



**The American Society for Transplantation has recently launched a
Community of Practice for Psychosocial Providers and Researchers!**

The AST Psychosocial Community of Practice (PSCOP) is a multidisciplinary group of AST members who are involved in the assessment and care of the organ recipient and living organ donor throughout the transplant process. We also represent researchers who are interested and involved in psychosocial research in organ transplantation. The PSCOP will work to promote best practices for the psychosocial evaluation and care of potential and actual organ recipients and donors through advocacy, support and development of activities that will enhance the quality, effectiveness and integrity of psychosocial care.

The AST is uniquely positioned to improve the psychosocial care of transplant candidates, recipients and donors by providing a venue for transplant psychosocial providers and researchers to convene and establish a collaborative, multidisciplinary professional group.

Summary of Initial PSCOP Goals and Objectives:

- Identify best practice in psychosocial assessment and care
- Provide guidance for members on transplant psychosocial assessment and care
- Provide public policy consultation to clarify (and facilitate revisions to) relevant transplant regulations
- Develop resources for patient education, in collaboration with other COPs
- Provide a venue to discuss transplant-relevant ethical issues
- Mentor new psychosocial care specialists and researchers in transplantation

If you are interested in any of these topics, we invite you to join us, even if you are not currently a member of the AST. **The first year of membership in the PSCOP is free!** You can easily join our community by providing your information at [this site](#).

You can play a critical role in the development of this new community. In Spring 2014, we will poll all PSCOP members to help guide the next steps of this important initiative. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

If you have any questions about joining the AST PSCOP, please contact Zeeshan Butt, PhD at z-butt@northwestern.edu or 312-503-7708.

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