

Study Group(s) on Selected Topics

Study groups can be considered in terms of the usefulness as a component of the chapter's total program offerings and strategy for establishing a successful educational program. A study group can contribute greatly to the success of a chapter by assisting in:

- Developing a solid core of enthusiastic ITNS participants
- Establishing closer relationship between members from different transplant programs or centers
- Identifying future ITNS leaders
- Increasing the breadth and depth of the ITNS program

Tips on How to be Successful

1. Now is the time to start planning a study group for next year by:
 - Sending questionnaire to all members to determine topics preferred for discussion.
 - Choosing members (or guests) to lead groups.
2. Leadership
 - Pick a Chairperson who will notify members who have expressed an interest.
 - Appoint a Vice-Chairperson to perform duties in Chairperson's absence.
3. Size of group
 - Does not matter. Successful groups can range from 5 - 20.
 - Need a core group of 3 or 4 interested persons to maintain success. But do not limit your invitations or participation.
4. Format
 - The Chairperson facilitates study group.
 - Successful groups as usually somewhat structured, but do not have to be.
 - Structure with:
 - Case material as a focus of discussion
 - Guest leaders to stimulate discussion
 - Individual members give presentations for analysis and discussion
5. Publicity
 - It is important to publicize the study group in such a way that purpose, format, and subject matter are clearly and enthusiastically defined.