



ASTS STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONALISM

As members of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons, we recognize the trust that our patients have in us, and because of that trust, we can serve our patients uniquely. During the continuum of pre-, perioperative, and postoperative transplant care, we accept responsibility to abide by the [Code of Professional Conduct as approved by the American College of Surgeons Board of Regents in June 2003](#).

There are additional Professional expectations that are transplant specific that the ASTS expects every member to uphold. They are:

- Engage hospitals and health care providers involved in end of life care with potential donors to follow best medical practices ensuring standard of care and respect for individuals and families who wish to donate
- Work with society to establish just, effective, and efficient distribution of donor organs
- Develop appropriate relationships with Organ Procurement Organizations to optimize the opportunity for transplantation for patients in need of a scarce resource
- Promote living donation ensuring safety and autonomy for donors, advocating for life-long support from society acknowledging their gift of donation

As members of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons, we acknowledge that we relate to our patients when they are most vulnerable. Their trust and the privileges we enjoy depend on our individual and collective participation in efforts that promote the good of both our patients and society. As members of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons, we commit ourselves and the Society to the ideals of professionalism.