

# Liver Digest

A weekly update of PLRC happenings

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### Message from New PLRC Administrator



Dear Pittsburgh Liver Research Center Community:

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the new administrator of the Pittsburgh Liver Research Center. I have been working with Dr. Monga for over three years in the Division of Experimental Pathology and I am very excited about this new opportunity to continue to carry out all current programming while also contributing to the mission of this great organization. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at any time by email at [bytzuraam@upmc.edu](mailto:bytzuraam@upmc.edu) or by phone at (412) 624-3507. I am really looking forward to working with all of you in the future!

Sincerely,

Amanda Bytzura

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**PLRC Quick Updates**

- All PLRC seminars and roundtables are cancelled until May 31 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please stay tuned for further updates.
  - We will be highlighting each of the three cores and their service capabilities over the next few weeks via the PLRC Liver Digest and on our website. For more information, please visit the website by [clicking here](#), or feel free to email me at [bytzuraam@upmc.edu](mailto:bytzuraam@upmc.edu).
    - In addition, here is the contact information for our core directors and managers:
      - ACTIC: [Dr. Donna Stolz](#)
      - BRPC Directors: [Dr. Dave Geller](#) and [Dr. Aatur Singhi](#) and Manager: [Ms. Kate Smith](#)
      - GSB Directors: [Dr. Takis Benos](#) and [Dr. Jianhua Luo](#) and Manager: [Dr. Silvia Liu](#)
  - We are now only able to highlight PLRC member articles, editorials, etc. if the publication has used PLRC services or one of our cores and the PLRC P30 grant is referenced in the publication.
    - The NIH will be evaluating the PLRC based on the use of cores and services by our members.
      - Publications by PLRC members will also be highlighted on our social media outlets only if they have used PLRC services or one of our cores and the PLRC P30 grant is referenced in the publication.
      - **Please remember to acknowledge support from the PLRC (NIH/NIDDK P30DK120531) in your publications and presentations.**
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## AASLD Emerging Liver Scholars Program

The ELS website and registration link are available

here: <http://www.aasldfoundation.org/awards-programs/emerging->

### **liver-scholars-program**

Do you know a first- or second-year resident (or surgical resident through fourth year) who has the potential for a career in academic hepatology, but is still undecided about their career focus?

Help them choose hepatology by encouraging them to apply to AASLD Foundation's Emerging Liver Scholars (ELS) Program. **Applications are now open and are due April 30, 2020.**

The ELS program is proud to celebrate its ninth year of encouraging and welcoming future medical changemakers into the field of hepatology. It encourages medical, surgical and pediatric residents who have the potential for a career in academic medicine to choose a career in hepatology or transplant hepatology.

It provides each scholar with a travel award to The Liver Meeting® where, accompanied by their mentor, they will be immersed in the world of hepatology and exposed to all the career development opportunities AASLD has to offer. Since 2012, we have been able to bring 260 residents and mentors to The Liver Meeting® through the ELS program.

It is also an opportunity for AASLD members, who are already established in their careers, to be part of the continued growth of hepatology through mentorship. From identifying ELS candidates to providing support and guidance throughout and after the meeting, mentors play a significant role in the program's success.

The ELS program is supported by AASLD Foundation as part of its continuing mission to inspire and invest in the next generation of hepatologists.

\*Applicants must be training in US-based residency programs only.

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