

2025 CST Annual Scientific Meeting

Vancouver, BC

October 6-10, 2025



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PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

I would like to convey my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Canadian Society of Transplantation's Annual Scientific Meeting.

This event provides researchers and practitioners in the field of transplantation a forum in which to share their knowledge, research and best practices. I am certain that everyone in attendance will benefit from the opportunity to learn from and network with their peers.

I would like to thank the organizers for ensuring the success of this event. You can take pride in your commitment to supporting education and professional development in the field.



I wish you all a successful event.

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely of Mark Carney.

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., O.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada

Ottawa
2025



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Je tiens à saluer chaleureusement toutes les personnes qui assistent à la réunion scientifique annuelle de la Société canadienne de transplantation.

Ce rassemblement offre aux chercheurs et aux praticiens du domaine de la transplantation un forum où ils peuvent transmettre leurs connaissances, exposer l'état de leurs recherches et parler de leurs pratiques exemplaires. Je suis persuadé que toutes les personnes présentes profiteront de cette occasion pour apprendre de leurs pairs et tisser des liens.



Je tiens à remercier les membres du comité organisateur qui ont assuré le succès de cet événement. Vous pouvez tirer fierté de votre engagement à soutenir les études et le perfectionnement professionnel dans ce domaine.

Je souhaite une réunion des plus réussies.

Le très honorable Mark Carney, C.P., O.C., député
Premier ministre du Canada

Ottawa
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A MESSAGE *from* PREMIER DAVID EBY

As Premier of British Columbia, I am honoured to extend greetings to everyone attending the 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the Canadian Society of Transplantation (CST).

Each year, the generous gift of organ donors and the dedicated professionals in the organ donation and transplantation system save the lives of thousands of Canadians. Our government recognizes the vital role that organ donation and transplantation play in our communities and are pleased that this year's ASM is taking place in Vancouver. Bringing together CST members, representatives from transplant centres, leading healthcare professionals, researchers, policy makers and others from the Canadian and international transplantation communities, the ASM fosters collaboration and innovation that will lead to better patient outcomes and more lives saved in BC and beyond.

I would like to thank the Canadian Society of Transplantation for organizing this meeting and express my appreciation to everyone in attendance for their passion and continued dedication to the advancement of transplantation science and services.

I wish you a productive and inspiring meeting!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "David Eby", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Honourable David Eby, KC
Premier of British Columbia

MAYOR KEN SIM



October 6-10, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of the City of Vancouver and my colleagues on City Council, it is my pleasure to welcome all attendees to the 2025 Canadian Society of Transplantation Annual Scientific Meeting.

This gathering plays a vital role in advancing transplant care across the country by bringing together leading healthcare professionals, researchers, and policymakers committed to improving patient outcomes. The work you do not only saves lives, it drives innovation and shapes the future of Canadian healthcare.

As a city recognized globally for its leadership in health sciences and research, Vancouver is proud to host this year's meeting. Our community is home to world-class medical institutions, forward-thinking practitioners, and a long-standing commitment to collaboration in pursuit of better care.

We are honoured to welcome you to Vancouver. May your time here be filled with productive discussions, new partnerships, and renewed inspiration for the important work ahead.

Best wishes for a successful and impactful conference.

Sincerely,



Mayor Ken Sim

Event Agenda

2025 Canadian Society of Transplantation Annual Scientific Meeting

Monday, October 06, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 | Fellows Breakfast | Location: Cypress

8:00 – 8:10 | Fellows Welcome | Location: Cypress

8:10 – 10:10 | ***Fellows Symposium #1: HLA***

Location: Cypress | Moderator: Esme Dijke

8:10 – 8:40 | Introduction to HLA testing in Solid Organ Transplantation

Speaker: Robert Liwski

8:40 – 9:10 | Transplantation of the Highly Sensitized Patient

Speaker: James Lan

9:10 – 9:40 | Approaches to Determining Immunological Risk in Transplant

Speaker: Christine Ribic

9:40 – 10:10 | Applications of HLA Molecular Mismatch

Speaker: Chris Wiebe

CLOSED MEETING VANCOUVER TRANSPLANT NEPHROLOGISTS

9:00 – 17:00 | **Vancouver Transplant Nephrologists**

Location: Marine Room

10:10 – 10:30 | Morning Break | Location: Cypress

10:30 – 12:00 | ***Fellows Symposium #2: Surgical Complications in SOT Liver & Kidney***

Location: Cypress | Moderators: Elizabeth Shin & Mahmoud Omar

10:30 – 11:00 | Liver | Speaker: Chaya Shwaartz

11:00 – 11:30 | Kidney | Speaker: Yanbo Guo

11:30 – 12:00 | Liver & Kidney Panel Discussion

10:30 – 12:00 | ***Fellows Symposium #2: Surgical Complications in SOT Heart & Lung***

Location: Seymour | Moderator: Ciaran Scallan

10:30 – 12:00 | Lung | Speaker: Marcelo Cypel

10:30 – 12:00 | Heart | Speaker: Anson Cheung

10:30 – 12:00 | Heart & Lung Panel Discussion

12:00 – 13:00 | Fellows Lunch | Location: Cypress

13:00 – 15:30 | *Fellows Symposium #3: CPC*

14:20 – 14:40 | Afternoon Break for all breakouts | Location: Cypress

13:00 – 13:30 | Lung Breakout Pathology Review

Location: Chairman | Moderator: Ciran Scallan, Speaker: Andrew Churg

13:30 – 14:20 | Lung Breakout

Location: Chairman | Speakers: Andrew Churg and Ciaran Scallan

14:40 – 15:30 | Lung Breakout

Location: Chairman | Speakers: Andrew Churg and Ciaran Scallan

13:00 – 13:30 | Liver Breakout Pathology Review

Location: Ambassador | Speaker: Greta Evaristo

13:30 – 14:20 | Liver Breakout

Location: Ambassador | Speaker: Greta Evaristo and Vladimir Marquez

14:40 – 15:30 | Liver Breakout

Location: Ambassador | Speaker: Greta Evaristo and Vladimir Marquez

13:00 – 13:30 | Kidney Breakout Pathology Review

Location: Cypress | Speaker: Mei Lin Bissonnette

13:30 – 14:20 | Kidney Breakout

Location: Cypress | Speakers: Christine Ribic, Richard Hae, and Mei Lin Bissonnette

14:40 – 15:30 | Kidney Breakout

Location: Cypress | Speakers: Christine Ribic, Richard Hae, and Mei Lin Bissonnette

13:00 – 13:30 | Heart Breakout Pathology Review

Location: Seymour | Speaker: Collin Pryma

13:30 – 14:20 | Heart Breakout

Location: Seymour | Speakers: Collin Pryma and Jeremy Kobulnik

14:40 – 15:30 | Heart Breakout

Location: Seymour | Speakers: Collin Pryma and Jeremy Kobulnik

13:30 – 14:20 | Pediatric Breakout

Location: MacKenzie | Speakers: Mary Flanagan, Chia Wei Teoh, and Katey Armstrong

14:40 – 15:30 | Pediatric Breakout

Location: MacKenzie | Speakers: Mary Flanagan, Chia Wei Teoh, and Katey Armstrong

15:30 – 16:30 | ***Fellows Symposium #4: Mentor-Mentee Session***

Location: Cypress | Moderator: Cynthia Tsien

Mentors: Roslyn Mannon, Aviva Goldberg, Aman Sidhu, and Nazia Selzner

16:30 – 17:30 | Fellows Symposium Mixer | Location: Cypress

Tuesday, October 07, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 | Fellows Breakfast | Location: Cypress

8:00 – 8:30 | ***Ethical Frontiers in Transplantation: Navigating the Declaration of Istanbul and Global Challenges***

Location: Cypress | Moderator: Cynthia Tsien and Sasan Hosseini, Speaker: Marcelo Cantarovich

8:30 – 10:00 | ***Fellows Symposium # 5: RED HOT Webinar Workshop***

Location: Cypress | Moderator: Rahul Mainra

Faculty: Roslyn Mannon, Holly Mansell, Vladimir Marquez, Sang Joseph Kim, Stephen McDonald, and John Gill

9:00 – 16:00 | ***CST Kidney Forum***

Location: Salon DEF | Speakers: Justin Gill and Amanda Vinson

9:15 – 10:00 | Canadian Blood Services Update | Speaker: Michel Pâquet

10:00 – 10:30 | CIHI-Infoway ODT Update | Speakers: Nicole de Guia, Jeff Green, and Sang Joseph Kim

10:30 – 10:45 | Kidney Forum Break | Location: Salon A

10:45 – 11:45 | Canadian Molecular Matching Program | Speaker: Paul Keown

11:45 – 13:00 | CST Kidney Forum Lunch | Location: Salon A

13:00 – 14:00 | Special Projects and Initiatives

13:00 | Better Decisions for Better Outcomes from Deceased Donor Kidneys - Christie Rampersad

13:10 | Kidney Fibrosis Imaging with Ultrasound - Darren Yuen

13:20 | Choosing Wisely Post-Kidney Transplant Recommendations - Brigitte Baragar

13:30 | Differences between Perceived and Objective Knowledge in Kidney Transplant Candidates - Chandni Sehgal

13:40 | Preventing Delayed Graft Function in Kidney Transplant Recipients - A Multicentre Bundle of Care RCT - Stuart McCluskey

13:50 | Redefining Care Pathways: Prioritizing Patient-Centered Management After Graft Loss - Shaifali Sandal

14:00 – 14:15 | CST Kidney Forum Break | Location: Salon A

14:15 – 16:00 | CST Kidney Transplant Workforce Project | Speakers: Chia Wei Teoh, Justin Gill, and Amanda Vinson

10:00 – 10:30 | Fellows Morning Break | Location: Cypress

10:30 – 11:30 | ***Fellows Symposium # 5: RED HOT Webinar Workshop***

Location: Cypress

Faculty: Roslyn Mannon, Holly Mansell, Vladimir Marquez, Sang Joseph Kim, John Gill, and Stephen McDonald

11:30 – 12:00 | ***So you want to do a research fellowship: Why, Where & How***

Location: Cypress | Speaker: Ana Konvalinka, Panelists: Leanne Stalker and Carla Coffin

12:00 – 13:00 | Fellows Lunch | Location: Cypress

13:00 – 16:00 | ***Fellows Symposium #6: Transplant ID***

Location: Cypress | Moderator: Dima Kabbani

13:00 – 13:30 | TB in SOT Prevention and Management | Speaker: Armelle Villalobos

13:30 – 14:00 | CMV in SOT | Speaker: Alissa Wright

14:00 – 14:30 | Fellows Afternoon Break | Location: Cypress

14:30 – 15:00 | Donor and Candidate Pre-Transplant Screening and Safe Living Post Transplant | Speaker: Anthony Lieu

15:00 – 15:30 | Donor derived infection including (HCV and HIV) | Speaker: Oscar Fernandez

15:30 – 16:00 | Varicella and Measles in Pediatric SOT (Prevention and PEP) | Speakers: Hana Mitchell and Estelle Morin

13:00 – 14:00 | ***CST/CASL Liver Forum #1: MELD and MELD Alternatives***

Location: Salon A | Moderator: Vladimir Marquez

13:00 – 13:30 | The Case for Change: Where MELD Fails | Speaker: Tasha Kulai

13:30 – 13:50 | Alternative Models for Organ Allocation: International and Canadian Perspectives | Speaker: Saumya Jayakumar

13:50 – 14:00 | Panel Discussion Q&A, Panelists: Vladimir Marquez, Saumya Jayakumar,

14:00 – 15:00 | *CST/CASL Liver Forum #2: Immunosuppression in Liver Transplantation*

Location: Salon A | Moderator: Nazia Selzner

14:00 – 14:15 | To Induce or Not to Induce: Evolving Practices in 2025

Speaker: Trana Hussaini

14:15 – 14:30 | Maintenance Strategies: Balancing Efficacy and Toxicity

Speaker: Cynthia Tsien

14:30 – 14:45 | Diagnosis and Management of Antibody-Mediated Rejection in Liver

Transplantation | Speaker: Anouar Teriaky

15:00 – 16:00 | *CST/CASL Liver Forum #3: Expanding the Donor Pool*

Location: Salon A | Moderator: Prosanto Chaudhury

15:00 – 15:15 | NRP in DCD: The Canadian Experience and Ethical Frameworks

Speaker: Marat Slessarev

15:15 – 15:30 | Ex-vivo Liver Perfusion: Clinical Experience and Research Priorities

Speaker: Markus Selzner

15:30 – 16:00 | How Should Canada Adopt and Scale These Technologies? - Panel Discussion

Panelists: Marat Selessarev, Markus Selzner, Peter Kim and Blaire Anderson

16:30 – 17:30 | *CST ASM Conference Welcome*

Location: Salon DEF | Speakers: Rahul Mainra, Héloïse Cardinal, Jag Gill, and Maurice Nahanee

17:30 – 18:30 | *CST T3 Dragons' Den Competition*

Location: Salon DEF

MC: Kathryn Tinckam

Dragons: Todd Hauptman, Aman Sidhu, and Sunita Singh

Finalists: Tereza Martinu, Shaifali Sandal, and Aizhou Wang

Wednesday, October 08, 2025

6:30 | Sun Run / Fun Run

Location: Lobby and Stanley Park | Leaders: Rahul Mainra and Rob Gallaher

7:00 – 8:00 | Breakfast | Location: Salon DEF

8:00 – 9:00 | *Breakfast Symposium #1 CBS: New insights in invasive neuromonitoring and the potential impact for current and future NRP practice*

Location: Salon DEF

Moderators: Peggy John and Julie Kromm

8:00 – 8:20 | New insights on time to death | Speaker: Mypinder Sekhon

8:20 – 8:35 | The current Canadian landscape | Speaker: Marty Sellers

8:35 – 8:50 | Where do we go from here | Speaker: Marat Slessarev

8:50 – 9:00 | Question Panel

9:00 – 10:30 | *Plenary #1: The best preserves: Optimal lung, liver and kidney preservation*

Location: Salon DEF | Moderator: Mark Walsh

9:00 – 9:25 | Cold enough for you? The best temperature for lung preservation

Speaker: Marcelo Cypel

9:25 – 9:50 | Is NRP for liver transplantation really worth it? | Speaker: Anji Wall

9:50 – 10:15 | The Golden Flow: Enhancing kidney preservation solutions | Speaker: Alp Sener

10:15 – 10:30 | Question Panel

10:30 – 11:00 | Morning Break with exhibitors | Location: Salon DEF

11:00 – 12:00 | *Plenary #2: We can rebuild them. We can build it stronger, better: Novel methods of organ repair*

Location: Salon DEF | Moderator: Rob Wright

11:00 – 11:30 | Preventing and reversing rejection through immunoregulation

Speaker: Peter Sage

11:30 – 12:00 | Gene therapies for organ repair | Speaker: Shaf Keshvjee

12:00 – 13:00 | *Lunch Session: A Canada where no child waits for a transplant: An expert opinion and fireside chat*

Location: Salon DEF | Moderator: Laurie Lee

Panelists: Susan Gilmour, Meagan Mahoney, Aviva Goldberg, and Michel Lallier

13:00 – 14:00 | *Plenary #3: A health planet for healthy patients*

Location: Salon DEF | Moderators: Seychelle Yohanna and Chief Janice George

13:00 – 13:10 | A knowledge keeper's perspective | Speaker: Chief Janice George

13:10 – 13:30 | The carbon footprint of organ replacement therapies

Speaker: Christopher Nguan

13:30 – 13:50 | The carbon footprint of transplant | Speaker: Anji Wall

13:50 – 14:00 | Question Panel

14:00 – 14:30 | Afternoon Break with exhibitors | Location: Salon ABC

14:30 – 15:30 | **Top Oral Abstracts Fellows**

Location: Salon DEF | Moderators: Ngan Lam and Christie Rampersad

14:30 – 14:40 | Exploring the journey of patients, families, and donors in organ donation and transplantation: A qualitative study | Speaker: Brianna Andrews

14:40 – 14:50 | Successful 24-Hour Ex-Vivo Perfusion in the Swine Total Hindlimb Model | Speaker: Çağdaş Duru

14:50 – 15:00 | Bias in Kidney Transplant Risk Prediction: Fairness of the Kidney Donor Risk Index and Estimated Post-Transplant Survival Score | Speaker: Christie Rampersad

15:00 – 15:10 | Mitochondrial transplantation for the recovery of donor lungs subjected to prolonged warm ischemia: a novel strategy to expand the donor pool for transplantation | Speaker: Gabriel Siebiger

15:10 – 15:20 | Information seeking and engagement on social media among pediatric solid organ transplant recipients and their families | Speaker: Irene Chen

15:20 – 15:30 | Cardiac Testing Delays and Geographic Variability in Pre-Transplant Assessments Across a Large Catchment Area | Speaker: Jiwon Hwang

15:30 – 17:00 | **CST Poster Session**

Location: Salon ABC

Full list of poster locations may be found following the agenda, download the Whova App to vote for your top poster.

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17:00 – 17:45 | Takeda Sponsored Session - *Hot off the press: A case-based discussion on CMV*

Location: Salon DEF | Speakers: Dima Kabbani and Alissa Wright

17:45 – 18:45 | *Women in Transplant*

Location: Cypress | Moderator: Beth Foster

17:50 – 18:20 | Including Women in Clinical Trials: Progress and Remaining Barriers

Speaker: Adeera Levin

Thursday, October 09, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 | Breakfast | Location: Salon DEF

7:00-8:00 | CST/AST Board Meeting – CLOSED Meeting

8:00 – 9:00 | *Breakfast Symposium #2: AST - Advancing living organ donation: incentives, disincentives, and future innovations*

Location: Salon DEF | Moderators: David Foley and Jag Gill

8:00 – 8:20 | Ethical and practical considerations of incentives for living donation

Speaker: Gregory Hess

8:20 – 8:40 | Removing disincentives to living donation: Policies and best practices

Speaker: Andrea Tiejen

8:40 – 9:00 | Advance donation: Pros, cons, and ethical challenges

Speaker: Amanda Leonberg-Yoo

8:00 – 10:00 | *CST NAHP Education Session*

Location: MacKenzie

8:05 – 8:20 | Patient Perceptions and Educational Needs on Suboptimal donor organs: A Scoping Review | Speaker: Holly Mansell

8:20 – 8:50 | Should BMI be the sole indicator for listing kidney transplant patients

Speaker: Janet Madill

8:50 – 9:05 | Acceptability and Usability of GETonTRAK: A Web-Based Self-Management Guide for Kidney Transplant Recipients | Speaker: Aditi Singh

9:05 – 9:20 | Optimization of Ambulatory Immunosuppressant Ordering in a Provincial Electronic Medical Record | Speaker: Jenny Wichart

9:20 – 10:00 | Pharmacy Clinical Practice Leader | Alberta Health Services Measles

Speaker: Carson Lo

9:00 – 10:00 | Astellas Sponsored Session - *Plenary #4: Finding the sweet spot and maintaining graft function*

Location: Salon DEF | Moderators: Chandni Sehgal and Aman Sidhu

9:00 – 9:30 | The optimal dose: How low can we go? | Speaker: Sacha De Serres

9:30 – 10:00 | How to keep the horse in the barn: New approaches to lung allograft dysfunction | Speaker: Kieran Halloran

10:00 – 10:30 | Morning Break with exhibitors | Location: Salon ABC

10:30 – 12:00 | *Kidney Group Concurrent Session*

Location: Salon DEF | Moderators: Lakshman Gunaratnam and Sasan Hosseini

10:30 – 11:00 | Liquid gold: Urine profiling for evaluating rejection
Speaker: Tom Blydt-Hansen

11:00 – 11:30 | Molecular rejection in heart, kidney, liver and lung | Speaker: Philip Halloran

11:30 – 12:00 | Difficult cases in microvascular inflammation | Speakers: Pouneh Dokouhaki and Elizabeth Hendren

10:30 – 12:00 | *Pharmacist Group Concurrent Session*

Location: Cypress 1

10:30 – 11:15 | Beyond Survival - The Benefits of Kidney Transplantation | Speaker: John Gill

11:15 – 12:00 | Contraception and Pregnancy Post-transplant | Speaker: Lisa Coscia

10:30 – 12:00 | *Transplant ID Group Concurrent Session*

Location: MacKenzie

10:30 – 11:00 | Respiratory Viruses in SOT | Speaker: Victoria Hall

11:00 – 11:30 | What catches the eye: Cutaneous manifestations of infections
Speaker: Sarah Shalhoub

11:30 – 12:00 | Donor Calls: When is it safe to proceed with transplant
Speaker: Armelle Villalobos

12:00 – 13:00 | Transplant ID Group Business Meeting

Location: MacKenzie | CLOSED MEETING

10:30 – 13:00 | *Lung Group Concurrent Session*

Location: Marine Room | Speakers: Aman Sidhu and Kieran Halloran

10:40 – 11:00 | CST Lung Group Updates and Program Updates around the table (new team members, new initiatives, major program changes)

11:00 – 11:45 | Lung Transplantation in Cystic Fibrosis: Then, Now, Next

Speaker: Cecilia Chaparro

11:45 – 12:00 | Lung Group Break

12:00 – 12:15 | Lung Transplant Registries Update | Speaker: Tereza Martinu

12:15 – 12:30 | Update on MDA5 project and consensus report | Speaker: Ciaran Scallan

12:30 – 13:00 | Canadian Approach to Transplant for the > 70-year-old patient: standard referral processes across provinces

10:30 – 12:00 | *CIHI - Infoway: Better Data for Better Outcomes in Solid Organ Transplantation: A Pan-Canadian Perspective*

Location: Cypress 2 | Moderator: Sang Joseph Kim, Speakers: Nicole de Guia, Jeffrey Schiff, Jeff Green, and Mamatha Bhat

10:30 – 12:00 | *CDTRP: Effective Patient Engagement in Donation and Transplant Research*

Location: Seymour

10:40 – 10:55 | Foundations of PFD Engagement

Speakers: Manuel Escoto and Kristi Coldwell

10:55 – 11:15 | Developing Effective Patient Engagement Plans

Speakers: Manuel Escoto and Kristi Coldwell

11:15 – 11:45 | Panel Discussion: Lessons Learned | Moderator: Heather Badenoch |

Speakers: Ruth Sapir-Pichhadze, Tom Blydt-Hansen, Kristi Coldwell, and Todd Hauptman

12:00 – 13:00 | *Lunch Session: Debate: Should Canada's allocation algorithms be based on longevity matching or on achieving equity*

Location: Salon DEF | Moderator: John Gill

12:10 – 12:15 | The patient's perspective | Speaker: Todd Hauptman

12:15 – 12:29 | Immunological | Speaker: Ruth Sapir-Pichhadze

12:29 – 12:43 | Anthropomorphic | Speaker: Héloïse Cardinal

12:43 – 12:57 | Equity | Speaker: Aaron Trachtenberg

13:00 – 14:30 | *Plenary #5: Improving life after transplant*

Moderators: Michele McDade and Tania Janaudis-Ferreira

13:00 – 13:20 | Lived experience and cultural insight from an Australian Indigenous perspective | Speaker: Kelli Owen

13:20 – 13:55 | Survival and clinical benefits for indigenous patients after transplantation | Speaker: Stephen McDonald

13:55 – 14:30 | Caring for our transplant boomers: The importance of rehab and self-care |
Speaker: Lisa Wickerson

14:30 – 15:00 | Afternoon Break | Location: Salon DEF

15:00 – 16:00 | ***Plenary #6: Kids are not just little adults!***

Location: Salon DEF | Moderators: Chia Wei Teoh and Myriam Carlos

15:00 – 15:30 | EBV management following solid organ transplant | Speaker: Upton Allen

15:30 – 16:00 | Growing up: the importance of transition of care | Speaker: Beth Foster

16:00 – 17:30 | ***CST AGM and Election - members only***

Location: Cypress 1

19:00 – 23:59 | ***CST Awards Gala & Social Event – Back to the 80s***

Location: Salon DEF

Friday, October 10, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 | Breakfast | Location: Salon DEF

8:00 – 9:00 | ***Breakfast Symposium #3: ASHI***

Location: Salon DEF | Moderators: Karen Doucette and Ana Konvalinka

8:00 – 9:00 | Use of Precision Medicine to Improve Access and Outcomes in Transplantation |
Speaker: James Lan

9:00 – 10:00 | ***Top Oral Abstracts Overall***

Location: Salon DEF | Moderators: Katrina Sullivan and Patricia Gongal

9:00 – 9:10 | Liver stiffness measurement by vibration-controlled transient elastography predicts adverse clinical outcomes in autoimmune hepatitis: results from a large multicenter longitudinal study | Speaker: Ellina Lytvyak

9:10 – 9:20 | MiR-423-5p predicts microvascular rarefaction and regulates microvascular homeostasis after renal ischemia-reperfusion injury | Speaker: Francis Migneault

9:20 – 9:30 | Canadian HLA experts' perspectives on precision medicine and molecular matching in kidney transplantation | Speaker: Lucy An

9:30 – 9:40 | Renal Transplant After Desensitization in a Pediatric Recipient | Speaker: Marie-Michele Gaudreault-Tremblay

9:40 – 9:50 | Unbiased and Spatial Proteomics of Kidney Allograft Biopsies: Terminal Complement Proteins Dominate Chronic Active Antibody Mediated Rejection | Speaker: Maya Allen

9:50 – 10:00 | Challenges in Non-invasive Biomarker Profiling of Subclinical Borderline Rejection in Pediatric Kidney Transplantation | Speaker: Tom Blydt-Hansen

10:00 - 10:15 | Morning break | Location: Salon DEF

10:15 – 11:45 | ***Plenary #7: Many hands make light work: Working together to reach the goal***

Location: Salon DEF | Moderators: Aviva Goldberg and Matthew Weiss

10:15 – 10:40 | The art of communication | Speaker: Heather Badenoch

10:40 – 10:52 | Presumed consent update from Nova Scotia | Speaker: Cynthia Isenor

10:52 – 11:04 | Age targeted kidney transplant program in Manitoba | Speaker: Aaron Trachtenberg

11:04 – 11:16 | Post transplant DSA monitoring in Manitoba | Speaker: Chris Wiebe

11:16 – 11:28 | Outcome data from MAiD donors in Quebec | Speaker: Matthew Weiss

11:28 – 11:45 | Question panel

11:45 – 12:00 | ***Conference closing***

Location: Salon DEF | Speakers: Rahul Mainra and Héloïse Cardinal

Location	First Name	Last Name	Title
1A	Dheyaa	Al-Najafi	Efficacy of Corticosteroid Pretreatment in the Management of Deceased Organ Donors: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
1B	Seychelle	Yohanna	Consensus Conference to Define a High-Quality Living Kidney Donor Evaluation
1C	Kendra-Lee	Dupuis	Prospect of an Organ Donation After Uncontrolled Death by Circulatory Criteria Program in Canada: Leaders and Key Stakeholders Perspectives
1D	Kendra-Lee	Dupuis	An integrative review exploring organ donation after death by circulatory criteria in Canada
2A	Kate	Rokoss	Effectively engaging high school students about organ donation and transplantation: An update on the High School Outreach Initiative experience
2B	Mimi	Deng	Evaluating the impact of extended warm ischemic time using ex vivo heart perfusion in juvenile porcine models of circulatory death
2C	Inès	Issa Richard	Impact of warm ischemia duration on cardiac function and recovery following thoracoabdominal normothermic regional perfusion (TA-NRP) in DCD porcine hearts
2D	Chengliang	Yang	Identification of early risk factors associated with the development of cardiac allograft vasculopathy
3A	Sabrina	Leo	Retinoid acid receptor-related orphan receptor gamma (ROR γ): a potential target in transplantation oncology to expand therapeutic options for patients with hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC)
3B	Caroline	Carruthers	The relationship between physical function and social participation among liver transplant recipients (LTRs)
3C	Ellina	Lytyyak	Concomitant Sarcopenia and Myosteatosis in Cirrhosis patients is associated with longer recovery and mortality after liver transplant
3D	Ellina	Lytyyak	Sex, ethnicity and clinical outcomes in autoimmune hepatitis: results from a large multicenter longitudinal cohort
4A	Ellina	Lytyyak	PSC-specific prognostic scores associated with graft loss and overall mortality in recurrent PSC after liver transplantation
4B	Rahnuma	Sara	--Identifying Barriers to Accessing Liver Transplantation in British Columbia - a Retrospective Review
4C	Trana	Hussaini	Early Corticosteroid Protocols in Liver Transplantation: A Survey of Canadian and American Centres
4D	Trana	Hussaini	Hematocrit-Adjusted Tacrolimus Levels Early Post-Liver Transplantation: Impact on Rejection and Acute Kidney Injury
5A	Mitchell	Webb	Comparison of Yttrium-90 Transarterial Radio Embolization vs Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy for Locoregional Treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma Prior to Liver Transplantation: a comparison of pathologic and clinical outcomes
5B	June	Wang	Shared Care between a Cystic Fibrosis Program and a Lung Transplant Program: A Quality Improvement Endeavour
5C	Nicholas	Avdimiretz	Disparities in lung transplantation in children: Community-level socioeconomic factors impact illness severity and post-transplant outcome
5D	Tanroop	Aujla	Donor lung storage at 10°C reduces ferroptosis and improves metabolic activity - evidence from a cell culture model of lung preservation.
6A	Nicole	Chrysler	Anti-donor t cell dynamics and CLAD risk in the assessment of lung allograft rejection – measurement of T cell immune synapses (ALARM-T) study
6B	Daniel	Vosoughi	Post-lung transplant (LT) longitudinal bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) profiling reveals prognostic autoantibodies (AABs) with pathogenic potential in Chronic Lung Allograft Dysfunction (CLAD)
6C	Qinfeng	Zhou	Immune Modulation by Maimendong Decoction via DC-T Cell Crosstalk: Mechanistic Insights with Potential Transplant Applications

Location	First Name	Last Name	Title
6D	Bohan	Zhu	Determining the Presence and Mechanism of Ferroptosis in Steen-related Cell Injury in a Cell Culture Model
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