ABOUT ISHLT
The International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) is a not-for-profit, multidisciplinary, professional organization dedicated to improving the care of patients with advanced heart or lung disease through transplantation, mechanical support and innovative therapies via research, education and advocacy.

ISHLT was created in 1981 at a small gathering of about 15 cardiologists and cardiac surgeons. Today we have over 3,000 members from over 45 countries, representing over 15 different professional disciplines involved in the management and treatment of end-stage heart and lung disease. This multinational, multidisciplinary mix is one of the biggest strengths of the Society. It brings greater breadth and depth to our educational offerings and provides an exceptional environment for networking and exchanging information on an informal basis.

Our members include anesthesiologists, basic scientists, cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons, ethicists, immunologists, nurses, pathologists, perfusionists, pharmacists, pulmonologists, tissue engineers, transplant coordinators, and infectious disease specialists. Despite their differing specializations, all ISHLT members share a common dedication to the advancement of the science and treatment of end-stage heart and lung disease.

The purposes of the Society are:

1. To associate persons interested in the fields of heart and lung transplantation, end-stage heart and lung disease, and related sciences.
2. To encourage and stimulate basic and clinical research in these disciplines and to promote new therapeutic strategies.
3. To hold scientific meetings featuring presentations and discussions relevant to these disciplines.
4. To sponsor a scientific journal for the publication of manuscripts related to these disciplines.
5. To establish and maintain an international registry for heart and lung transplantation.
6. To award research grants and establish endowments for the study of these disciplines.

ABOUT NICE
The city's seaside location and exceptional sunshine (yearly average: 300 days) make Nice a destination of choice for your next event. As soon as you arrive, you'll enjoy the exotic charm of the celebrated, palm tree-lined “Promenade des Anglais”. During your free time, you can sample local specialties ( pissaladière, socca, farcis niçois...) and admire the warm, ochre façades of the Vieux Nice (the old town). The city is also the ideal departure point for exploring the French Riviera and the stunning hilltop villages that dot the surrounding countryside. For the athletic-minded, the area offers a wide range of sporting activities: water sports, scuba diving, golf, hiking trails and more. Nice is also a premier cultural centre! City life moves to the rhythm of its abundant cultural events and venues, such as Carnaval, the Nice Jazz Festival and numerous theatres and museums.

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use under discussion or is still investigational.

**Educational Objectives**
The International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation is a leading organization providing education for medical professionals involved in heart and lung transplantation. Because of the rapid advances in medicine in general and transplantation medicine specifically, transplant professionals are in need of regular opportunities to update and maintain their knowledge of advances and changes in transplant medicine. This meeting is designed to address their needs.

**Educational Goals**
The educational goals of this activity are: to enable participants to learn about current practices, emerging technologies, and medical advances related to heart and lung transplantation and end-stage heart and lung disease and to provide a forum for participants to engage in discussion, debate, and examination regarding the efficacy and applicability of these current practices, emerging technologies, and medical advances.

**Target Audience**
The audience for this program includes physicians, surgeons, scientists, pharmacists, nurses, transplant coordinators and other allied health and social science professionals engaged in the practice of heart and lung transplantation, the management and treatment of heart and lung transplant recipients, the management and treatment of patients with end-stage heart or lung disease, basic science or clinical research related to these fields, or specialties which cause them to become involved in the treatment of transplant recipients or patients with end stage heart or lung disease.

**Learning Objectives**
1. At the conclusion of this meeting, participants will have improved competence and professional performance in the areas of understanding the latest information and approaches regarding transplant research, surgical techniques, medical therapies, donor management, and patient management for the treatment of patients suffering from end stage heart and lung disease.

2. At the conclusion of this meeting, participants will have improved competence and professional performance in the areas of understanding the state-of-the-art treatment approaches, risk factors, risk management approaches, patient selection criteria, disease prevention strategies, outcome implications, and psychosocial management strategies for patients with end stage heart and lung failure.

3. At the conclusion of this meeting, participants will have improved competence and professional performance in the areas of understanding emerging technologies, medical advances, and the clinical applications of basic science models of end stage heart and lung disease management and prevention.