



ASTS Procedures:

Joint Societies Workgroup Representatives to Develop Recommendations to OPTN/UNOS for Policy Involving Medical Practice

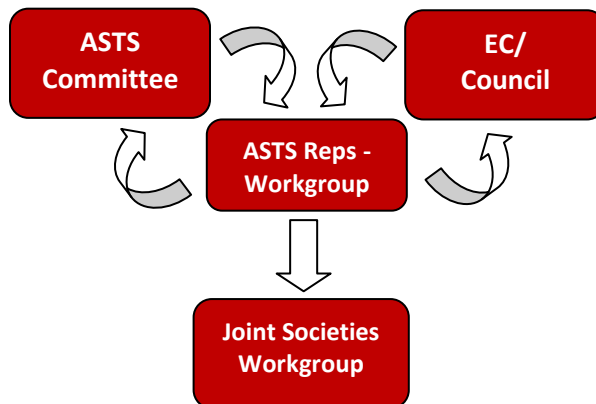
ASTS members selected to serve as Joint Societies Workgroup representatives should be members of the relevant society committee. For example, representatives selected for the Joint Society Workgroup to develop recommendations related to living kidney donors should be members of the ASTS Living Donor Committee as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Joint Societies Workgroup Composition



The Joint Societies Workgroup will seek input from the ASTS Committee throughout the development process. Regular updates will be provided to the Executive Committee to provide for ongoing feedback to the ASTS representatives on the Workgroup and the relevant ASTS Committee. Updates to the council will be provided at scheduled meetings three times a year or intermittently via email if the Executive Committee does not unanimously support a proposal or recommendation (Figure 2).

Figure 2: Flow of Communications



Upon full approval by the Executive Committee or Council, the recommended guidelines (work product) will be distributed to the full ASTS membership for comment. The Executive Committee along with Workgroup representatives will consider member comments and make revisions as needed. The final document endorsed by ASTS will be formally submitted to OPTN/UNOS Committee charged with developing policy by the ASTS National Office (Figure 3).

Figure 3: Process for ASTS Endorsement

