2020 Call for Volunteers – Committee Information

Standing Committees

Committee on Cellular Therapy
The Committee on Cellular Therapy is charged with providing the ASTCT membership with a home for cellular therapy by: providing representation on the Board; adding more sessions such as tissue repair and regenerative medicine to the TCT Meetings, and soliciting topical articles for BBMT.

Committee on Education
The Committee on Education is charged with upholding and implementing activities in support of ASTCT's mission relating to education. The mission of ASTCT is to secure the highest quality of care for all blood and marrow transplantation and cellular therapy patients. Providing guidelines for professional training is one of the key purposes of ASTCT. As such, certification in blood and marrow transplantation would support this purpose and mission by defining and standardizing these requirements.

Committee on Practice Guidelines
The Committee on Practice Guidelines is charged with determining how the Society can develop guidelines for the practice of Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy.

Committee on Quality Outcomes
The Committee on Quality Outcomes is charged with developing innovative methods for measuring and reporting transplant center-specific quality based on outcomes of care. This includes the subcommittee on informatics and subcommittee on pediatrics.

Committee on Diversity and Inclusion
The Committee on Diversity and Inclusion is charged with ensuring that ASTCT fosters a diverse and inclusive environment for both leaders and members.

Committee on Government Relations
The committee on Government Relations is charged with:
- Monitoring national regulatory and legislative activities affecting blood and marrow transplantation and cellular therapies
- Actively commenting on or otherwise explaining ASTCT’s position on such regulatory and legislative activity through ASTCT's lobbyist group
- Offering ASTCT expertise and research to regulatory agencies as appropriate
- Informing the ASTCT membership of pertinent regulatory and legislative activity
• Soliciting the ASTCT membership position on regulatory and legislative activities where appropriate
• Ensuring that regulatory and legislative engagement will emphasize and focus on the importance of research and science in this emerging field

Committee on International Relations
The Committee on International Relations is charged with fostering partnerships between ASTCT and national societies outside of the US, as well as develop international education and facilitate international membership in the society.

SIG Steering Committees
ASTCT Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are convened to bring together groups of colleagues who share similar interests in the field to provide specialized education and networking opportunities. SIGs regularly network through online communities. Many SIGs also meet in-person at the TCT Meetings of ASTCT and CIBMTR as a platform to present education specific to the specialized interests of the group’s membership.

Each SIG is led by a Steering Committee of volunteer leaders, including a SIG Chair and Vice Chair. SIG Steering Committees are responsible for monitoring the SIG online community.

Administrative Directors
The Administrative Directors SIG offers administrators at blood and marrow transplant centers a national forum where they can exchange ideas and information, including benchmarking and disseminating data about best practices within the field of blood and marrow transplantation.

Biobehavioral Research
The Biobehavioral Research SIG strives to improve TCT patient quality of life and clinical outcomes by advancing science that effectively integrates behavioral (including psychological and social/environmental factors) and biological processes. The SIG believes this will be achieved through a better understanding of the intersecting behavioral and biological mechanisms that underlie symptom, social and psychological health.

Cord Blood
The Cord Blood (CB) SIG provides a national and international forum to promote the use of cord blood for the transplantation of patients with diseases of the blood and bone marrow. The SIG also supports the development of CB-derived cellular therapies and regenerative medicine applications.
HCT Value and Health Economics
The Hematopoietic Cell Transplant (HCT) Value and Health Economics SIG provides a national and international forum for the exchange of ideas, educational initiatives, research agenda setting, conducting collaborative research and dissemination on health economics and the value of HCT (e.g., costs and utilization of care, cost-effectiveness and – benefit analyses, patient-centered components of value and other health economic topics).

Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant
The Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant (NP/PA) SIG provides a forum for APPS to exchange ideas and information related to the blood and marrow and cellular therapy field. The SIG focuses on education, jobs, networking and other opportunities as it continues to grow and expand its presence in ASTCT.

Nursing
The Nursing SIG gives nurses a voice in the ASTCT and allows them to be part of the organization and planning of events and activities within the society.

Palliative and Supportive Care
The Palliative and Supportive Care SIG promotes the delivery of high-quality patient and family-centered care that optimizes the quality of life of patients undergoing hematopoietic cell transplantation. The delivery of such care is the product of research, education and clinical care management.

Pediatric
The Pediatric SIG (P-SIG) is a strategic alignment of the Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Consortium (PBMTC) with ASTCT. The consortium has far-reaching goals aimed at designing and promoting pediatric studies in HCT and cellular therapy, providing educational and scientific opportunities for pediatric transplant practitioners and trainees, and advocating for transplantation and cellular therapy causes.

HCT Pharmacy
The HCT Pharmacy SIG provides leadership for pharmacists within ASTCT and facilitates pharmacist representation on ASTCT committees. Our mission is to represent pharmacist membership within ASTCT, provide a forum for pharmacists to network and share ideas, and move the HCT field forward. This SIG was created in response to the National Marrow Donor Program’s System Capacity Initiative as a means of ensuring an adequate infrastructure and pharmacy workforce to support the anticipated increase in demand for HCT by 2020.
HCT Social Work
The Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation (HCT) Social Work SIG provides leadership for social workers within ASTCT and facilitates social work representation on ASTCT committees, as appropriate.

HCT Survivorship
The Hematopoietic Cell Transplant (HCT) Survivorship SIG provides a national and international forum for the exchange of ideas, educational initiatives, research agenda setting, conducting collaborative research and dissemination on issues of importance surrounding survivorship in HCT.

Transplant Infectious Diseases
The Transplant Infectious Diseases SIG promotes collaboration between physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other related specialties that have interest in infectious diseases and HCT. This SIG provides a forum for discussion of transplant infectious disease-related issues in the context of HCT and encourages research collaboration in this area. In addition, members have opportunities to be involved in the annual meeting through plenary sessions, oral abstract sessions and poster presentations.

Women, Underrepresented Minorities and LGBTQ
The Women, Underrepresented Minorities (URM), and Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transsexual/Queer (LGBTQ) SIG provides leadership and community within ASTCT and encompasses health care professionals with an interest in diversity and inclusion initiatives.