

**ITNS Membership:**

# **A World Of Benefits**



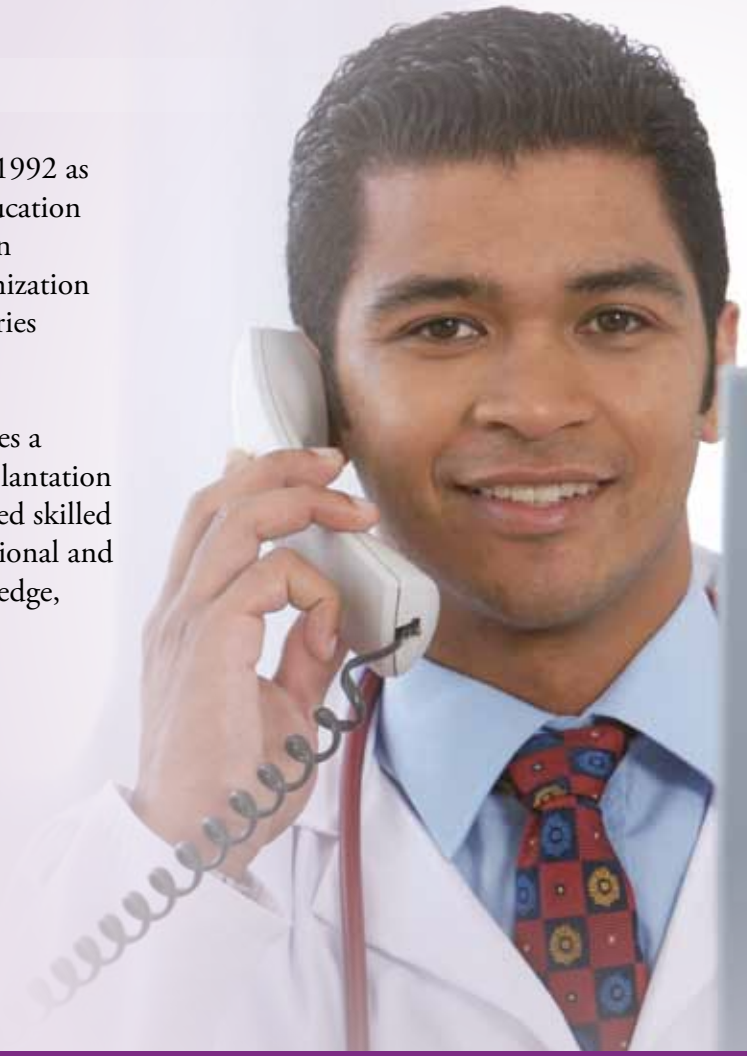
**INTERNATIONAL  
TRANSPLANT  
NURSES  
SOCIETY**



## What is ITNS?

The International Transplant Nurses Society was founded in 1992 as the first professional nursing organization to promote the education and clinical practice excellence of nurses caring for solid organ transplant patients. Today, **ITNS** is a leading transplant organization with more than 1,900 active members representing 33 countries around the world.

A vital component of countless nursing careers, **ITNS** provides a forum for learning about the most current advances in transplantation and transplant patient care. Over the years **ITNS** has provided skilled transplant nurses the opportunity to share and learn with national and international peers and to receive recognition for their knowledge, leadership, and scholarly pursuits.



## What can ITNS Do for Me as a...

- Staff Nurse
- Transplant Coordinator
- Transplant Corporate Representative
- Transplant Nurse Interested in Research
- Transplant Nursing Administrator
- Case Manager
- Social Worker
- Magnet Hospital
- Corporate Representative

## Who Is ITNS?

Our membership is diverse — both geographically and professionally, — helping to make ITNS the dynamic group that it is today. Members benefit from the wide-ranging clinical experience of fellow members, as well as the international perspective of more than 16% of the membership who live and work outside of the US. 36% of our members classify themselves as transplant coordinators, 29% as staff nurses, and 5% as clinical nurses, team leaders and managers. More than 79% of our members specialize in abdominal transplantation including liver, kidney, pancreas and small bowel. Thoracic transplantation including heart and lungs represent the remaining 21%.

To meet the extensive needs of every ITNS member, our Annual Symposium, workshops and course reviews focus on the continuum of care from pre-transplant through post-transplant in adult as well as pediatric transplantation.



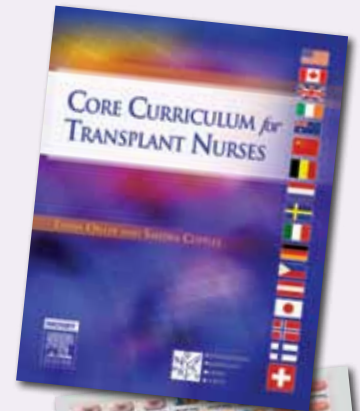
## ITNS Membership and Magnet Status

Achieving Magnet Status is an impressive goal, one of which only a fraction of medical centers accomplish. Institutions designated as Magnet Status must first demonstrate that their environment develops and supports the growth of their nursing staff. Through our outstanding networking, educational opportunities, and research endeavors, ITNS has played a key role in helping organizations reach that goal. Specifically, ITNS membership helps achieve the following Magnet requirements:

- Promotion of excellence in transplant patient care
- Existence of an environment that supports professional nursing practice
- Growth and development of nursing staff
- Use of evidence-based research for improving nursing practice

ITNS provides members with specific opportunities to work toward Magnet Status goals. Through seminars, symposiums and workshops, members further their professional development and clinical expertise. Some of those opportunities include:

- Involvement in Special Interest Groups including including: Advanced Practice Nurses Group, Cardiothoracic, Chapter Leaders, Communications Committee, Education Committee, Manager/Administrator, Pediatric, Research, and Staff Nurse Yearly nursing research grants and nursing excellence awards
- Access to research materials such as “How to Develop a Successful Journal Club” and “How to Locate Research Articles Using PubMed”
- Access to patient education materials such as a series of The Transplant Patient Educational Booklet Series on Diabetes, Pregnancy, Diet and Exercise, Dental Care, Maintaining Healthy Lifestyle, Controlling GI Side Effects, and Skin Cancer are now available in an audio format on a 7 CD Set.
- Enhancing professional development through abstract submissions and educational presentations
- Receiving immediate information from our web site: [www.itns.org](http://www.itns.org)
- Local involvement as an active member of one of our 25 Active Chapters, 6 International Chapters. National Representatives: Australia, The Netherlands, Italy, Sweden, Turkey
- Transplant-specific educational programs at a discounted rate
- Networking with transplant nurses throughout the world
- The ITNS Newsletter is now done via E-mail along with the E-Blast to provide current, up to date information about the happenings of ITNS.
- Core Curriculum Book and Scope and Standards of Practice Book
- IQ Series: 16 DVD set that covers all areas in the ITNS Certification Review Course



## Transplant Education Handbooks:

- Making Your Transplant Medicines Work for You After Your Organ Transplant
- Sexual Health After Transplant: What Every Patient Should Know
- Post-Transplant Diabetes: What Every Patient Needs to Know
- Pregnancy and Parenthood after Transplant: What You Should Know
- Diet and Exercise after Transplant
- What Every Patient Needs to Know about Dental Care
- Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle After Transplantation
- Controlling GI Side Effects after Transplant: What Every Patient Should Know
- Skin Cancer Risks in Transplant Recipients : Know the Facts



**MedActionPlan.com** is a web-based application used by many transplant hospital and units within the USA. It allows members of the transplant team (nurses, pharmacists, social workers, etc.) to create, maintain or adjust transplant patient medication regimens by providing details that are visual, user-friendly, and informative. These printed schedules depict medication images, time and quantity for each dose, medication purpose as well as other educational information to assist in patient understanding and medication adherence.

## Guide to Healthcare Booklets and CD's:

- Kidney/Pancreas Transplant Patient Education Booklet
- Heart Transplant Patient Education Booklet
- Liver Transplant Patient Education Booklet



ITNS TV—“Education on Demand”  
**log in** to watch live and archived transplant nursing lectures and earn CE and CEPTC credits.



## Our Mission

The ITNS is committed to the promotion of excellence in transplant clinical nursing through the provision of educational and professional growth opportunities, interdisciplinary networking, collaborative activities, and transplant nursing research. As we have grown, we have chartered over 25 active chapters, who help promote the field of transplant nursing within their own transplant centers and throughout their geographical region.



## Our Goals

- Provide a network for communication among professional nurses with a focus and commitment to transplantation.
- Provide a means of continuing education for professional nurses with a focus in transplant nursing.
- Examine new trends in transplantation affecting patient care and the role of the transplant nurse.
- Promote and support research in transplant nursing.
- Distribute the results of scientific investigations among professionals interested in transplantation.
- Foster an awareness of ongoing ethical considerations in procurement, donation, and recipient awareness.
- Ensure the accomplishment of the proper and lawful purposes and objectives of the society.

## Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors consists of twelve professional nurses with a wide range of experience and specialties within transplant nursing. All Board members are elected by the active membership and are governed by the organization's by-laws. Each Board member demonstrates a commitment to the field of transplant nursing and is dedicated to the advancement of the mission, goals and integrity of the society.

## To Learn More About ITNS

For more information about the benefits of ITNS or ITNS membership, please visit our website at [www.itns.org](http://www.itns.org) or call us today at **+1 412-343-ITNS (4867)**.



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# ITNS Membership Application



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## Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree/Certifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Recruited by: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address:  Home  Work

Preferred E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Home address:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Work address:

Hospital/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Dept/Div: \_\_\_\_\_

Bldg/Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Dues Payment in U.S. Funds Only

**Active RN** \$75/year \$200/three years (circle one)  
(All RNs. All Active members are entitled to vote, hold office and serve on committees at the international level. Per the ITNS Bylaws, any RN must join as Active)

**Associate** \$50/year \$135/three years (circle one)  
(Any non-RN health professional involved in transplantation. Associate members are not entitled to vote, hold office or serve on committees on an international level but may participate in these activities in local ITNS chapters.)

**Emerging Countries Members** \$25/year \$75/3 years  
ITNS is pleased to announce a reduced membership fee to allow transplant professionals from countries with emerging economies the opportunity to join the society at a reduced rate of \$25. For ITNS to support, these members will have access to all benefits in electronic format only, thus it is required that we have an e-mail address for this membership category. Countries are defined as low income and or an IDA lending status by the World Bank as of July 2006, or as a European Emerging Country by Europe. A list of countries is available at <http://itns.org/membership/reduced-rate>.

Make check payable to ITNS (US Funds only)

Check  VISA  MasterCard

# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please add CVV or CID number  
Please enter 3-digit number from the back of your card immediately following the account number. This is required to process a card which is not physically present at ITNS headquarters.

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If the credit card is not the member's card, please provide the following:

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## Demographic Information

### 1. How many years have you been a nurse?

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### 2. How many years in Transplantation?

< 2  2-3  4-5  6-10  11-15  
 16-20  > 20

### 3. Work setting?

University Affiliated  Military  Academic  
 Community/Private  Registry  Government  
 Organ Procurement  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Area of employment?

Transplant Unit  Clinical Research  ICU  
 Outpatient  Pediatrics  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Your position?

Staff Nurse  Charge/Team Leader  
 Head/Assistant Head Nurse  Nursing Admin  
 Supervisor  Transplant Coordinator  
 In Service/Staff Development  Instructor  
 Clinical Nurse Specialist/Clinician  
 Nurse Practitioner  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Which organ/tissue recipients do you care for?

Liver  Kidney  Composite  Bone Marrow  
 Lung  Heart  Pancreas  Islet Cell  
 Small Bowel  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 7. Highest level of nursing education?

Student  LVN/LPN  RN  RN ADN  
 RN BS  RN BSN  RN Diploma  Masters Degree  
 NP  Doctorate  RN BScN  DNSc

### 8. Do you care for pediatric recipients? Yes No

### 9. I would be interested in information for the ITNS Special Interest Groups (SIG)

Education  Research  Cardiothoracic  
 Staff Nurse  Pediatric  Advanced Practice  
 Other SIG Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information on the closest local ITNS chapter:

USA  Canada  Europe  Starting a Chapter

I am also a member of:  AACN  ANNA  EDTNA

ETCO  ISHLT  NATCO  ONS  BTS

Sigma Theta Tau  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

ITNS occasionally provides or sells its membership list strictly for the dissemination of transplant-related educational announcements. If you would not like to receive this type of information, please place an 'X' in the box and your name will not be included when our list is distributed to other organizations and transplant-related companies.