



**INTERNATIONAL TRANSPLANT NURSES SOCIETY
34th ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM**

*Where Compassion Meets Innovation:
Bringing the World of Transplant Nursing Together!*

September 25-27, 2026

Exhibitor Guide

A Grateful Welcome!

Welcome to the ITNS 34th Annual Symposium! As the 2026 President of the International Transplant Nurses Society, it is my distinct honor to welcome you to Cleveland, OH—my “adopted” hometown. We are profoundly grateful for your vital sponsorship, exhibition, and continued partnership.



Our event brings together dedicated professionals in transplant nursing from across the globe. We are united by a shared commitment to advancing patient care and transplantation excellence. This year, our focus centers on our inspiring theme: "Where Compassion Meets Innovation: Bringing the World of Transplant Nursing Together!"

To ensure your team has a seamless and successful experience, please keep these key logistical details in mind:

- **Location:** All sponsor and exhibitor activities take place on **Level Two** of the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland.
- **Arrival & Load-In:** Please use the **South Entrance** located on **West 3rd Street** for the smoothest access to the conference area.
- **Preparation:** For essential utility orders, shipping guidelines, and building policies, please review the official [Huntington Convention Center Exhibitor Resources](#).

Thank you again for your outstanding support and commitment to the transplant nursing community. We look forward to a spectacular time of collaboration and innovation!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Shay-Downer".

Chris Shay-Downer, MBA BSN RN CCTC

2026 President, International Transplant Nurses Society (ITNS)

Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland, South Entrance





The Venue

Thank you for your commitment to supporting the **International Transplant Nurses Society 34th Annual Symposium**. As our members, invited speakers, and abstract presenters gather in Cleveland, we are excited at the prospect of having a successful event and believe your representation will enrich the experience for all our attendees.

This ITNS event is being held at the **Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland - South Entrance**. Symposium attendees and all exhibitors are required to comply with the requirements outlined by the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland.

We want to assist you with any questions or concerns you might have. For any additional information not found in this packet or further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via info@itns.org.

The **South Entrance** of the **Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland** sits at 1141 W 3rd St. in the heart of downtown. Overnight accommodations and the ITNS Welcome Reception will be across the street at 1360 West Mall Drive, the **Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Tower**. We would love for you to join us at the welcome reception. Please RSVP to info@itns.org

The Marriott is uniquely situated just steps away from the convention center and famous attractions like the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, making it a highly convenient, walkable hub for major events.

Exhibit Hall Setup, Hours, and Takedown

All exhibits will be set up on the Second Floor accessible from the **South Entrance** of the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland.

Set-Up / Take Down	Exhibitor Schedule
Thursday, September 24th 5 - 7 p.m.	Welcome Reception Marriott at Key Tower
Friday, September 25th Set-Up 6 a.m - 7 a.m	Friday, September 25th 07:00 – 7:45 am Breakfast 09:00– 9:30 am Break & Exhibit Area opens 11:30 – 1:00 pm Lunch 2:00 – 2:30 pm Break 4:00 – 4:15 pm End of Day Wrap Up
Saturday September 26th Take Down 5 p.m	Saturday, September 26th 07:00 – 8:00 am Breakfast 09:00– 9:30 am Break & Exhibit Area 11:30 – 1:00 pm Lunch 2:00 – 2:30 pm Break 4:00 – 4:15 pm End of Day Wrap Up 4:15 – 5:00 pm Networking/Passport Drawings

Schedule is subject to change. Exhibitor Hall is Closed on Sunday



Exhibit Area & Table Information

- [Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland Exhibitor Guide](#)
- Each exhibitor will be provided with one 6' table and two chairs. Table coverings will be included.
- Wi-Fi is available
- Free standing signs and backdrops are allowed in the Exhibitor Area if they do not block the walkways or visibility of other exhibitor spaces.
- Kayla Vakic, Exhibit Service Manager, is your resource for exhibit and display needs such as electricity, special signage and sizing. kvakic@clevelandconventions.com
- Exhibitors may pick up their credentials beginning at 06:00 am on Friday, September 25 2026, at the Registration Table located near the level 2 entrance
- Each member of your exhibit team is required to wear their credentials/badge during the symposium.
- Any exhibit personnel who wish to attend any portion of the Symposium are required to register in advance and pay the appropriate registration fee. [Register here.](#)
- You may ship items to the UPS Store located on the 1st floor inside the convention center. For details, call 216-928-1600.

Lodging/Parking

- ITNS has secured blocks of rooms at a special rate of \$229/night at Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Tower, 1360 W Mall Dr, Cleveland, OH 44114
- The link for the hotel may be found on ITNS.org/Education/AnnualMeeting2026 or call 1-866-994-8369
- **Parking:** The primary parking facility of the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland is located at 1141 W 3rd St. (South Entrance) or if you are staying in the Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Tower their garage is at 1360 W Mall Dr, Cleveland, OH 44114

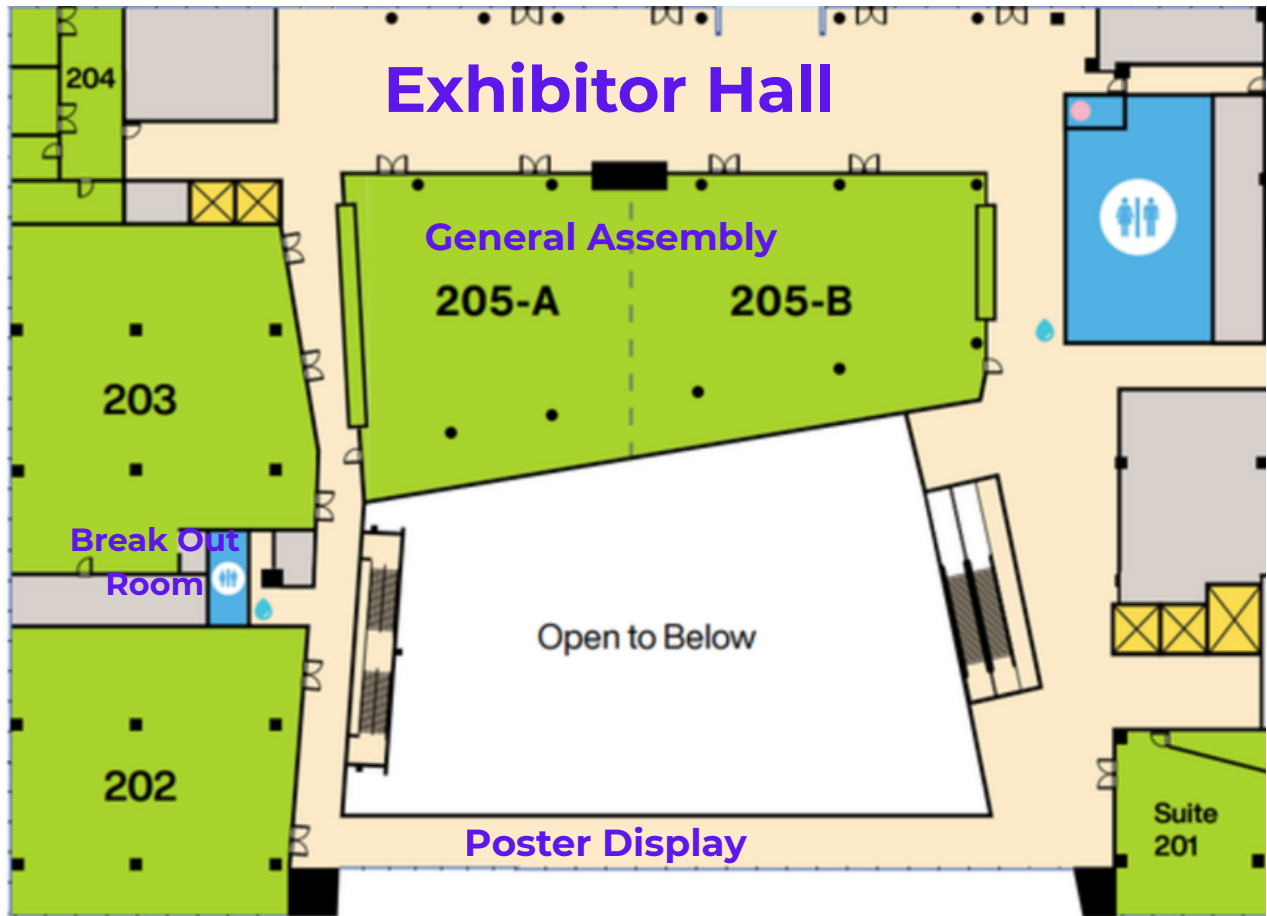
Contact

Throughout the event, members of the ITNS Annual Meeting Planning Committee will be available to assist you or answer questions. Please use this contact information to reach a team member.

- **Chris Shay-Downer**, ITNS President 216-644-6747
- **Lorice Dakdduk** - Sponsor/Exhibitor Coordinator 216-406-3290
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Map of Convention Center Second Floor



Activity Locations

General Assembly - Rooms 205 A/B

Breakout Sessions - Room 203 and 205 A/B

Photography

Notice of Photography: Photos will be taken throughout the event. Images will capture highlights, booth interactions, and key moments. These assets may be used in future ITNS promotional materials. To opt out of photography, please notify the ITNS team directly.