dancing followed on Saturday evening bringing together the most influential people in our field on the dance floor! To give the meeting a healthy spin, the Symposium concluded on Sunday with a 5K run that was fantastic. We, as a group, not only work well under pressure, but also certainly can run under pressure.

2012 ATP Award Recipient

For the second year in a row, ASTS continues to recognize and honor ASTS surgical associate members for their efforts dedicated to advancing clinical practice through translation of scientific information, development of standards and clinical mentoring of the Advanced Transplant Providers. Presented at the 2012 Winter Symposia, this year's ATP Award Recipient is Ms. Pamela Patton, PA-C, MSP. Ms. Patton is the Clinical Director of the Kidney and Pancreas Transplant programs and board-certified physician assistant in the Department of Surgery, University of Florida and encompasses 33 years experience evaluating individuals with kidney disease, surgical care and medical management, outcomes tracking, database design, clinical research, writing and publication. Her accomplishments include primary or co-authorship of over 35 peer-reviewed articles and 20 scientific abstracts. Ms. Patton founded and chairs UF Shand's Transplant Directors Council composed of thoracic and abdominal organ transplant program leaders. Her involvement includes service on numerous committees, physician outreach, guest lecturing, and mentorship to many throughout her career.



Pamela Patton recipient of the 2012 ATP Award, with Mitch Henry, MD, ASTS President and Dorry Segev, MD, Chair - Program Planning Committee

NATCO Meeting Highlights

The NATCO 2012 Symposium for Advanced Transplant Professionals, held in conjunction with the ASTS State of the Art Winter Symposium in Miami, was enjoyed by 141 attendees. The opening session began with an interactive panel discussion titled "OPOs and Transplant Centers: Partners in Patient Safety and Superior Outcomes." The panel members included experts in the field of donation and transplantation. The panelist challenged the audience on their knowledge of transplant and donation regulation and discussed the pitfalls that transplant centers and OPOs face when navigating transplant/donation regulatory issues and how to avoid common missteps by understanding the regulations and learning from others.

One of the meeting highlights were the transplant track presentations that included valuable insights on the topics of QAPI, Pharmacology, and Infectious Disease. Additionally, Dr. Roy Bloom from the University of Pennsylvania spoke about innovations in patient education and communication and Dr. Thomas Nevins, University of Minnesota, presented information on the challenge of post-transplant adherence. Dr. Haley Hoy demonstrated how technology can make our practice easier by the development of a transplant web portal for advanced practice providers that were supported by a NATCO grant. Dr. Dorry Segev spoke on the significant transplant disparities that effect access to transplantation. He also spoke about the critical innovations of kidney exchange and incompatible transplantation that now enable incompatible living kidney donors to donate.



Procurement professionals were challenged with donor management scenarios using the NATCO simulation mannequin (SAM). Dr. Whelan led the bronchoscopy simulation session. Drs. Habshi and Whelan waged the pressure control versus volume control debate. The jury is out on which is better so it may be waged again at the Symposium next year. Dr. Dwight Bailey talked about declaring pediatrics patients on Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO). Other topics during the procurement tracks included talks on Disseminated Intravascular Coagulopathy (DIC), ex-vivo lung perfusion, and re-directing registered donor families to get reluctant families to donate their love one organs.

A fun touch in this year's meeting was a joint ASTS/NATCO session titled "War Stories: The Most Challenging Problems I Ever Had and How I Solved It." NATCO Past President Cathy Garvey competed against the surgeons to present the best war story. The stories were true and comical, participants voted for the best story and Ms. Garvey received 3rd place!

2012 ATC Update

[Registration is now open!](#) This year's program promises to be an exceptional education experience! The Saturday pre-meeting symposia will continue to provide focused updates for those attendees who choose to come early to the meeting. On Monday, there will be focused Early Morning Workshops on manuscript and grant writing. On Sunday through Tuesday mornings, there will remain a broad selection of single-focused concurrent symposia following the morning joint plenary sessions. On Tuesday, there is the "Controversies in Transplantation" but this year there are two concurrent controversies so you can "pick your battle." The afternoons will continue with concurrent abstract sessions and posters. There will be the Transplantation in Depth, with a clinical session on delayed graft injury on Sunday and a basic science session on the wild world of regulatory cells on Monday. We look forward to seeing you in Boston on June 2-6!

See the ATP committee members moderating or presenting at ATC 2012!

[Pre-meeting, Saturday, June 2](#)

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Defining High Risk in Solid Organ Transplant: Preoperative and Postoperative Strategies: Preoperative Evaluation and Risk Stratification at

*Moderators: Amanda Dean, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC, Transplant Surgery Nurse Practitioner
Methodist University Hospital, Memphis and Denise Morin, MSN, RN, Senior Coordinator,
Living Donation Lahey Clinic, Burlington*

10:30 AM - 12:30 AM

Priorities in Postoperative Management of the High Risk Renal Transplant

Moderator: Mark Burns, MSN, FNP-C, Mayo Clinic, Rochester

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

How Much Is Too Much? Is BMI Really an Issue in Transplantation?

*Presenter: Deborah Hoch, DNP-ACNP-BC, Nurse Practitioner Transplantation,
Maine Medical Center, Portland*

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Giving Life, Maintaining Life: Transplant from Beginning to End (Half-Day)

Transplant - Keeping Patients on the Straight and Narrow

Moderator: Tracy Evans-Walker, MSN, CNP, CCTC, Affiliated Clinical Practitioner, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland

What HOT and NEW!

Job Link

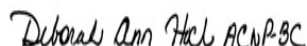
ASTS provides members job postings on the ASTS job-posting website. If you are interested in posting a position or inquiring about a job opportunity or career change go to: <http://www.astsonline.org/Members/default.aspx> . You will need to enter your member login information.

ATP Collaboration Site

Coming Soon! The ATP Committee is in its early stages of developing a web portal for advanced transplant providers for resources and specialties.

And, finally, the ASTS ATP Committee would be very interested in member's research or useful antidotes about transplant - we are looking for any Master or Doctoral thesis or projects related to transplantation. We are a very diverse group of individuals that have a lot resources and experience to assist each other. Once again, we want to hear from you!

Sincerely,



Deborah Ann Hoch, CCRN, ACNP-BC, DNP
Chair, ASTS Advanced Transplant Provider Committee

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Calendar

Join us in 2012!

[AHPBA Annual Meeting, March 7, Miami](#)

[ASTS Leadership Development Program, September 10-12, Northwestern University,
Evanston](#)

[American Transplant Congress, June 2 - June 6 , Boston](#)

[NATCO's 37th Annual Meeting, August 12-15, Washington, DC](#)