

# Advanced Transplant Providers *e-Newsletter*

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## **ASTS Advanced Transplant Providers Committee e-Newsletter!**

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***Welcome to the July 2012 issue of the ATP e-Newsletter, brought to you by the ASTS Advanced Transplant Providers Committee!***

Welcome to the fourth issue of the ATP e-Newsletter! There are a lot of updates and new business to share with you in this issue. First, it is an honor for me to address you as the new and second Chair of the ATP Committee. I look forward to serving in this capacity over the next two years. As you will see, this committee is working on many new and exciting things.

### **What's New?**

#### **ASTS National Transplant Service Line**

The ASTS National Transplant Service Line was presented at the ASTS Council Meeting in Boston. This new initiative is a national service to ATP providers to increase multidisciplinary management of out-of-region transplant patients in acute care. With the Council's support to move forward with this initiative, the ATP Committee will develop a database of contacts at each transplant center across the country. This directory will be composed of ATP professionals from different institutions across the United States and globally.

The committee created this initiative because it recognizes that transplantation is an evolving field. One frequent challenge is finding a contact person to obtain clinical updates and provide a history when your patients are hospitalized at another transplant center. This service will be available to all in the transplant community and will be in alignment with the Medicare PQRI program looking at quality outcomes.

We are asking for your help. Please provide us with a contact person for the various departments of transplant at your center and state what organs that individual manages/serves as a contact for. No patient information will be exchanged via this database; rather, this will serve as a resource of contacts for transplant centers across the country. Please email this contact information to [mina.behari@asts.org](mailto:mina.behari@asts.org).

#### **Mentorship Program**

For the last several months, the Committee has been fine-tuning the ASTS ATP Mentorship Program. This unique mentoring program provides a formal mentoring framework to clinicians entering the field of transplantation and offers them the benefit of peer support from experienced providers in the field.

As part of the fine tuning, we developed a mentoring webinar called "Mentoring 101 - Making the Connection." This exciting webinar is a great tool for new mentors interested in getting involved in this program. Furthermore, the webinar provides important tips and expectations, as well as highlighting the professional and personal rewards of being a mentor.

The program and webinar are now available on the ASTS website. To learn more and get involved, click on ASTS ATP Mentorship Program.

## Updates

### ASTS Launches New Career Center

The new and improved ASTS Career Center is now available. The ASTS Career Center enables employers to post, manage, and update their job listings and company profile anytime day or night, with online payment for faster service. It also allows job seekers to apply for posted jobs or upload their resumes for employers to view. The new ASTS Career Center launched this spring-visit [careercenter.astsonline.org](http://careercenter.astsonline.org) to check it out!

### 2012 ATC, June 2-6 Boston

The 2012 American Transplant Congress (ATC) in Boston was a huge success! More than 4,500 people attended from around the globe. There were 350 invited speakers, four of which were from the ATP Committee; 200+ sessions, and nearly 2,000 abstracts presented, including posters and orals. There were plenty of networking and social event opportunities. Overall, the ATC brought together transplant professionals and education at its finest!

During the ASTS Annual Business meeting at ATC, the new committee chairs and members were welcomed, and committee members whose terms were ending were recognized and given a huge thank you. The ATP Committee members and I want to acknowledge Deb Hoch, whose term ended in June as chair of the ATP Committee. We would like to thank her for all her accomplishments, contributions, efforts, and leadership to the committee. To provide you an historical background on Deb's role in this committee - a long time ago in a far distant transplant galaxy, two galactic forces came together for a meeting: Deb Hoch and Barry Friedman. The discussion was Advanced Transplant Providers becoming part of ASTS.

This brainstorm led to a group of five members from all geographic regions of the country. Deb became our chair for the first years of the ATP Committee, and has excelled and expanded our growth more than one could put into an article. As a result of this groups' work, we now have 367 ASTS ATP members and counting. When you think ATP, think of all Deb's hard work and the many challenges she took head on and never wavered. Deb is one of the most energetic people I have had the pleasure to know and call a dear friend. I don't know a single soul that couldn't like her.

My goal is to continue building on the foundation Deb established - mighty shoes to fill. As chair, I know there will be challenges I must face, but knowing the hard work Deb accomplished and her mentorship while I was co-chair, I was in good hands. Deb created a community of transplant providers, won our hearts, had our backs, and prepared us for the future.



Mark W. Burns  
ASTS ATP Chair

In addition, I would also like to express my deepest thanks to the members of the ATP Committee whose terms also ended in June 2012 - Barry Friedman, Senior Director, Organ Transplant Services, University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview, and Denise S. Morin, Living Donation Coordinator at Lahey Clinic in New England. Denise and Barry served on the committee for two years and their expert contributions, time and efforts were vital in shaping and carrying out the committee's mission. We see the value of your contributions, and see the results of your efforts reflected in the committee's work. We thank you both!

Last, but not least, please welcome our newest member of the ATP Committee, Deonna Moore, MSN, ACNP-BC. Deonna is a Lead Transplant Coordinator/Nurse Practitioner at the Kidney/Pancreas Transplant Program at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

As we move to accomplish these new initiatives, I encourage you to get involved with us. If you have any transplantation-related initiatives or projects you would like to share with your colleagues, please let us know. Your contributions and feedback are always welcome!

I hope you are having a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,



Mark W. Burns, DNP, FNP, ACNP, RNFA, E-TNS  
Chair, ASTS Advanced Transplant Provider Committee

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**ASTS Leadership Development Program, September 10-12, Northwestern University,**

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NATCO's 37th Annual Meeting, August 12-15, Washington, DC

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