



2025 ASTCT HILL DAY



GENERAL REMINDERS

- Raise awareness of ASTCT and the patients you serve.
- Avoid personal political opinions.
- Connect federal policy decisions with patient care.
- Localize national issues by sharing your experiences.

Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplants Outcomes:

Over 80% of 22,000 recipients achieve 15-year survival each year, leading to over 500,000 survivors by 2030.

NIH FUNDING & INSTITUTION PROTECTIONS

- Largest public-health funder for clinical trials, which our patients rely on for treatment options.
- Cuts would stall progress, waste years of investment—both financial and scientific—delaying cures.
- Reduced research funding would enable foreign research to outpace ours.

ASK: Increase NIH funding by \$400 million in FY26 and protect NIH institutions and its grant structure.

ACCELERATING KIDS' ACCESS TO CARE ACT

- Kids with blood cancers need treatment only available at certain centers.
- In 15 states without a pediatric transplant center, out-of-state doctors must enroll in the patient's home-state Medicaid or CHIP program—a months-long process.
- This bill would fast-track enrollment.

ASK: Cosponsor S. 752/H.R. 1509, a bipartisan solution that removes regulatory burdens that prevent children from receiving time-critical care.

C.W. BILL YOUNG CELL TRANSPLANTATION PROGRAM

- Connects patients with unrelated bone marrow/cord blood donors.
- 75% of patients in need of a transplant lack a family donor.
- Requires coordination across multiple federal agencies.
- Program stats: 140,000 lives saved by unrelated transplant—nearly 8,000 in 2024.

ASK: Reauthorize CWBYTP to ensure that all patients who need a transplant have access to one.

