Registration Form

AST National Surgical Technology Conference
New Orleans, Louisiana  June 6 -June 10

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE?  ☐ YES ☐ NO

FIRST NAME__________MI_________LAST NAME__________

☐ CST   ☐ CSFA   ☐ CSA   ☐ LPN   ☐ RN   ☐ FAST   ☐ OTHER ______

MEMBER NUMBER__________EMAIL__________

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CITY__________STATE__________ZIP

HOME PHONE__________WORK PHONE

EMPLOYER (Required)

EMPLOYER NAME

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CITY__________STATE__________ZIP

(Full conference registration package includes all Thursday, Friday and Saturday education sessions, business meetings, exhibits and social events).

REGISTRATION FEES

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!

$275

ONLINE ONLY – MEMBERS ONLY

Mail-in registrations not eligible for discount
www.ast.org (Discount ends March 15)

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*Nonmembers – call or join online before you register to save.
**AST student registration must provide verification of enrollment in a program whose graduates are eligible to sit for the CST examination. Students who register for the discounted student rate are required to attend the Student Forum on Friday; otherwise, normal conference rates apply.
***Retired/disabled members must have reached the social security retirement age or permanently disabled and unable to work.

GROUP REGISTRATIONS
Please visit www.ast.org for expedited processing

OPTIONAL EVENTS

Preconference State Assembly Leadership Forum
Wednesday, June 7, 7:15 AM – 4 PM
(must register for full conference)

☐ MEMBER $50

Scavenger Hunt
(Benefits A Child's Wish)
Friday, June 9, 10 am – Noon

☐ $25 per individual. Register by April 15 to reserve.
Your T-shirt size:  ☐ S  ☐ M  ☐ L  ☐ XL  ☐ XXL

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.AST.ORG  PHONE: 800-637-7433
## CONFERENCE EDUCATION SESSIONS

Please note: If you attend every education session, (Thursday, Friday and Saturday), you will receive up to 17 CE credit hours at the conference. You will receive credit only for the sessions you are registered for. If you neglect to register for an education session, you will not receive credit. Be sure to review your selections to ensure that you have registered for all the appropriate sessions.

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Register Online at www.ast.org

**Payment Policies:** All fees must be paid at time of registration. Checks/money orders are payable to AST. No personal checks onsite. Conference fees may be tax deductible as education expenses (consult with tax professional).

**Transfer Policy:** Original registrant must verify substitution in writing. New attendee must complete registration form. $25 processing fee is required. If nonmember is the replacement, the nonmember fee applies and payment is required.

**Refund Policy:** Cancellations must be made in writing and postmarked by May 1, 2017. Refunds minus a $50 processing fee will made approximately four weeks after conference. Partial refunds are not available for social functions in the package rate.
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Opening Ceremony

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Keynote Address
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Kent Rader

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AST Business Session 1

11 – 11:50 AM

FS100
Pediatric Hand Transplant
L Scott Levin, MD, FACS
Pediatric hand transplant with excellent outcomes is possible and can be expanded for a variety of pathological conditions.

NOON – 12:50 PM

FS101
Operative Approach to Chest Wall Injuries: Reevaluating an Old Problem and Applying New Techniques
Patrick Greiffenstein, MD
This session presents a comprehensive review of a long-neglected injury and how the approach has changed dramatically over the last decade. The presenter explores the history and likelihood that it will remain at the forefront of the medical/surgical innovation in the field of trauma in the coming years.

1 – 4 PM
Exhibits

4 – 5:50 PM

FS102
Make Every Footprint Count: Minimizing Operating Room Traffic to Improve Patient and Staff Safety during Total Joint Replacement Surgery
Susann Camus, MA, MPH, CHRP, LSSGB
Alexandra Kite, RN
This presentation summarizes best practices from research literature and describes how the Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program was applied to the OR to improve patient and staff safety in response to higher than anticipated rates of surgical site infections.

8 PM – MIDNIGHT
Opening Night Party
Masquerade
Bring out the beads, masks, feathers and your most flamboyant — we’re in New Orleans. Enjoy hors d’oeuvres, selections from carving stations, pastas and more. Music goes back to the 50s and forward to the latest top 10 for a fun evening with friends.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017

7:15 AM – 2:50 PM

AST Student Forum (see page 6 for agenda)

8 – 9 AM
Candidates Forum

9 AM – NOON
Exhibits

NOON – 1:50 PM

FS201
As Easy As Breathing: Pediatric Airway Surgery Demystified
Karthik Balakrishnan, MD; Christopher McGriff, CST; and Carrie Gossman, RN
This presentation discusses how to reduce stress and anxiety during complex pediatric airway procedures. The information includes an overview of several common procedures from the perspective of the surgeon, surgical technologist and nurse.

Red denotes changes to the schedule.

This afternoon there is a choice of four hours of specialty tracks presented from 2 – 5:50 pm. Each track offers five 50-minute individual education sessions. A total of 20 sessions are available. Attendees can choose one complete track of five education sessions or select five from the different tracks. Be sure to choose only one session per hour.

2 – 2:50 PM

202
Retained Surgical Items
Charles DiCorte, MD
This presentation defines, describes and reviews literature of retained surgical items. This presentation also discusses the processes to prevent this occurrence.

203
CST Role in Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS)
Rachel Reitan, MD
The presenter explains the special needs of MIS/robotic surgery and the CST role.
### 3 – 3:50 PM

#### 204

**Surgical Intervention for the Treatment of Chronic Graft vs Host Disease**  
*Tony Forgione, CST, LPN*

This session provides a presentation of a case study of a young patient transferred to a burn service for his chronic graft vs host disease through the use of donated isographs.

#### 205

**Professionalism — The Key to Your Future**  
*Crit Fisher, CST, FAST*

Professionalism has become a lost art. As we struggle as a profession to be identified as professionals, we must learn how to act the role. The presentation defines professionalism and provides tips and practices to increase your professionalism in any role.

#### 206

**Teaching Your Students the Joys of Working with RNs and Surviving!**  
*Susan Sheets, CST, RN*

This presentation discusses why the CST and RN are not respected; analyzes the two careers and explores possible reasons for each not accepting the other’s profession and reasons for each to work together as a team for the good of the patient.

### 4 – 4:50 PM

#### 212

**CJD, A Family’s Perspective**  
*Debra Anderson, RN*

This presentation increases the awareness of the disease, CJD and discusses the symptoms, testing and resources available.

#### 213

**Laparoscopic Colectomy: Thinking with the Surgeon**  
*Kurt Davis, MD*

The speaker addresses relevant common steps and instruments and more commonly encountered complications related to a laparoscopic colectomy.

#### 214

**Surgical Options for Advance Stage Neuroendocrine Tumors (NETs)**  
*J Philip Boudreaux, MD, FACS*

This presentation analyzes 1,000 Surgical Cytoreduction for Advanced Stage (IV) Neuroendocrine Tumors.
The first business session occurs immediately following the keynote address. The leaders of all four partner organizations and committee chairs will present their reports.

In 2017, there will be vacancies in the offices of president, vice president, treasurer and three board positions. Elections will occur on Saturday, June 10 when members of the House of Delegates cast their ballots.

The election results are announced during the second business session.

MEET THE CANDIDATES
On Thursday and Friday for two hours during exhibits, you will have many opportunities to speak with individual candidates. On Friday morning, the Candidates Forum gives you another opportunity to compare candidates.

If you are interested in becoming a delegate, contact the leadership of your state assembly and find out how to get involved. At conference, all delegates are required to:
- Attend the Opening Ceremony
- Attend Business Sessions 1 and 2
- Attend the Candidates Forum
- Vote

AST SA STUDENT FORUM
FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 7:15 AM – 2:50 PM
7:15 – 7:45 AM
Meet and Greet
ASTSA Student Officers
8 – 9 AM
AST Candidates’ Forum
9:15 – 9:30 AM
Welcome!!
Roy Zacharias, CST, FAST, AST President
Kathy Duffy, CST, CSFA, CSA, FAST, ASA President
Van Bates, CST, ARC/STSA President
Dana Bancer, CST, FAST, NBSTSA President
ASTSA Officer Introductions, Raffles, T-shirt Contest Results
ASTSA Officers
9:35 – 10:35 AM
Professionalism and the ST Student
Richard Fruscione, CST, FAST
10:40 – 11:40 AM
ASTSA Student Representative Speeches
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM
Lunch
12:25 – 1 PM
Voting
1:10 – 2:35 PM
Certification Exam Q&A
NBSTSA
2:40 – 2:50 PM
Voting Results

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The Thinker: Are We Training or Educating?
Amanda Minor, CST; and Libby McRae, CST
This presentation engages attendees in an evaluation and discussion surrounding the education of surgical technologists. General goals and outcomes of various types of programs will be compared as well as a focus provided on ways to incorporate activities into ST programs that encourage critical thinking skills.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017
8 – 8:45 AM
AST Voting
9 – 9:50 AM
AST Business Session 2
10 – 11:50 AM
FS300
Vascularized Composite Allotransplantation
Curtis L. Cetrulo, Jr, MD, FACS
Vascularized Composite Allotransplantation (VCA) is a new paradigm for amputees.

NOON – 1:50 PM
FS301
Current Surgical Management of GERD (LINX Procedure)
Nikolai Bildzukewicz, MD, FACS
This presentation reviews the causes of GERD and its progression to cancer, patient evolution, and focuses on medical, endoscopic and, most importantly, the surgical management of GERD.

2 – 2:50 PM
FS302
Robotic Thyroid Surgery: Reality or Hype?
Emad Kandil, MD, MBA, FACS
Robotic surgery is a feasible and safe option for select groups of patients.

3 – 3:50 PM
FS303
Surgical Site Infections: Playing Our Part to Reduce the Risk
Veronica Gillispie, MD, FACOG
A large number of surgical site infections are preventable. This presentation discusses what each one of us can do to reduce the risk to our patients.

6 – 8 PM
Closing Night Reception
BUSINESS SESSIONS/VOTING

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