



Dear ITNS Membership,

We have had an incredible Transplant Nursing Symposium this 2018. I am proud to announce that this year marked the highest member attendance for our symposium in years! The optimism of our first-time attendees, coupled with the expertise of those returning, helped to create an atmosphere of rejuvenation not only for our work, but for our friends and for ourselves. Congratulations to all for the enthusiasm and camaraderie shown at our event across the weekend.

When meeting and speaking with so many of you, it became clear to me that a nurse's love of life-long learning is, plainly and simply, embedded in our DNA. As nurses, every shift grants us the opportunity to consider viewpoints outside of our own in our quest to ensure that our patients and families receive the highest-quality collaborative care, and in that I believe that we are given an incredible and humbling gift. Every day we are faced with new technological obstacles, ethical dilemmas, and the intricate relationships between our patients and families, all of which call for us to be brave in the face of adversity.

This is the first of twelve monthly messages I will be distributing to our membership throughout the upcoming year. These messages will cover a variety of timely topics gaining traction in the healthcare community for the 21st century. It is my hope that these topics will inspire a continuous exchange of ideas, the pursuit of knowledge, and a greater understanding of the complexities of transplant nursing care, and that these messages will motivate each and every one of us to be leaders not only for our patients and families but for our own self-care and well-being.

On behalf of our ITNS Board of Directors, thank you for your membership in ITNS and for your attendance at the 2018 Transplant Nursing Symposium. Please be sure to recognize your personal and professional team of advocates who encouraged you to join ITNS and attend this event. Because of their support and your participation, ITNS remains dedicated to offering exciting learning opportunities, mentors, and a myriad of resources to inform you on the latest care delivery models, technologies, and policies. It is our sincerest wish that these will help take you and your transplant care confidently forward into the 21st century.

More to follow – make it an amazing October!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Taylor', enclosed within a faint rectangular border.

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2018-2019 ITNS President