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Dear Colleagues:

We held the 3rd annual ASTS strategic planning retreat with your Council and Committee Chairs on September 6, 2001, in New York City. Certainly no one imagined the tragic events about to transpire that would so dramatically impact our focus and perspective. The ASTS wishes to extend positive thoughts, prayers and support to all who have been impacted by the horrific tragedies of September 11, 2001, in New York and Washington, DC. Although the overwhelming magnitude of these events should place the importance of our deliberations into more realistic perspective, it remains important that we move forward with our goals and objectives.

September 6th was a productive day, and I believe all present left with a sense of accomplishment. Many issues important to the membership and the field of transplantation were discussed, as a focused plan for ASTS activities was developed. Each Committee Chair reviewed the numerous and varied projects currently underway, as well as those under active consideration for the near future.

Among important initiatives, a strategy for working with the NIH in study section re-organization was discussed in detail. An ad hoc committee including Drs. Jon Bromberg, David Sachs, Dick Thistlethwaite, Avi Shaked, and myself will develop a specific strategy. This will then follow with a plan to meet with senior NIH representatives to discuss ASTS views, as well as to offer assistance in the process.

Several members have approached me with concerns regarding various aspects of Pancreas and Islet Transplantation specifically, and more generally the area of cellular transplantation. Two action items arose from this discussion. First, an ad hoc Committee on Pancreas and Islet Transplantation will be immediately established. This committee will include Camillo Ricordi, Osama Gaber, Rainer Greussner, Biacomo Basadonna, Stephen Bartlett and Hugh Auchincloss. The initial charge of this committee will be to review challenges facing this growing field, and to make recommendations to the Council regarding proposed actions. Second, a proposal to establish a standing committee on Cellular Transplantation and Therapeutics was approved by the Council. This requires a bylaws change, and accordingly the entire membership will be asked to comment and eventually vote on this latter proposal.

Members have also voiced ongoing concerns with eroding reimbursement for transplant professional services, and a sense that we do not have adequate advocacy in this area. The Council voted to establish an ad hoc Committee on Reimbursement to focus on these issues. Similarly, an ad hoc Committee on Surgical Relations will explore strategies for increasing the voice of transplant surgeons in American Surgery, working with the American College of Surgeons and the American Board of Surgery. The Council also approved the formation of a Foundation to focus on establishing a durable financial infrastructure for advancing the ASTS educational mission.

Additionally, our collaborations with the AST were discussed in detail. The Annual Joint Scientific Meetings, now formally named the American Transplant Congress (ATC), the American Journal of Transplantation (AJT), and our growing list of ad hoc joint projects have enjoyed great success. We anticipate this mutually beneficial relationship to continue and grow as we look toward the future.

Finally, on behalf of your Council, I wish to emphasize our sincere desire to hear your suggestions, thoughts and criticisms. It is critically important that we understand your views if we are to effectively represent your interests. Accordingly, we have initiated regular blast emails to all Members. Our goals are to provide regular updates on ASTS activities, to keep you well informed about member benefits and services, and most importantly to hear from you. We hope to use this to solicit your input concerning issues of concern to the Council through focused questions to which you can easily respond. We will try to keep these queries brief, but please recognize that we want to know what you are thinking. Naturally, if you have other issues we want to know about them as well.

Again, I ask each of you to participate actively as we work together to advance transplantation and the ASTS. A good start might be a thoughtful response to the periodic survey questions we will be asking via email. Your input will help strengthen our foundation and focus our sights toward the future of our field.

Marc I. Lorber, MD
President, American Society of Transplant Surgeons
The ASTS Council met on September 6-7, 2001 and conducted a strategic planning session and a Council meeting. The following are reports presented at that meeting:

Awards Committee

Thomas Peters presented a survey that will be sent to all awardees of ASTS fellowships which will look at their current positions and if they remain active in clinical transplantation, research transplantation or both and looks at the results of their being a recipient of an ASTS award. There was discussion about the establishment of a new award to be developed and approaching other organizations for matching funds for some new awards as well as the possibility of naming future ASTS awards to honor Senior Members.

Bylaws Committee

Bylaws Committee Chairman, John Roberts reported on several issues including the formation of a Committee on Cellular Transplantation and making the Vanguard Committee a permanent committee. These proposed bylaws additions will next be voted upon by the Membership.

Education Committee

Charles Miller, Chairman of the ASTS Education Committee reported that two site visits are currently taking place, one is in Tampa and one is in Houston. He also noted that two forms will be added to the ASTS website to enable an ongoing report of program volumes by fellows.

Membership Committee

Committee Chairman, Douglas Farmer reported that as of August 7, 2001, ASTS membership has risen to 850. A series of letters will be sent regarding delinquent dues; recruitment of Candidate Members; and Regular Members.

Informatics and Data Management Committee

Activities reported by Robert Merion, Chairman of the Committee included additional links that are being added to the website, a job board which will enhance the website as well as the addition of CVs of Candidate Members. He referenced the enhancements to the Education Committee and the log forms that will be appearing on the website for fellows. There is also the transfer of the listserv which consists of 500 members to the ASTS from the Centerspan site. He is currently working on the Split Liver Registry with Jean Emond and the ASTS Standards on Organ Procurement Committee. In addition, the Committee is working to get the abstracts online from the 2001 Winter Symposium as well as working to have the abstracts for the 2002 winter symposium available following that meeting.
Program, Publications and Post Graduate Course Committee Report

Richard Thistlethwaite and Jonathan Bromberg reported on the 2001 and 2002 annual meetings. With respect to the meeting to be held in April 2002, it was reported that the entire meeting would take place in a single hotel now that the meeting has moved from Chicago to Washington, DC. There will be a decrease in the number of concurrent sessions but exhibit space size is three times that of what it was in Chicago. This will allow for more poster sessions, larger exhibit space and a Cyber Cafe.

Scientific Studies Committee Report

Paul Kuo, Chairman of the ASTS Scientific Studies Committee reported on the June 4th meeting the Committee had on a transplant immunosuppresive drug study design. He also updated the Council on the planned meeting in November on endpoints for clinical trials on late allograft failure.

Thoracic Organ Committee Report

David Follette, Chairman of the Thoracic Organ Committee reported on the Committee’s activities which include program accreditation of five thoracic programs thus far and conducting the second postgraduate program in conjunction with STS in January of 2002.

Standards on Organ Procurement Committee Report

Jean Emond, Chairman of the Committee reported that his Committee is working with Bob Merion and the Informatics Committee to collect data regarding liver donor registry. He also stated that his Committee will be conducting a survey at the request of UNOS to generate standards for organ procurement.

Vanguard Committee Report

Sandy Feng, Chairperson of the ASTS Vanguard Committee reported on the new initiatives that the Committee is looking into including an annual cocktail reception for new Members with the ASTS Council, an annual new initiatives meeting at the Winter Symposium, a yearly Vanguard Committee statement which could be called the Voice for Vanguard; the establishment of an award for the best publication of the year by a new or junior Member of the ASTS and an increase in participation of junior Members in the abstract review for the spring transplant meeting. She discussed the program for the ASTS 2002 Winter Symposium and noted that October 15, 2001 is the abstract deadline.

New Logo

Several proposed new logos were presented to the Council to consider and the logo that was approved will now appear on the Society website, publications and other materials.
WASHINGTON UPDATE

2001 has seen a significant change in the political issues facing the transplant community. The Bush administration and Congress have shifted the focus away from divisive organ allocation issues and towards measures designed to increase organ and tissue donation. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Tommy Thompson unveiled the administration’s new initiative to increase organ and tissue donation.

This initiative includes: the “Workplace Partnership for Life,” a national initiative in April that calls on employers, unions, and other employee organizations to join in a nationwide network to make workplaces more “donor friendly” and promote donation; a newly-designed organ donor card; a national forum on the potential of registries, and the options available in designing them; a national “Gift of Life” medal to recognize all families who consent to donation; and model curriculum for drivers’ education classes to build awareness of the importance of organ donation. ASTS has taken a lead role on these issues, and will continue to do so as the 107th Congress continues.

Organ Donation Legislation

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee Chairman Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Senator Bill Frist (R-TN) are in the process of drafting comprehensive organ donation legislation for introduction later this fall. Although draft copies of their bill have not been released, the two senators are working with Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Charles Schumer (D-NY), two senators who introduced legislation designed to increase organ donation earlier this year. The Kennedy-Frist bill, once it is introduced, is expected to include aspects of the Durbin and Schumer bills.

ASTS President Marc Lorber and Treasurer Dick Howard met with staff from the offices of both Senator Kennedy and Frist in mid-August. In these meetings, ASTS described some of its ideas for increasing rates of organ donation, and provided the Senate staff with the organ donation proposals ASTS submitted to Secretary Thompson earlier this year. ASTS will submit more proactive proposals to Senators Kennedy and Frist as they move closer to introduction of their bill, wanting to avoid a situation where a federal organ donation bill merely endorses organ donation programs that have had mixed results where they have been tried in the past.
The House of Representatives already approved organ donation legislation in early March. H.R. 624, the Organ Donation Improvement Act of 2001, authorizes the HHS Secretary to award grants to states, OPOs, and non-profit private entities for the purpose of subsidizing travel and subsistence expenses incurred by living organ donors. It further provides the Secretary of HHS with the authority to make grants to states for the purpose of carrying out activities and programs designed to increase the number of organ donors, including living donors.

Secretary Thompson Postpones First Meeting and Adds New Members to HHS Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation

After postponing the first meeting of the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation in May, HHS Secretary Thompson announced in mid-August that he had appointed 21 additional members to the committee. He also expanded the group’s charter. The committee, which was originally established to advise the secretary on matters related to organ allocation, will now advise the secretary on all aspects of organ donation, procurement, allocation and transplantation. The new committee members include physicians, nurses, transplant recipients, and the families of organ donors.

A list of the new committee members is as follows:

- Phil H. Berry, Jr., MD
- Robert P. Charrow, Esq.
- Catherine C. Crone, MD
- Roger W. Evans, PhD
- Susan Gunderson, RN
- Larry Hagman
- Robert D. Higgins, MD
- Son-Ja Robert Jones
- Barry D. Kahan, MD, PhD
- Arlene J. Locicero
- Diana Lugo, RN
- Amadeo Marcos, MD
- James D. Perkins, MD
- Deborah M. Rodriguez
- Michael S. Seely
- James Shanteau, PhD
- Hans W. Sollinger, MD, PhD
- Deborah C. Surlas, RN
- Katherine L. Turrisi, RN
- Michael A. Williams, MD
- Carlton J. Young, MD

The committee, which is chaired by former ASTS President Nancy L. Ascher, is tentatively scheduled to have its first meeting on December 3 and 4 in Washington, D.C.

FY 2002 Appropriations Update

The annual appropriations process remains on hold as Congress prepares to pass 13 separate spending bills this fall. Neither the House nor Senate Appropriations Committees have begun work on the bill funding the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. They should begin work on these bills in September.

President Bush released his federal budget proposal in April. It contained $23.112 billion for the National Institutes of Health, an increase of $2.751 billion (13.5%) over FY 2001. It also included $5.094 billion for the Health Resources and Services Administration, a decrease of $1.133 billion from the FY 2001 level. Organ donation activities, however, were slated to receive $20 million, an increase of $5 million over FY 2001. According to the administration’s budget documents, this increase is intended to be used to “launch a new national effort to encourage organ donation.”

Recently released budget figures greatly complicate matters. The Congressional Budget Office released a report on August 27 projecting a $153 billion surplus for FY 2001. When the Social Security surplus is removed, however, CBO estimates that the government will have to use about $9 billion in funds collected for Social Security in order to balance the budget. CBO predicts a tiny non-Social Security surplus of $2 billion in FY 2002 and an $18 billion deficit in FY 2003 (again, not including the surpluses generated by Social Security).
This means that lawmakers will either have to exceed the budget caps in order to increase discretionary spending or dip into the Social Security surplus, which is a politically perilous decision that each side is eager to blame the other for causing. Democrats argue that President Bush’s large tax cut used up the entire surplus, while the White House and congressional Republicans blame “reckless” spending by Democrats. Much of this debate, however, will be eclipsed by the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The bipartisan spirit created by this incident may very well spill over to the federal funding debate and reign-in the previously expected contentiousness of this debate.

Either way, the appropriations process this year will be an interesting one and should continue into at least November.

**Representatives Johnson, Stark Introduce Medicare Administrative Reform Bill**

H.R. 2768, the Medicare Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2001, was introduced on August 2 by Ways and Means Health Subcommittee Chairwoman Nancy Johnson (R-CT) and ranking member Pete Stark (D-CA). The bill is designed to lessen the regulatory burden on physicians and other healthcare providers. This bill is generally regarded as the second generation of the “MERFA” legislation originally supported by the American Medical Association.

Following are some of the most significant provisions in the bill:

- The Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) would only be permitted to issue regulations on a single day during each calendar quarter.
- Any substantive change in “regulations, manual instructions, interpretative rules, statements of policy, or guidelines” shall not be applied retroactively to items and services furnished before the date the change was issued, with limited exceptions. If the Secretary determines that retroactive application would have a positive impact on beneficiaries or providers of services, physicians, practitioners, and other suppliers or would be necessary to comply with statutory requirements, then a change could be applied retroactively.
- The bill permits the Secretary to contract competitively, with the flexibility to separately contract out for specific functions or for a total service package. This could conceivably impact how Medicare reimburses transplant centers. The Secretary would also be required to develop incentives for Medicare administrative contractors to “provide quality service and to promote efficiency.”
- The Secretary would be required to appoint a Medicare Provider Ombudsman to provide confidential assistance to physicians and other providers with respect to complaints, grievances, and requests for information concerning Medicare.
- Medicare contractors would be prohibited from conducting “non-random prepayment reviews” based on the “initial identification” of an improper billing practice by a provider, physician or supplier. This would protect providers from being targeted by overzealous carrier or intermediary investigators and staff.

This legislation has the support of all thirteen members of the Health Subcommittee and 19 of the 41 members of the full House Ways and Means Committee, so its prospects for committee action are fairly good. This bill could potentially be considered on the House floor before the end of the first session of the 107th Congress. The legislation attempts to remedy what numerous physicians and other suppliers have perceived as unfair and one-sided practices employed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Correcting these practices will go a long way toward lessening the visceral reaction that many physicians and providers feel about CMS, formerly the Health Care Financing Administration.

**Patients’ Bill of Rights**

Congress returns from its recess facing the task of attempting to reconcile rival patients’ rights bills passed by the House and Senate. The Senate passed a bill introduced by Senators John McCain (R-AZ), John Edwards (D-NC), and Edward Kennedy (D-MA) in late June by a vote of 59-36. Nine Republicans joined all 50 Democrats
in passing this bill. While several compromise amendments were adopted, President Bush reiterated his threat to veto the Senate-passed legislation, arguing that it would lead to a rash of frivolous lawsuits, increase healthcare costs, and lead to an increase in the number of uninsured Americans.

On the eve of the debate in the House, President Bush and Rep. Charlie Norwood (R-GA), the lead sponsor of the companion bill to the McCain-Edwards-Kennedy legislation, struck a deal on the contentious issue of plan liability. Rep. Norwood reached the deal with President Bush without the support of his primary congressional allies in the fight over managed care reform after repeatedly stating that he would not make any deal without running it past his bipartisan coalition of supporters. Rep. Norwood’s previous supporters in this effort, including Reps. Greg Ganske (R-IA), John Dingell (D-MI), and Marion Berry (D-AR), bitterly opposed this compromise, arguing that it rendered the patient protections contained in the bill almost meaningless.

The Norwood-Bush compromise amendment narrowly passed the House by a party-line vote of 218-213, and the final bill passed 226-203. The House and Senate bills now move to what promises to be a challenging conference committee. It is important to note that despite the passage of compromise liability provisions, the House bill did adopt a strong set of patient protections that are largely identical to the Senate legislation. However, deep partisan disagreements over the liability and several tax provisions still exist. Whether members can compromise and produce a consensus bill will determine the fate of this legislation in the 107th Congress.

Conclusion

Many of the issues that have been at the forefront of the 107th Congress, including FY 2002 appropriations, a patients’ bill of rights, Medicare reform, an outpatient prescription drug benefit, and organ donation, will be on the back burner as President Bush and Congress deal with the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. Whether Congress and the White House return to familiar positions on these issues or seek bipartisan compromises remains to be seen.

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April 26 - May 1, 2002

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The 2nd Annual ASTS Winter Symposium will be held January 25-27, 2002 at the Eden Roc Resort and Spa, Miami Beach, Florida. The topic for the symposium is “Bench to Bedside: Ischemia/Reperfusion Injury in Clinical Transplantation.”

Members of the program organizing committee lead by ASTS Vanguard Committee Chair, Sandy Feng, are Abbas Ardehali, UCLA School of Medicine; David Geller, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center; Jerzy Kupiec-Weglinki, UCLA Department of Surgery; and Kim Olthoff, University of Pennsylvania Hospital.

The following is the program for this meeting. To register go to www.asts.org or call 1-800-990-1066. To view the facilities of the Eden Roc Hotel and Spa which is located on Miami Beach please go to www.edenrocresort.com 🌊
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SATURDAY  9:00AM - 6:00PM

Registration Open
Exhibit Area
Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
The President of SABER (SUMMARY)
Moderators: Janet Palmer and Stephen Hughes
9:00 - 9:20 AM
Panel Discussion: Maximizing donor procurement and optimizing organ function: the facts and the myths
9:20 - 9:40 AM
Panel Discussion: To pump or not to pump
9:40 - 9:50 AM
Panel Discussion: Non-heartbeating donors in thoracic transplantation: current status and future trends
9:50 - 10:00 AM
Panel Discussion: Non-heartbeating donors in abdominal transplantation: a new source of potential organs?
10:00 - 10:20 AM
Questions and Break Discuss

9:00AM - 11:30AM
Break and Exhibits

11:30AM - 1:00PM
LUNCHEON — REGISTERED NURSES
Moderators: Janet Palmer and Stephen Hughes
11:30 - 11:50 AM
Panel Discussion: Donors in the (blood) stream: defining the attack of kidneys, pancreases, and hepatic livers?
11:50 - 12:10 AM
Panel Discussion: What if the Kidney? Adult or congenital, living donors?
12:10 - 12:50 AM
Panel Discussion: Dilemma of living donation? Causes and options
12:50 - 1:00 PM
Panel Discussion: Brain death as a risk factor: influence on organ quality and outcomes after transplantation
1:00 - 1:30 PM
Questions and Break Discuss

1:30PM - 2:30PM
LUNCHEON: FOR AST Members
New AST Initiatives — Vanguard Committee

3:00PM - 6:00PM
LUNCHEON: FOR RENAL NURSES

SUNDAY (cont.)

10:00AM - 12:00PM
Panel Discussion: Transplanting the renal end of poor graft function

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