

2nd Annual Tucson Transplant Symposium Agenda

10/18/2025

7:30-8:00 a.m.	Registration/ light breakfast/ vendor exhibits
8-8:15 a.m.	Welcome/ Introduction Dr. Bekir Tanriover <i>Chief, Division of Nephrology; Professor of Medicine, University of Arizona</i> Dr. Ramesh Batra <i>Chief, Division of Abdominal Transplant Surgery, University of Arizona</i>
8:15-8:45 a.m.	Keynote speaker: "Updates on Xenotransplantation" Dr. Burcin Ekser, <i>Professor of Surgery, Loyola University</i>
8:45-9:15 a.m.	Keynote speaker: "Controversies in Living Donation" Dr. John Gill, <i>Professor of Medicine, University of British Columbia, Division of Nephrology, St. Paul's Hospital</i>
9:15-9:45 a.m.	"FSGS: Genetics and reoccurrence" Dr. Asmaa Abu Maziad – <i>Associate Professor Pediatric Nephrology, University of Arizona</i>
9:45-10:00 a.m.	Break/ coffee/ vendor exhibits
10:00-10:30 a.m.	"Allograft rejection and treatment options" Dr. Venkatesh Ariyamuthu, <i>Professor of Medicine; Medical Director of Pancreas/Kidney Transplant, University of Arizona</i>
10:30-11:00 a.m.	"BK Viremia in the post-transplant patient" Dr. Abd Qannus, <i>Assistant Professor of Medicine, Transplant Nephrology, University of Arizona</i>
11:00-11:30 a.m.	"CMV in the post-transplant patient" Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, <i>Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of Arizona</i>
11:30-12:00 p.m.	"Life after donation: The life story of Maribel Costell" Betsy Zidel, <i>Living Donor RN Coordinator</i> , and Maribel Costell, <i>Living Donor Facilitator</i>
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch/ vendor exhibits
1:00-1:30 p.m.	"Caregivers and Transplant: Why you need them" Sara Kroll, <i>LMSW, Transplant Social Worker</i>
1:30-2:00 p.m.	"Pearls of post-transplant medications" Alyssa Mutz, <i>PharmD, BCPS, Transplant Pharmacist</i> and Ruhani Alam, <i>PharmD, BCPS, Transplant Pharmacist</i>
2:00-2:30 p.m.	"Surgical updates in organ transplantation" Dr. Alexandra Turner, <i>Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Abdominal Transplant, University of Arizona</i>
2:30-3:00 p.m.	Closing remarks/ Discussion/ CME
3:00-4:30 p.m.	Social mixer