

James S. Allan, AST President, 2015-2016

Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Dr. Allan graduated from Harvard College with an A.B. *magna cum laude* in Chemistry in 1986, and subsequently earned an M.D. *magna cum laude* from Harvard Medical School in 1990. While at Harvard, he completed a doctoral thesis describing the neuroendocrine control of thyroid stimulating hormone, earning Harvard Medical School's Harold Lamport Biomedical Research Prize for this work. Dr. Allan also holds an M.B.A. with highest honors in Finance from Suffolk University's Sawyer School of Management, and is a graduate of Harvard's Executive Program in Health Policy.

After medical school, Dr. Allan served as a Resident in Surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). Subsequently, he completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Transplantation Immunology at the Center for Transplantation Sciences at MGH and Harvard Medical School under the guidance of Drs. Joren Madsen and David Sachs. Dr. Allan then served as a Fellow in Cardiothoracic Surgery at MGH and Boston Children's Hospital. He is currently certified by both the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, and has a full-time appointment on the faculty of Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Allan is on the active clinical staff in Thoracic Surgery at MGH. He also serves as Chief of Thoracic Surgery at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital (Dover, NH) and as the Associate Chief of Thoracic Surgery at the North Shore Medical Center-Salem Hospital (Salem, MA). Dr. Allan's clinical interests include the surgical management of benign and malignant diseases of the lungs and esophagus, with an emphasis on lung cancer, esophageal cancer, chest trauma, hyperhidrosis, and lung transplantation.

Dr. Allan has been a continuously funded NIH principal investigator since 2002 in the area of lung transplantation. He has received numerous other grants, awards, and patents for his research. Dr. Allan is the Co-Director of the Cardiothoracic Transplantation Laboratory in MGH's Center for Transplantation Sciences. His current research effort is focused on developing strategies to promote the long-term acceptance of transplanted organs without the need for immunosuppression. He is published in the fields of human physiology, thoracic surgery, and transplantation, with special expertise in the experimental use of large-animal models in cardiothoracic transplantation. He also serves as the Chair for Protocol Review for the MGH Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. Dr. Allan is a past recipient of the AST's Basic Science Career Development Award, and his work has been recognized by several other societies. Dr. Allan is most proud of mentoring over a dozen fellows in transplantation immunology and surgical research, and many of his past trainees have gone on to productive careers in transplantation.

Dr. Allan joined the AST in 2000, and has served on the AST's Training/Workforce Committee, Nominating Committee, Awards Committee, Expert Faculty Resource Steering Committee, Financial Committee, Audit Committee, the AST-Chest Foundation Grant Review Committee, and the 2007 and 2008 ATC Planning Committees. He has also chaired the Membership Committee, the Thoracic Transplantation Committee, the AST-TSFRE Award Taskforce, and served as a Councilor on the AST Board from 2011-2015. Dr. Allan has also held a variety of leadership positions in other national societies in the areas of thoracic transplantation and health policy.

In his free time, Dr. Allan enjoys scuba diving, fishing, hunting, listening to music, and being a parent to two fantastic children.