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LIVER DIGEST

A weekly update of PLRC happenings

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FACULTY HIGHLIGHT

- [**Dr. Gavin Arteel**](#) and [**Dr. Ramon Bataller**](#) contributed to a manuscript published in Pancreatology. The paper discusses how ALD and ALP occur relatively frequently together. This meta analysis opens the door for future studies on demographics and clinical outcomes. [**Please click here to read the full text.**](#)

**NEXT VIRTUAL SEMINAR: TUESDAY, August 25 AT 12:00
PM**

Our next virtual seminar is scheduled for [**Tuesday, August 25 at 12:00
PM.**](#) A Zoom link to access the seminar has been sent out to all members

via email. **Dr. Kari Nejak-Bowen**, current PLRC member, will be giving a presentation on her research and the title of the talk will be: "Beta-catenin inhibition as a novel therapeutic strategy for porphyria."

If you have any questions, please email Amanda Bytzura at **bytzuraam@upmc.edu**.

UPCOMING SOTA LECTURE SERIES SCHEDULE

The Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition will be hosting their annual State-of-the-Art Lecture series in a virtual format. Lectures are held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:00-8:00 am. Here is the schedule of upcoming lectures:

- Kenneth Fasanella, MD will present at 7:00 am on Tuesday, August 25 and the title of the presentation will be, "GERD, Barrett's and EoE."
- **Andres Duarte-Rojo, MD, PhD, current PLRC member**, will present at 7:00 am on Friday, August 28 and the title of the presentation will be, "Fulminant Hepatic Failure: Evaluation and Management."

Please click here for the Microsoft Teams link to join the meeting.

You can also join by dialing **412-447-5295** and entering the **Conference**

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COMMUNITY LIVER ALLIANCE
**VIRTUAL LIVER CANCER
CONFERENCE**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 | 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
REGISTRATION IS FREE

Concurrent Educational Sessions:

Health Care Providers (CME) and Patients/Caregivers Roundtable (Non-CME)

8:00 a.m. Welcome and Overview

Dulabh K Monga, MD and Satdarshan (Paul) Monga, MD
Course Directors

**8:10 a.m. Keynote 1: The State of Art in
Pathogenesis and Diagnosis**

Augusto Villanueva, MD, PhD
*Liver Cancer Program – Tisch Cancer Institute
Divisions of Liver Diseases/Hematology and Medical
Oncology – Department of Medicine
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai*

9:00 a.m. Risk Factors for HCC and HCC Surveillance

Jaideep Behari, MD, PhD
*Transplant Hepatology
UPMC Center for Liver Diseases*

**9:30 a.m. Role of Surgical Resection and
Transplantation in HCC Management**

David Geller, MD
Director, UPMC Liver Cancer Center

**10:00 a.m. Concurrent Session
Role of Locoregional Therapies in HCC Management**

Andrew Klobuka, MD
Department of Radiology, Allegheny Health Network

Patient Roundtable Discussion

Brittany Morocco, MPAS, PA-C
*Senior Physician Assistant
UPMC Liver Cancer Center*

10:30 a.m. Medical Management of HCC

Dulabh K Monga, MD
*Program Director
Hematology Oncology Fellowship
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Allegheny Health Network*

11:30 a.m. Radiation Therapy for HCC

Alexander Kirichenko, MD
*System Director, SRS/ SRT Programs
Allegheny Health Network*

**1:00 p.m. Advances in Understanding of HCC:
From Bench to Bedside**

Satdarshan (Paul) Monga, MD
*Director, Pittsburgh Liver Research Center,
University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine and
UPMC*

**1:30 p.m. Keynote 2: State of the Art in Intrahepa
Cholangiocarcinoma: Diagnosis and Treatment**

Mitesh Borad, MD
*Associate Professor of Medicine Consultant, Div
of Hematology/Oncology, Department of Intern
Medicine
Consultant, Department of Molecular Medicine
Mayo Clinic*

**2:00 p.m. Case Presentations
Resectable/Transplantable HCC**

Akshata Moghe, MD, PhD
*Advanced Fellow/Transplant Hepatology
UPMC Starzl Transplant Services*

**Non-Resectable Non-Transplantable HCC and
Medical and Locoregional Options**

Srividya Srinivasmaharaj, MD
*Hepatology Oncology Fellow
Allegheny Health Network*

Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma

Srividya Srinivasamaharaj, MD
*Hepatology Oncology Fellow
Allegheny Health Network*

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JOB OPPORTUNITY

- **Dr. Samira Kiani** is looking for a candidate to fill a post-doctoral associate position in her laboratory. The incumbent will work as a part of collaborative research program on gene editing and bioreactor liver chip technologies. **Please click here to view the full job description.**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Liver Cirrhosis Network: Clinical Research Centers (U01 Clinical Trial Required)

(RFA-DK-20-003)

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Application Receipt Date(s): December 1, 2020. No late applications will be accepted for this Funding Opportunity Announcement

Liver Cirrhosis Network: Scientific and Data Coordination Center (U24 Clinical Trial Optional)

(RFA-DK-20-004)

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Application Receipt Date(s): December 1, 2020. No late applications will

be accepted for this Funding Opportunity Announcement All applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. All types of non-AIDS applications allowed for this funding opportunity announcement are due on the listed date(s). Applicants are encouraged to apply early to allow adequate time to make any corrections to errors found in the application during the submission process by the due date.



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