The Education Core within the Comprehensive Transplant Center creates programming for fellows, residents, students, and observers on a monthly basis. The Transplant Surgery, Transplant Nephrology, and Transplant Surgery Scientist Training Program (TSSTP) Fellowships are overseen by this core.

The Transplant Surgery Fellowship is an American Society of Transplant Surgeons-accredited 24-month program that is comprised of four fellows, two junior and two senior. During this time they will develop proficiency in the surgical and medical management of patients with end-stage organ diseases amenable to transplantation. New this year will be the addition of an annual written exam. The 2019-20 senior fellows are: William Boyan, MD & Raj Patel, MD and the junior fellows are Marcos Pozo, MD & Juan Ortiz, MD.

Incoming Transplant Nephrology Fellows Akansha Agrawal, MBBS & Luisa Safar, MD are in a 12-month program accredited by the American Society of Transplantation (AST). Their training will encompass all aspects of care for our kidney and pancreas transplant patients. Additionally, they will be responsible for a major clinical research project.

Funded by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) via the NIH’s T32 grant mechanism, TSSTP is focused on exposing fellows to scholars and researchers from different disciplines and fields. We have been awarded three slots for a 24-month program in which fellows will be on one of two tracks in their research. The fellow on the Northwestern University Collaborative for Transplant Research in Immunobiology and Biomedical Engineering (NUCTRIBE) track is: Andrew Benintende, MD. Our Northwestern University Northwestern University Transplant Outcomes Research Collaborative (NUTORC) fellows are: Nik Mazumder, MD, MPH & Avesh Thuluvath, MD. There is currently one slot still available.

While their programming is not coordinated by the CTC Education Core, there are two transplant hepatology fellows, Themis Kourkoumpetis, MD MPH & Alex Lemmer, MD MS work with our team. By the end of this 12-month fellowship these fellows will be eligible for board certification in Transplant Hepatology.

The Education Core offers a didactic lecture series allowing for a comprehensive understanding of transplant and develops awareness for aspects that are not covered anywhere else in their respective programs.

To learn more about these fellowships and the Education Core please email, ctc@northwestern.edu.