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### TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES—BOTH BIG AND SMALL

In today's world, it can be hard to step back and allow yourself to learn.

Between busy work schedules and research commitments, it isn't always easy to carve out a week, a weekend or even a day to do something to better yourself. Conferences seem like the best fit for these types of opportunities—last month ASBMT co-hosted the TCT Meetings of ASBMT and CIBMTR, which offered an abundance of educational opportunities, both big and small. But being able to attend a conference might only come once or twice a year, and it can be hard to select which ones to attend.

But if we look around, there are plenty of opportunities to learn a little something. You might not know it, but ASBMT and our partners have several educational opportunities year-round. One of the lesser known being our quarterly Town Hall meetings.

It's a free resource to not only check in on what's going on at the society, but also to hear from experts about the changes going on from a regulatory point of view. At our last town hall in 2018, ASBMT staff discussed the final Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Physician Fee Schedule final rules. We provided details on the final payment policies impacting CAR-T

therapy, stem cell transplant and evaluation and management coding.

We also host webinars throughout the year. Last month, we featured an Introduction to HCT webinar to help people prepare for the TCT Meetings of ASBMT and CIBMTR. These hour-long webinars are a quick way to learn more about important topics affecting the field of cellular transplantation.

Each month we also curate our Self-Directed Learning Quizzes. Compiled by ASBMT's Committee on Education, the quizzes tackle basic principles and practices of HCT and cell therapy. This free resource can be taken at any time.

All of these are available on ASBMT's website ([asbmt.org](http://asbmt.org)) under the professional development tag. Also included are some recordings from past conferences, practice improvement modules and other BMT/HCT training programs. We also have a mobile app where you can find all our practice guidelines.

For those looking for a more hands-on educational opportunity, consider one of ASBMT's more select courses. While registration is closed for this year, start planning ahead for 2020's Clinical Research Training Course. The four day class covers research and dissects how to take findings in the laboratory to the clinic.

And, of course, in the fall ASBMT is offering its Clinical Education Conference for NPs, PAs, nurses, fellows and

junior faculty. This year we will be at the beautiful Washington University in St. Louis focusing on several different aspects of the cellular therapy field and spreading important educational knowledge to those starting out their careers.

It might seem silly to say that an hour watching a town hall, or an afternoon listening to experts dissect different aspects of the field, can greatly change your life. In the grand scheme of things, though, taking those small opportunities to better yourself can really make a difference.

### WHAT'S NEW WITH ASBMT

#### Attend the FOCIS 2019 Annual Meeting

The FOCIS 2019 Annual Meeting in Boston on June 18–21, 2019, brings together an interdisciplinary group of world-renowned physicians and researchers to share the latest findings on lupus and other diseases impacting the immune system. With an innovative lineup of topics and presenters, the FOCIS 2019 program has something for everyone!

FOCIS registration includes more than 24 scientific sessions with more than 50 top clinicians and researchers from around the globe, speaking on cutting-edge topics across immunology and its related fields. Join FOCIS prior to registering to secure the lowest registration rates!