



2026 ASTCT HILL DAY

PALM CARD



GENERAL REMINDERS

- Raise awareness of ASTCT and the patients you serve.
- Share your personal experiences.
- Avoid personal political opinions.
- Localize national issues by sharing your experiences caring for patients.

NIH FUNDING

ASK: Increase NIH funding to \$51.3B in FY27 to advance biomedical research for cellular and transplant therapies.

- NIH is the largest public health funder for clinical trials.
- Cuts, restructuring, and withheld funds stall progress, waste years of financial and scientific investment, and inhibit progress toward cures.
- NIH awards 80-85% of its budget for research at universities, hospitals, small businesses, and other institutions across the country.

OMB UNIFORM GUIDANCE

ASK: Prohibit the use of federal funds to implement proposed changes to the Uniform Guidance that could undermine the integrity of federally funded biomedical research.

- OMB's proposal would undermine the stability, independence, and effectiveness of federally funded biomedical research.
- Congress should ensure that changes to federal grant policy do not politicize research decisions, disrupt existing grants, or create unnecessary administrative barriers.

C.W. BILL YOUNG CELL TRANSPLANTATION PROGRAM

ASK: Reauthorize CWBYCTP by passing H.R. 5160/S. 4109, the *Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act*, to ensure that all patients who need a transplant have access to one.

- Connects patients to over 43 million unrelated bone marrow/cord blood donors.
- 75% of patients lack a family donor.
- 150,000 lives are helped by unrelated transplants—nearly 9,000 in 2025.