

In June 2025, I had the opportunity to attend the ESOT International Congress in London, thanks to the support of the NTV Scholingsbeurs.

The conference offered a rich and diverse program, and I was able to attend interesting talks about the use of AI to predict transplant outcomes, the psychological impact of transplantation on recipients, and best practices for engaging with families of potential donors during donation conversations.

I gave a brief oral presentation about my research on the ethics of in-situ and ex-situ perfusion technologies in organ transplantation. As part of my PhD at the Erasmus School of Health Policy and Management and Erasmus Medical Center, I conducted a scoping review mapping the ethical and psychosocial discussions in the literature related to perfusion technologies. Our findings highlighted that the ethical implications of ex-situ machine perfusion were discussed far less often in the literature compared to normothermic regional perfusion, although MP's impact on allocation and equity deserves further attention.

Presenting at ESOT was a rewarding experience that allowed me to share our work with an international audience. It felt especially meaningful to present this research at ESOT, where ethical perspectives were relatively rare but clearly valued. I also connected with researchers from various fields within transplantation, including clinical, basic science, ethics, and nursing. The talks on communication with donor families reminded me of how each conversation is unique — and that the goal is not merely to provide information, but to carefully guide families through an emotionally complex process, step by step. London offered a vibrant and engaging setting for the conference, and the international, interdisciplinary atmosphere added to the overall experience.

I appreciate the opportunity the NTV Scholingsbeurs provided to attend and contribute to this important event.

