

Canadian Society of Transplantation

President's Report (2023-2025)

President's Reflections

As I conclude my term as President of the Canadian Society of Transplantation (CST), I reflect with deep pride on the remarkable progress our Society has made. These accomplishments are the result of collective vision, dedicated volunteerism, and a strong strategic foundation established in our **2023–2026 Strategic Plan ([hyperlink](#))**. Our shared mission to lead, educate, and advocate for the transplantation community in Canada has never been stronger. I extend sincere thanks to the Board, working group leads, and partners whose efforts have enabled these achievements.

Strategic Accomplishments (2023–2025)

1. Strengthening the CST Core Value Proposition

The CST has made important strides in elevating its core offerings in education and professional networking. The 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting in Montreal was our most successful in-person meeting in the last decade, marking a milestone in member engagement and attendance.

Building on that success, planning for the 2025 meeting in Vancouver includes expanded programming such as a full-day Kidney Forum (chaired by Dr. Amanda Vinson and Dr. Justin Gill) and a CST Liver Forum (chaired by Dr. Prosanto Chaudary), developed in collaboration with the Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver (CASL), to address emerging issues in liver transplantation. We have also piloted initiatives to remove barriers for non-MD members to attend the Annual Scientific Meeting through single day rates for these members in the host city for the meeting.

Our commitment to education continues with a highly successful Fellows Symposium, organized by the CST Education Committee and the 5th Annual CST Organ Donor Surgical Skills Masterclass, led by Drs. Steve Pareskevas, Markus Selzner, and Chaya Shwaartz. We also launched a new public-facing initiative: The Ultimate Gift, a CST podcast hosted by Dr. Matthew Weiss. Also, to support our broader community, CST has embarked on a website redesign, anticipated to conclude in late 2025.

2: Becoming the National Voice for Transplantation

The CST has cemented its position as a central voice in national transplant policy and system design. Through active engagement of key stakeholders involved in the new Pan-Canadian governance model, CST has secured a permanent seat on the System Operators Advisory Committee (SOAC) and advocated for sufficient transplant representation in this governance model. To support this, we have renewed investment in the CST working

groups to support broad based engagement and have launched the CST Executive Council, which brings together the leads of all CST working groups along with key external stakeholders to unify strategic input across all working groups and sectors.

The CST has also worked to strengthen collaborations within and outside of Canada. We have developed a memorandum of understanding with the Canadian Donation and Transplant Research Program for inclusion in the Annual Scientific Meeting and have continued to work closely with Canadian Blood Services and other key Canadian stakeholders. Internationally, we have strengthened ties with the American Society of Transplantation through joint education and conference events and have initiated enhanced collaboration with The Transplantation Society on educational initiatives.

Acknowledgments

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our Board of Directors, committee chairs, CST Council members, working group leads, and the CST administrative team. Your unwavering commitment and volunteerism have elevated CST's impact nationally. Special thanks to our national and international partners for their trust and collaboration, and to the membership at large for your engagement, insight, and dedication to advancing transplantation in Canada.

Looking Ahead

The CST is poised for continued leadership in education, advocacy, and innovation. As we look forward, our joint meeting with the American Society of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics, expanding collaborations, and maintaining a strong national role to ensure that we remain the trusted voice of transplantation. Together, we will continue to advance our vision of improving outcomes for patients and professionals alike across the country.

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