

NATCO

Educational Meetings & Courses

January 19-22, 2006
Transplant Institute
In conjunction with the ASTS Winter Symposium
Camelback Inn—Scottsdale, AZ
Brochure available at www.natco1.org

February 17-18, 2006
Winter Workshop: Current Trends in Health Care: Implications for Immunosuppression
In conjunction with the AST Winter Symposium
Moon Palace Resort—Riviera Maya in Cancun, Mexico
Brochure available at www.natco1.org

June 2-6, 2006
Introductory Course for the NEW Transplant and Procurement Practitioner
Tempe Mission Palms Hotel & Conference Center—Tempe, AZ
Brochures available in March

June 4-6, 2006
Advanced Hospital Development Course—The 4 Ps of HD
Tempe Mission Palms Hotel & Conference Center—Tempe, AZ
Brochures available in March

July 22-23, 2006
Donation and Transplantation: A Symposium for Nurses, Coordinators and Other Allied Health Professionals
In conjunction with the World Transplant Congress and Co-Sponsored by ITNS & ISHLT
Hynes Convention Center—Boston, MA

August 27-30, 2006
31st Annual Meeting—Transplantation: A Field of Dreams
Marriott Chicago Downtown—Chicago, IL

Mission:

To support, develop and advance the knowledge and practice of its members and to enhance the quality, effectiveness and integrity of donation and transplantation.

Vision:

That there be a better quality of life for patients with end-stage organ and tissue failure...and a respect for those who shared.

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What Is NATCO?



NATCO is *THE* organization for transplant professionals.

NATCO members are clinical pre- and post-transplant coordinators, living donor coordinators, procurement coordinators, hospital development specialists, family support specialists, social workers, case managers, transplant center administrators, OPO directors, RNs, NPs, EMTs, PAs, PhDs...

Total Membership: 2,141

Benefits of NATCO Membership

NATCO is the only organization that offers the view from the "other side". Transplant clinicians network with procurement clinicians and have that all-encompassing question answered: "What do THEY DO anyway?" Members create better working relationships with their colleagues and provide better patient and donor care by learning more about what each other does and why they do it.

Members participate in national list serves where they share knowledge, enhancing members' job effectiveness and reducing burnout.

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Many transplant centers and OPOs use NATCO's Core Competencies for the Clinical Transplant Coordinator and the Organ/Tissue Procurement Coordinator to create job descriptions and evaluation tools for transplant and procurement clinicians.

Beginning in 2006 NATCO plans to take on an international perspective with our first international president

National Influence

NATCO has been instrumental in creating a "voice" for transplant and procurement clinicians.

- Encouraged UNOS to form the Transplant Coordinator Committee
- Encouraged UNOS to add "transplant coordinator" as an integral part of the transplant team to its By-laws
- Participates in regulatory decision-making through two seats on the UNOS/OPTN Board of Directors and one seat on the Executive Committee
- Washington Representative participates on the Transplant Roundtable with other transplant-related organizations' representatives
- Signed on to comments regarding the U.S. Pharmacopeia and letters of support for full funding of the Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act of 2004

Accomplishments

- Participating in the DCD Consensus Conference
- Participating on the UNOS Kidney Allocation Review Committee
- Participating on the Leadership Coordinating Council for the HRSA Organ Donation Breakthrough Collaborative
- Educating approximately 900 members and other transplant clinicians annually through NATCO meetings
- Assisting in the sharing of ideas among 700 members who have joined Resource Council list serves