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Upcoming Seminars

For a complete list of upcoming PLRC events, please visit our website: www.livercenter.pitt.edu/events

PLRC SIG - Tumorigenesis

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

12:00-1:00 p.m.

S123 BST

[Dr. Sarangarajan Ranganathan](#) - Histology and Molecular Classification of Hepatoblastoma

[Dr. Edward Prochownik](#) - Predicting Hepatoblastoma Phenotypes

Pizza will be provided.

Liver Seminar

Monday, February 11, 2019

10:00-11:00 am

W995 BST (DDI conference room)

[Ashutosh Agarwal, PhD](#)

Assistant Professor, Biomedical Engineering Department
University of Miami College of Engineering

Expertise: Cardiovascular Tissue engineering, Microfluidics, Hydrogels, Organs on Chips

PLRC Seminar Series

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

12:00-1:00 pm

S123 BST

Kirsten Sadler, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Biology
New York University in Abu Dhabi

Title TBA

This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit. #6242 Liver Center Seminars.

Pizza will be provided.

Liver Seminar

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

12:00-1:00 pm

1104 Scaife

[Bin Gao, MD, PhD](#)

National Institute of Health

"Interleukin-22: A Magic Potion for Epithelial Cell Repair from Bench to Bedside"

Liver Cancer Conference

Community Liver Alliance

Liver Cancer Conference

Saturday, March 9, 2019 | 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wyndham Grand Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA

CME Accredited (see flyer for details)

For schedule, speakers, and details, please visit the PLRC website: <http://www.livercenter.pitt.edu/liver-cancer-conference>

To register, please visit the CLA website: <http://www.communityliveralliance.org/liver-cancer-conference>

Liver-Themed Gut Club May 2, 2019

Dr. Fasiha Kanwal, the division chief at Baylor, will speak at the May 2, 2019 Pittsburgh Gut Club accredited dinner/lecture series on "The Changing Epidemiology of Liver Cancer."

Liver-related clinical and research trainees are invited to attend the lecture with fee-waived registration. All faculty are invited to attend as well but are required to pay to attend. But, they welcome your trainees as fee-waived participants.

To register for this event, please complete the registration form found in the brochure available on the [here](#) (trainees mark "fee waived" in the payment section), and scan (joj2@pitt.edu) or fax (412-578-9537) it to Joy Merusi by April 15th.

Faculty Highlights – Grants, Publications, Awards

Dr. Ewagyna Samsen, of the Living Liver Donor Program Director, is one of this year's awardees of the Community Liver Alliance's "You Make A Difference" awards. Awardees are recognized for their outstanding accomplishments going above and beyond supporting, advocating and educating our

There will be an award luncheon on Friday, February 8, 2019, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Grand Hall at the Priory, Pittsburgh, PA. For more information, and to register for the luncheon, please visit the CLA website at: <http://www.communityliveralliance.org/you-make-a-difference-awards>

Funding Opportunities

[PLRC Pilot & Feasibility Grants](#)

The Pittsburgh Liver Research Center is pleased to announce the 2019 Request for Applications for Pilot/Feasibility Grants. The grants will fund new initiatives and/or support new investigators who are pursuing liver-related research that should lead to R01-type funding or other extramural support at a later date. **LOI deadline - February 15, 2019.**

AGA Student Abstract Award & Fellow Abstract Award

American Gastroenterological Association (AGA)

[Coulter - PLRC Joint Award](#)

The University of Pittsburgh & UPMC Pittsburgh Liver Research Center (PLRC) is pleased to announce a new translational grant program in collaboration with the Coulter TPII Program (Coulter) at the University of Pittsburgh. In September of 2019, the PLRC/Coulter will award up to one \$50,000 grant, aimed at developing the commercial potential of healthcare solutions that are based on innovative technologies related to liver health, including disease diagnosis, surgery, treatment, and public health. **One-Page LOI Submission: Deadline - 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2019**



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