25th Annual ITNS Symposium

The premier transplant nursing event

TRANSPLANT NURSING
Bridging Passion, Practice, and Patient Care

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14–16 October 2016
The Westin Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Register by 19 September to save $100. Earn up to 30 contact hours!
Special Events

Hospital Tour

**THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER**
13:00–14:30

**University of Pittsburgh Medical Center**

For more than 30 years, UPMC has been a leader in the field of transplantation, giving hope to thousands of patients living with life-threatening organ failure. From the early years when Dr. Thomas E. Starzl pioneered a new field of surgery, to the development of immunosuppressive therapies, UPMC continues to participate in advanced clinical research creating alternative life-giving transplant options for patients around the world. Since its inception in 1981, UPMC has performed more than 17,500 transplants, including liver, kidney, pancreas, small bowel, liver/small bowel, heart, heart/lung, double-lung, single-lung, and multiple-organ transplants.

**Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC**

As the nation’s first pediatric transplantation program, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC has been at the forefront of pediatric transplantation for more than 30 years. The hospital has performed more pediatric transplants than any other pediatric transplant center in the United States and achieves patient survival rates that are among the highest in the world. In addition to solid organ transplants, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh specializes in bone marrow and cellular transplant. Advancements in small bowel transplant and treatment of metabolic disease with liver transplantation were pioneered at Children’s.

Opening Reception with Exhibits and Posters

**THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER**
18:00–20:00

**FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER**
17:30–18:30

**The Transplantation Society (TTS) Women in Transplantation Networking Cocktail Reception**

Join members of the Women in Transplantation Initiative of TTS for a discussion about issues affecting women in the field of transplantation and the medical community in general, followed by an opportunity to network with your peers. Light snacks and drinks will be served. Preregistration is required.

**SATURDAY, 15 OCTOBER**
20:00–22:00

**25th Anniversary Reception**

Join us at Olive or Twist to celebrate the 25th anniversary of ITNS with drinks, appetizers, dancing, a photo booth, and more! An additional $70 fee applies. Preregistration is required.
Keynote Address
John J. Fung, MD PhD
John J. Fung, MD PhD, is the chairman of the Digestive Disease Institute and the former chairman of the Department of General Surgery at Cleveland Clinic. Prior to this, he was the chief of the Division of Transplant Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh. With more than 30 years of involvement in kidney, liver, pancreas, islet, and intestinal transplantation, he is also an accomplished immunologist.

Invited Speakers
Jorge D. Reyes, MD
Jorge D. Reyes, MD, is director of Transplant Services at Seattle Children’s Hospital and chief of the Division of Transplantation in the Department of Surgery at the University of Washington. He received his MD degree and advanced surgical training in Brazil and completed various surgical residencies, research positions, and fellowships at Harvard, New York Medical College, and the University of Pittsburgh.

Stephen Francis Badylak, DVM PhD MD
Stephen Francis Badylak, DVM PhD MD, is a professor in the Department of Surgery and deputy director of the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Badylak holds more than 50 U.S. patents and 200 patents worldwide, has authored more than 300 scientific publications and 40 book chapters, and edited a textbook Host Response to Biomaterials.

Ethics Panel
George V. Mazariegos, MD
Jorge D. Reyes, MD
Join leading experts in the field of transplant for a lively presentation and discussion that will cover both domestic and international ethical issues impacting our work, patients, and profession.

Patient Family Presentation
The Boy Who Saved Thousands of Lives
Reg Green
Reg Green (www.nicholasgreen.org) is the father of 7-year-old Nicholas who was shot during an attempted car-jacking while on a family vacation in Italy. Reg and his wife, Maggie, donated Nicholas’ organs and corneas, which went to seven very sick Italians, four of them teenagers. Since then Reg, a former journalist, has written two books and innumerable articles on organ donation, given speeches around the world to every type of audience from kindergartners to hospices, made a series of documentaries that are used in hospitals in every state, and been interviewed by everyone from Oprah Winfrey and the New York Times to Vatican Radio and Taiwan’s Buddhist television channel. Nicholas’ Gift, a made-for-television movie based on the Greens’ story, garnered an audience of 100 million views and an Emmy nomination for star Jamie Lee Curtis. In Italy alone donation rates have tripled, saving thousands of lives.

At the Annual ITNS Symposium you can
• earn up to 30 CE hours
• listen to captivating speakers
• network with fellow transplant professionals
• connect with exhibitors to learn about new products and programs
• explore Pittsburgh, the city where ITNS was founded.

The Annual ITNS Symposium offers a unique clinical focus with educational content appropriate for all levels of practice, from bedside nurses to advanced practice nurses. Attendees will benefit from education with both pre- and posttransplant focuses.

YOU belong at the Annual ITNS Symposium!

"I loved every part of the symposium. It was full of great information and every speaker really kept me engaged.”
-past Annual Symposium attendee
Presymposium
Pharmacology for Transplant Nurses
THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER
08:00–17:15
Speakers: TBD
Sign up for the full presymposium session to earn 8 hours of pharmacy credit, or sign up for just the morning or afternoon session to earn 4 hours of pharmacy credit. The sessions will cover evidence-based guidelines, drug-specific information, safe prescribing practices, safe medication administration, and more. A light lunch will be available in the meeting room for attendees of the full 8-hour session. For details, visit ITNS.org/AnnualSymposium.

Let ITNS Help Take Your Career to the Next Level: Leadership, Mentoring, and Career Development in Transplant Nursing
FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER
17:30–20:30
Cynthia Russell, PhD RN ACNS-BC FAAN; Donna Hathaway, PhD; Mark Lockwood, MSN RN CCRC; Catherine Pantik, BSN RN; Justin Bilik; Laura A. Taylor, PhD RN ANEF
Be ready to engage, reflect, and form partnerships with nurses from around the world in this interactive dinner meeting. Join us for an evening of collegiality and strategy building to support your transplant nursing journey. Program leaders will share skills for growth, development, and career success! Whether you are just beginning to consider advanced practice education or doctoral efforts, in the middle of your course work, or getting ready to graduate from your program, ITNS has gathered nationally renowned speakers to support and mentor members along many phases of their career practice. Dinner will be provided. An additional fee of $25 applies. Preregistration is required. Space is limited.

Accreditation Statement
Category I Continuing Education Points for Transplant Certification have been applied for through the American Board for Transplant Certification. This activity has been submitted to the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses for approval to award contact hours. The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.
**Registration Fees**

**Save $100!**

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**Hotel Accommodations**

The Westin Pittsburgh  
1000 Penn Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
412.281.3700  
Reservations: 888.627.7053  
Online Reservations: ITNS.org/AnnualSymposium  

Rate: $189 USD per night plus taxes (single/double)  
The special ITNS rate will apply until Monday, 12 September 2016, or when the room block is filled; at that point, other rates may apply.

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JOIN US to celebrate 25 years of ITNS in Pittsburgh, the city where it all started!

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