



International Transplant  
Nurses Society  
Golden Triangle  
Chapter

**2019 Annual Symposium**  
*#Leadingthroughchange*

**Monday April 15th, 2019**  
**7 to 4:15 p.m.**

John G. Rangos Research  
Auditorium  
4401 Penn Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15224

# Overview

The 2019 ITNS GTC Annual Symposium will provide healthcare professionals with information related to current and upcoming trends within the transplant community.

## Learning Objectives

To improve management and understanding of caring for a diverse transplant population and their families by promoting current best practices.

## Continuing Education

Attendees will receive **6.5** Category 1 Continuing Education Points for Transplant Certification (CEPTCs).

## Parking

Free parking will be provided in the North Garage on campus (44th Street). On your way out, please tell the garage attendant at the gate that you were attending the ITNS Symposium.

## Registration

Please register online at:  
<https://www.itns-gtc.org/>

Members \$75  
Non-members \$100

*\*Registration fees include CEPTCs, registration, course material, continental breakfast, refreshments, and lunch.*

If you are unable to register online (or have any other questions), please email Anne Algeo at [nestoraj@upmc.edu](mailto:nestoraj@upmc.edu).

Looking forward to your attendance!



# Agenda

7:00-7:30	<i>Registration and Continental Breakfast</i>
7:30-8:20	<b>Naudia Jonassaint, MD</b> Management of the Individual with Acute Liver Failure
8:20-9:20	<b>Michael and Rachelle Thomas</b> A Husband and Wife's Shared Transplant Experience <b>Rita Swick, RN</b> Live Donation Updates
9:20-9:30	<i>Break</i>
9:30-10:30	<b>Alex Rega, BA, AST, FD</b> Liver Allocation Changes
10:30-11:30	<b>Kate Cox, RN, MS</b> Social Media and Transplantation
11:30-12:30	<i>Lunch and Exhibitors</i> <b>Ed Kraus - Veloxis</b> <b>Curt Collins - Novartis</b> <b>Mike Leyritz - CareDx</b>
12:30-1:30	<b>Betty Hunter, BS, CHS</b> The Role of HLA in Transplant
1:30-2:30	<b>Nancy Pepke, RN, BSN, CCTC</b> <b>Shannon Whiteman, RN, BSN, CCTC</b> Quality Improvement Initiatives in the Lung Transplant Evaluation
2:30-2:45	<i>Break and Exhibitors</i>
2:45-3:45	<b>Valerie Schalm, RN</b> Cultural Education for Transplant Nurses: Learning to Better Serve a Diverse Transplant Community.
3:45-4:15	<b>Board of Directors Updates</b> <b>Evaluations and Certifications</b>