

ASGCT Annual Meeting Session Formats

The 15th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy will offer a variety of session types. The following definitions are provided to assist organizers and presenters in coordinating their individual sessions and talks based on the expectations of the Program and Education Committees.

Education Sessions (Wednesday) – 90 minutes

- Basic sessions that provide the ABC's of a specific topic and are geared towards individuals with little knowledge about the topic that want a basic overview.
- Education Sessions will be subdivided into two headings. "Topical Review" sessions will provide a broad perspective of an area of importance to the gene and cell therapy community such as major vector systems, specific target organs or diseases, and funding/regulatory issues. "Emerging Field Review" sessions will provide a broad perspective of a technological or scientific discipline that has recently become of great significance to our members.
- The ideal format includes three 25 minute presentations with a moderator directing the session; the moderator introduces the speakers, may choose to present one of the talks, and manages the Q & A period at the end.
- Note: The education sessions are **not** to be laboratory presentations.

Scientific Symposia – 120 minutes

- Large, didactic sessions where 3 to 4 speakers each provide a 25 minute in-depth talk on their specific body of work;
- Symposia are designed to have a broad appeal (e.g. cancer, hematopoiesis, infectious diseases, non-viral, etc)
- The chairs of the Society's scientific committees (plus Clinical Trials and Regulatory Affairs, Ethics, International and Bio Industry Liaison) recommend topics and suggest speakers for the scientific symposia to the President and Program Committee.

Meet the Investigator Sessions – 75 minutes

- The focus of these sessions is interactive discussions between the investigator and participants to discuss topics related to their experiences in the field.
- Question and answer is highly encouraged.
- The only AV equipment that will be provided will be a flipchart.
- There will be approximately 30 participants in each session.
- A lunch will be provided to all participants who register for these sessions.