

AST SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

NEW ORLEANS JUNE 6-10, 2017

REGISTRATION GUIDE



**Earn 17 CE credits or more
and meet distinguished
surgeon speakers**

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND:

- Learn the latest practice-related legislation updates
- Network with colleagues across the country who share your challenges and successes

CONFERENCE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Compare various methods of surgical treatment related to surgical pathologies
- Examine aspects related to professionalism and career advancement
- Identify the latest updates related to patient safety in the OR
- Evaluate technology innovations in the surgical suite

CHARTING OUR COURSE

When Neil Armstrong first walked on the moon, the first surgical technology conference was held in New York City. Surgical technologists have responded to many challenges over the last 48 years. From an organization that started with approximately 16,000 members, AST is close to reaching a previously unimaginable membership of 40,000 strong.

This success was achieved by members working to build a profession step by step through practice-related education; establishment of a national examination and 450 accredited surgical technology education programs. AST leaders and members have launched a profession that is recognized in 50 states — through careful planning, operational efficiency and, most of all, a vision of safe patient care.

Members have charted a course and in New Orleans, AST will celebrate not only the achievements and advances but come together to promise more. Join us and reconnect with friends, meet new colleagues and converse with some of the nation's most distinguished medical professionals.



FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Karthik
Balakrishnan, MD**



**Nikolai
Bildzukewicz,
MD, FACS**



**Susann Camus,
MA, MPH, CHRP,
LSSGB**



Curtis Cetrulo, MD



**Veronica Gillispie,
MD, FACOG**



**Patrick
Greiffenstein, MD**



**Carrie Gossman,
RN**



**Emad Kandil, MD,
MBS, FACS**



Alexandra Kite, RN



**L Scott Levin,
MD, FACS**



**Christopher
McGriff, CST**



Kent Rader

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017

8 AM - 3 PM



AFE Accreditation Fundamentals for Educators

CAPACITY: 100 Registrants (6 CEs) Fee: \$100

ARC/STSA Board and Staff

This workshop is designed to inform newly appointed and experienced program directors, instructors and administrators about the ARC/STSA process, policy and procedure needed for CAAHEP accreditation. Includes a one-hour break at noon. (Separate registration required at www.arcstsa.org). Please contact ARC/STSA at info@arcstsa.org for more information.

3 - 5 PM



SVT-B Site Visitors Training — Beginning

CAPACITY: 50 Registrants (2 CEs) Fee: Free

ARC/STSA Board and Staff

Beginning Site Visitors training is designed to orient those who would like to become site visitors to basic ARC/STSA site visitation process, policy and procedure. Prerequisite: Accreditation Fundamentals for Educators and CAAHEP Site Visitor online training required prior to attending Beginning Site Visitors Training. (Separate registration required at www.arcstsa.org). Please contact ARC/STSA at info@arcstsa.org for more information.

— Or —



SVT-A Site Visitors Training — Advanced

CAPACITY: 50 Registrants (2 CEs) Fee: Free

ARC/STSA Board and Staff

Advanced Site Visitors training is designed to update experienced site visitors about current issues in ARC/STSA site visitation process, policy and procedure. Must have taken Beginning Site Visitors Training and completed at least one site visit in the last 12 months prior to attending Advanced Site Visitors Training. (Separate registration required at www.arcstsa.org). Please contact ARC/STSA at info@arcstsa.org for more information.

STATE ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP FORUM

SALF: Members Only: \$50 (7 CEs)

Registrants must be registered as full conference attendees.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017

6:15 - 7:15 PM

Reception for SALF Attendees only

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017

7:15 - 7:45 AM

Continental Breakfast for SALF Registrants

Sponsored by NBSTSA



7:45 - 8 AM

Welcome and Introductions

Roy Zacharias, CST, FAST, AST President

8 - 9:50 AM



Business of Board of Directors Affairs

Paul Meyer, President and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Tecker International, LLC

Sponsored by the New York State Assembly

9:50 - 10 AM

Break

10 - 10:50 AM

Paper Ballot vs Electronic Ballot: Moving into the Future

Erin Baggett, CST

11 - 11:50 AM

Legislation: How Can We Help Q&A

Beth Applegate-Debo, CST, CSFA, FAST
Tara Kruse, CST

Cathy Sparkman, JD, AST Director of Government Affairs

NOON - 12:50 PM

Lunch

(provided to SALF all-day registrants)

1 - 1:50 PM



The Power of Leadership — Creating a High Performing Board

Darlene Templeton, CPCC, ACC, NSA,
Templeton & Associates

Sponsored by Texas State Assembly

2 - 2:50 PM



The 3 Rs to Maximizing the Potential of Your Leadership Board — Recruiting, Retention, and Results

Darlene Templeton, CPCC, ACC, NSA,
Templeton & Associates

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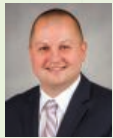
2:50 - 3 PM

Break



3 - 4 PM

Having a Successful Business Meeting and Workshop; Celebrating Your State Assembly







State Assembly Leadership Committee



	7 AM	8 AM	9 AM	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1 PM		
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7		Accreditation Fundamentals (AFE)							
		State Assembly Leadership Forum					Lunch	State Ass (continued)	
THURSDAY, JUNE 8		Opening Ceremony/ Keynote			AST Bus 1	<div>FS100</div> <div>FEATURED SPEAKER</div> <div>L Scott Levin, MD, FACS</div> <div></div>	<div>FS101</div> <div>FEATURED SPEAKER</div> <div>Patrick Greiffenstein, MD</div> <div></div>	Exhibits	Meet AS
FRIDAY, JUNE 9		Candidates Forum	Exhibits			<div>FS201</div> <div>FEATURED SPEAKERS</div> <div>Karthik Balakrishnan, MD; Christopher McGriff, CST; and Carrie Gossman, RN</div> <div></div> <div></div>			
			Meet AST Candidates						
	AST Student Forum ST200					Lunch	AST Student Forum		
SATURDAY, JUNE 10		AST Voting (ends at 8:45)	AST Bus 2	<div>FS300</div> <div>FEATURED SPEAKER</div> <div>Curtis L Cetrulo Jr, MD, FACS</div> <div></div>	<div>FS301</div> <div>FEATURED SPEAKER</div> <div>Nikolai Bildzukewicz, MD, FACS</div> <div></div>				

2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM
	Site Visitors — BG & AD					
Assembly Leadership Forum (continued)						

		FS102 FEATURED SPEAKERS Susann Camus, MA, MPH, CHRP, LSSGB and Alexandra Kite, RN  				Opening Night Party (begins at 8 pm and ends at midnight)
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-  Preconference Events
-  Organizational Events
-  Featured Speakers
-  Exhibits
-  Education Sessions
-  Social Events

FS302 FEATURED SPEAKER Emad Kandil, MD, MBA, FACS 	FS303 FEATURED SPEAKER Veronica Gillispie, MD, FACOG 								

Closing Night Reception
(begins at 6 pm and ends at 8 pm)

BUSINESS SESSIONS/VOTING

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 two 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 APPRECIATES THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE PROFESSION.



THE NATIONAL BOARD
OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY
AND SURGICAL ASSISTING

ASTSA 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

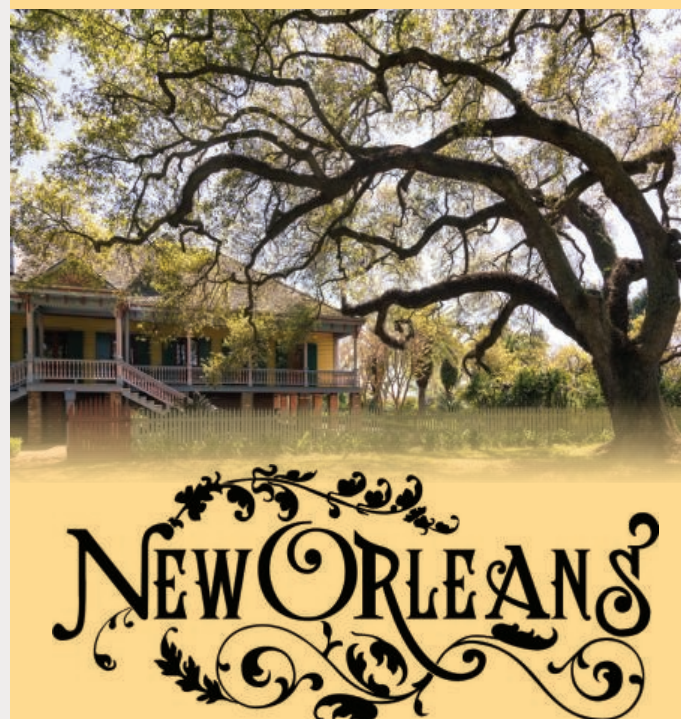
1:10 - 2:35 PM

Certification Exam Q&A

NBSTSA

2:40 - 2:50 PM

Voting Results



THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017

7:30 – 8:55 AM

Opening Ceremony

9 – 9:55 AM

Keynote Address

Let It Go — Just Let It Go!

Kent Rader

10:15 – 10:50 AM

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 and 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

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.

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.

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.

3 – 3:50 PM

207

Twin-to-Twin Transfusion

Velda Serrano, CST and Tania Figueredo, CST

This presentation presents a rare surgical intervention with the use of surgical laser therapy to treat twin-to-twin transfusion.

208

Situational Awareness in the OR

David Berger, MD, MHCMq

209

Facial Reconstruction and Trauma

Jayson Brunette, CST, CSFA

This presentation reviews several types of facial fractures and trauma, including the proper fixation techniques needed for each.

210

Hybrid Operating Rooms: Set Up and Use

Marie Unruh, MD

This presentation discusses the basic set up and structural components to a hybrid operating suite, including both surgical and endovascular needs.

211

Bystander Intervention: How to Make the OR a Better Place to Work

Robert Young, CST

This presentation addresses bullying behavior in the OR that results in negative training for new hires, dissatisfied workers, disrespect to professionals, costly turnover and danger to patients. Encouraging teamwork requires everyone to play an active role in intervening and being part of the solution.

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

Laparooscopic 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.

215

TBD

216

Together We Will Succeed: Lowering Attrition in Surgical Technology Programs

Doug Hughes, CSFA, CSA, CRCST, MAE-CI

This presentation provides participants with an opportunity to reflect on specific barriers to students' academic success and achievement and discusses methods of creating an environment and curriculum dedicated to achieving their academic and career goals.

5 – 5:50 PM

217

The Surgical Management of Melanoma

Adam Riker, MD, FACS

This presentation provides a comprehensive overview of the management of melanoma with a central focus on NCCN treatment guidelines and current surgical management.

218

Bringing High Reliability to the Operating Room

John T Paige, MD

This presentation focuses on what it means to be a high reliability organization and how to apply principles related to such organizations to improve team function and patient care in the operating room.

219

TBD

220

Legislative Update: The Success of Advocacy

Catherine Sparkman, JD

This session provides you with an update about surgical technology legislative initiatives, as well as hints, tips and strategies for successful campaigns and grassroots involvement.

221

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, 2016

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

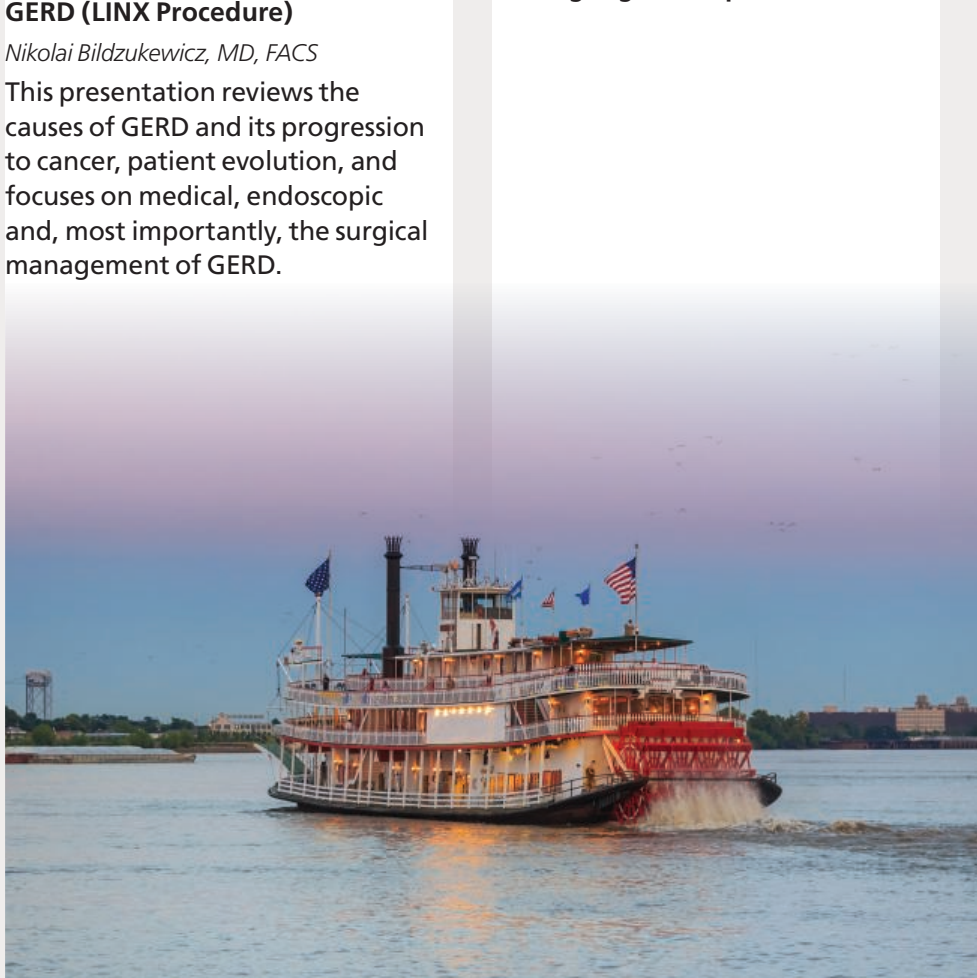
Surgical Site Infections: Playing Our Part to Reduce the Risk

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



Registration Form

AST National Surgical Technology Conference
New Orleans, Louisiana June 7-June 10



ATTENDEE INFORMATION

FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE? ☐ YES ☐ NO

FIRST NAME

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LAST NAME

☐ CST

☐ CSFA

☐ CSA

☐ LPN

☐ RN

☐ FAST

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MEMBER NUMBER

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HOME PHONE

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EMPLOYER (Required)

EMPLOYER NAME

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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)

ADVANCE

ONSITE

(Advance Registration Ends April 15)

☐ AST MEMBER \$350 \$390

☐ NONMEMBER* \$480 \$520

☐ AST STUDENT MEMBER** \$ 99 \$139

☐ AST STUDENT NONMEMBER** \$144 \$184

☐ RETIRED/DISABLED MEMBER*** \$175 \$175

*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



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.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017

7:30 – 9:55 AM	10:15 – 10:50 AM	NOON – 12:50 PM	1 – 4 PM	4 – 5:50 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Opening Ceremony/ Keynote Address <i>Let It Go – Just Let It Go!</i> Kent Rader	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Session 1 11 – 11:50 AM <input type="checkbox"/> FS100 Pediatric Hand Transplant L Scott Levin, MD, FACS	<input type="checkbox"/> FS101 Operative Approach to Chest Wall Injuries Patrick Greifenstein, MD	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits	<input type="checkbox"/> FS102 Make Every Footprint Count Susann Camus, MA, MPH, CHRP, LSSGB and Alexandra Kite, RN

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

7:15 AM - 2:50 PM	2 – 2:50 PM	3 – 3:50 PM	4 – 4:50 PM	5 – 5:50 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> ST200 ASTSA Student Forum	<input type="checkbox"/> 202 Retained Surgical Items <input type="checkbox"/> 203 CST Role in Minimally Invasive Surgery <input type="checkbox"/> 204 Surgical Intervention for the Treatment of Chronic Graft vs Host Disease <input type="checkbox"/> 205 Professionalism – The Key to Your Future <input type="checkbox"/> 206 Teaching Your Students the Joys of Working with RNs and Surviving!	<input type="checkbox"/> 207 Twin-to-Twin Transfusion <input type="checkbox"/> 208 Situational Awareness in the OR <input type="checkbox"/> 209 Facial Reconstruction and Trauma <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Hybrid Operating Rooms: Set up and Use <input type="checkbox"/> 211 Bystander Intervention: How to Make the OR a Better Place to Work	<input type="checkbox"/> 212 CJD: A Family's Perspective <input type="checkbox"/> 213 Laparoscopic Colectomy <input type="checkbox"/> 214 Surgical Options for Advance Stage Neuroendocrine Tumors (NETs) <input type="checkbox"/> 215 TBD <input type="checkbox"/> 216 Together We Will Succeed	<input type="checkbox"/> 217 The Surgical Management of Melanoma <input type="checkbox"/> 218 Bringing High Reliability to the OR <input type="checkbox"/> 219 TBD <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Legislative Update: The Success of Advocacy <input type="checkbox"/> 221 The Thinker: Are We Training or Educating
8 – 9 AM	9 AM – NOON	NOON – 1:50 PM		
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SATURDAY, JUNE 10

9 – 9:50 AM	10 – 11:50 AM	NOON – 1:50 PM	2 – 2:50 PM	3 – 3:50 PM
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Register Online at www.ast.org

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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 be made approximately four weeks after conference. Partial refunds are not available for social functions in the package rate.

GUEST REGISTRATION

Includes admission to business sessions, exhibit hall and social event(s). Education sessions are not included. Personal guests (no practitioners) must register in conjunction with full conference attendee. If remaining for entire conference, both tickets should be purchased.

Name for GUEST BADGES (required)

<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday

CONFERENCE FEES

Conference Registration Package Subtotal \$

Number of Guests X Days X \$50 **Guest Subtotal** \$

Optional Preconference Event Subtotal \$

Conference Fees Total \$

PAYMENT OPTIONS

☐ CHECK ENCLOSED ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ AMEX

CARDHOLDER'S NAME

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

EXP. DATE (MM/YY)

SECURITY CODE

CARDHOLDER'S SIGNATURE

AMOUNT CHARGED

BILLING ADDRESS FOR CREDIT CARD

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STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP



New Orleans Marriott
555 Canal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Room rate: \$185/night plus taxes. Book your room now! Space at these rates is not guaranteed if room block is sold out. A credit card with a first night room deposit is required to make a reservation. Cancellations must occur 72 hours prior to the reservation date for refund or credit of deposits. If using a debit card to pay for your hotel room, please call the hotel for their debit card policy. (Reservation deadline is April 30, 2017.)

Reserve by Phone: 504-581-1000. Be sure to mention AST Conference

Reserve online: www.ast.org



WHAT TO WEAR

Education Sessions

Business casual slacks or skirts with appropriate shirt or blouse. Comfortable shoes are recommended. Jeans are suggested for after hours.

CONFERENCE SOCIAL EVENTS

Opening Night Party

Thursday, June 8

8 PM – Midnight

Theme: Masquerade

Masks, beads, feathers, green, gold, purple – it's the Big Easy. Have fun with what you wear! Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, selections from carving stations, pastas and more. Music goes back to the 50s and fast forwards to what's now. Meet new friends and reconnect with colleagues.

Closing Night Reception

Saturday, June 10

6 – 8 PM

Kick back in casual or get on the glam for your last get-together with friends. Stop by for some hors d'oeuvres and make plans to sample some of New Orleans famed cuisine later in the evening.

2017 SCAVENGER HUNT FOR A CHILD'S WISH



New Orleans

\$25 Entry Fee

June 9, 10 AM – Noon

Exhibit Hall

A Child's Wish is the 2017 New Orleans organization that will receive all donations and fees from the Scavenger Hunt. This organization supports children who are facing critical illness and the families with the responsibilities of meeting the challenges of a child with a life-threatening illness. Wishes recently granted include trips to Disneyland and Disneyworld, a visit to the Island Dolphin Center, a tour of the Hershey Chocolate Center and a Wiggles concert. Learn more about this wonderful organization at <http://achildswish.org/> and join AST in supporting these children.

This activity has been submitted to the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Inc, for approval to award contact hours. The Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Inc, is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurse Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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