

Professional Education

Each year, Texas Transplantation Society hosts an annual meeting offering continuing education credit for physicians, nurses, lab professionals and others. Previous meeting attendees have enjoyed hearing from speakers such as Paul Terasaki, PhD, Connie Davis, MD, Robert Stratta, MD, Michael Rees, MD, Robert Montgomery,



MD, and most recently, Dr. David E. R. Sutherland (pictured here). TTS also offers the Trinkle/Banowsky Abstract Competition for transplant residents and fellows. Named for two of the society's founding members, the competition offers a \$500 cash prize, plus a travel stipend for the annual meeting. The competition has recently been extended to include case presentations. For 2011, members are invited to submit interesting cases; those accepted will be presented at the meeting, and at the conclusion, a winner will be selected.

AT&T Executive
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Conference Center
Austin, TX

Site of the
2011
TTS Annual Meeting
July 21-24, 2011



2010 Abstract/Case Winners:



Congratulations to
Wael ElKady, MD,
(left) and Jose
Melendez, MD



Legislative Advocacy



Texas Transplantation Society is very active during the odd-numbered years when the Texas Legislature is in session, and the past session was an especially important one for transplantation. Thanks to Senator Judith Zaffirini (pictured) for her help getting **SB1803** passed (relating to the Glenda Dawson donate Life Texas

Registry.) This bill eliminated the laborious validation step when Texans register or renew online at www.donatelifetexas.org. Now, DPS offices are directed to simplify the process by asking customers "Would you like to register as an organ donor?" and to provide Donate Life brochures in each office.

Also, Rep. John Zerwas authored **HB2027**, the revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA), to conform Texas law with Federal regulations and policies regarding organ donation, making Texas the 36th state to pass this law. **SB1932**, authored by Senator John Carona, allows hospitals to obtain a temporary license to provide dialysis services in the event of a natural disaster.

Texas Transplantation Society was also instrumental in fending off legislation that would have increased the regulatory burden on HLA labs.

To further its legislative priorities, TTS has sponsored four events, now named "Donate Life Day," with the next one planned for 2011. Thanks to Astellas for their support and help making the 2009 legislative action day a success.



2009 Donate Life Day volunteers

News & Information

TTS publishes a newsletter as needed with helpful and informative articles about the transplant community. In addition, TTS has a website to keep you up-to-date on important issues, www.transplanttexas.org. Legislative alerts via email are frequently sent during session, and as needed in the interim. To sign up for these alerts, please send us your email address or sign up online at www.transplanttexas.org.

We are also happy to help publicize your transplant-related news and events. Please send news items to slargent@transplanttexas.org.

Public Education

Through initiatives and collaborative arrangements such as the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force and the Texas Organ, Tissue, and eye Donor Council, the society works to create public awareness of the shortage of donors and the need for Texans to register in the Glenda Dawson Donate Life Texas Web site. Are you registered? To check, go to www.donatelifetexas.net.

Institutional Membership

In early 2009, Texas Transplantation Society members approved amending the bylaws to add an additional membership category for transplant centers, independent HLA Labs, and Organ Procurement Organizations. Membership at the institutional level includes one individual's membership, to be designated by the institution. The rationale for adding this category is to ensure that our transplant centers and other transplant-related organizations are kept up-to-date during the legislative session, and to foster collaboration between programs.

While most, if not all, transplant centers have a legislative affairs representative, that individual is most often looking out for broader legislative issues pertaining to the hospital, while TTS focuses on transplant-specific legislative and regulatory news that affects your center, lab, or OPO. Additionally, Institutional Members will receive recognition on the TTS web page and in other publications.

YOU ARE INVITED!



**Texas
Transplantation
Society, Inc.**

Yes! I want to apply.

To Apply: Send this completed application along with the annual fee for your membership category and your most current Curriculum Vitae or Resume' (please send check or major credit card information) to:

Texas Transplantation Society, Business Office, PO Box 202194, Austin, TX 78720-2194;
or email to slargent@transplanttexas.org; or fax to 419-740-5579.

Membership Category Applying for (Please check box):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Regular (In-state physicians and scientist) | \$225 / year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Associate (In-state non-physician or scientist) | \$75 / year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Corresponding Regular or Associate (resides outside of Texas) | Pay half the dues for their category |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Affiliate | \$75 / year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Institutional (includes one complimentary membership) | \$750 / year |

Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Designation (MD, RN, etc.) _____

Organ Specialization (Heart, Liver, etc.) _____

Transplant Institution _____

Office Address _____

Home Address _____

Office # _____ Home # _____ Fax# _____

Email Address _____

Postgraduate Education (degrees, schools, dates) _____

Residencies / Fellowships (schools, dates) _____

Board Certifications (name of boards, dates) _____

Hospital, Teaching, and Staff Appointments with dates and titles (physicians) OR current duties (non-physician)

Present _____

Past _____

Signature _____ Date _____

If applying for Institutional membership, please include your designated individual _____

How do you prefer to pay? Please Circle One: Check Visa MasterCard AMEX

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You are invited to join a one-of-a-kind professional state society – the Texas Transplantation Society.

Join other transplant professionals at the state and regional level – both physicians and non-physicians alike – under this same umbrella organization. There are membership categories for institutions, physicians, scientists, nurses, PA's, lab professionals, industry partners, and others with an interest in promoting transplantation. Corresponding membership is offered to our colleagues outside of Texas.

Simply complete the included application and send it to the TTS Business Office with your first years' dues.

*“Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success.”*

- Henry Ford

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