

# 2025 End-of-Year Impact Update

## Committees and SIGs

### COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

#### Annual Meeting Education Committee:

- CO-CHAIRS** Mazen Nouredin, MD, MHS&C & Maarouf Hoteit, MD
- Provided feedback on postgraduate course for The Liver Meeting (TLM) 2025.
  - Developed General Hepatology Update programming.
  - Collaborated with Digestive Disease Week (DDW) SPC to unify DDW hepatology abstract categories between AASLD and American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) for an improved selection process.

#### Basic Research Committee:

- CHAIR** Heather L. Francis, PhD, FAASLD
- Delivered **two 90-minute programs**, including the Basic Science Emerging Topic Conference (ETC) for DDW 2025.
  - Built the Basic Science Workshop and Basic Science Symposium for TLM 2025.
  - Selected Basic Science ETC proposal for 2026: "The LiverLink: Unraveling Systems Biology in Pathogenesis and Treatment of Liver Disease."

#### CME Committee:

- CHAIR** Heather M. Patton, MD, FAASLD
- Developed and **implemented an application and review process** for partnering with external organizations on education initiatives and approved four partnership requests.
  - Mitigated the TLM 2025 financial disclosures.
  - Evaluated course outcomes information.

#### Clinical Research Committee:

- CHAIR** Adnan Said, MD, MS, FAASLD
- Developed two distinct programs for TLM 2025.
  - Provided **topic suggestions for the 2027 ETC** to the AASLD Governing Board.

#### Communications & Technology Committee:

- CHAIR** Atoosa Rabiee, MD
- Collaborated with health informatics interest group to apply for SIG designation and support their TLM proposals
  - Reviewed Project Innovation Award proposals to align with AASLD goals and initiatives
  - Launched a new Social Media Ambassador program at TLM and the TLM 2025 Mobile App.

#### Distinguished Awards Committee:

- CHAIR** W. Ray Kim, MD, MBA, FAASLD
- Reviewed **over 60 applications for award consideration**, with the Governing Board approving final selections.
  - Implemented new nomenclature and criteria for the Distinguished Service Award.

#### Ethics Committee:

- CHAIR** Elizabeth K. Speliotes, MD, MPH, PhD, FAASLD
- Evaluating finalist nominees and leadership disclosures for potential conflicts of interest.
  - Reviewing and **making recommendations to the conflict-of-interest** policy.

#### Finance Committee:

- CHAIR** Naudia L. Jonassaint, MD, MHS, MBA
- Reviewed and **adjusted investment strategies in response to market volatility** to protect AASLD and Foundation assets.
  - Successfully completed annual independent audits for both AASLD and Foundation with unqualified (clean) opinions.
  - Launched a robust RFP process to evaluate and select a new investment advisor in alignment with fiduciary best practices.

#### Fundamentals of Liver Disease (FOLD) Committee:

- CHAIR** Sonal Kumar, MD
- Completed MASLD course update.
  - Implemented interactive instructional formats, including new infographics.
  - Started branded content refresh for all new courses.

#### Global Outreach & Engagement (GOE) Committee:

- CHAIR** Manal F. Abdelmalek, MD, MPH, FAASLD
- Completed **nearly 20 joint programs** with global partners.
  - Through the ALEH and APASL Young Investigators Workshops, eight trainees have been selected to participate in TLM 2025.
  - Initiated planning for 15 continued partnerships in 2026.



#### Hepatology Associates Committee:

- CHAIR** Corrie Berk, NP, DNP, MBA
- Reviewed and selected awardees for the 2025 Foundation Emerging Liver Advanced Practice Provider (ELAPP) Award.
  - Developed **the two-part Hepatology Associates Course programming** for TLM 2025.
  - Collaborated with Hepatology Associate SIG on content and speakers on DDW 2025 programming.

#### Inclusion & Diversity Committee:

- CHAIR** Saikiran Kilaru, MD
- Created the **Inclusion and Diversity Committee Symposium** at DDW 2025.
  - Collaborated with Women's Initiative Committee and LGBTQ+ Subcommittee to deliver two TLM 2025 sessions, one Meet the Expert (MTE) session, and DDW 2026 programming.
  - Participated in the review process for the 2025 ELS class.

#### Individual Fundraising Committee:

- CHAIR** Cynthia A. Moylan, MD, MHS, FAASLD
- Successfully expanded the Club 1950 initiative with increased membership in its second year.
  - Created the Walk of Honor and Awards & Honors Gala to raise additional funds during TLM 2025.
  - Exceeded FY25 individual fundraising by **17%** and donor participation goals by **15%**.

#### Industry Advancement Committee:

- CHAIR** Robert S. Brown, Jr, MD, MPH, FAASLD
- Convened a successful **Liver Leaders Council (LLC)** meeting at DDW 2025, featuring public policy updates, a panel discussion on AI, and a roundtable focused on care pathways, provider education, and developing consensus on clinical trials and endpoints.

#### Journals Publications Committee:

- CHAIR** Andrew S. DeLemos, MD
- Met with editors of *HEPATOLOGY*, *Liver Transplantation*, and *Hepatology Communication* to hear mid-year journal reports.
  - Implemented a **new two-step process for the 2025 HEPATOLOGY editor-in-chief search**, with new oversight from a nominating and selection committee.

#### LGBTQ+ Subcommittee:

- CHAIR** Howard Lee, MD
- Developed six sessions for TLM 2025.
  - Planned a **Diversity Meet Up** for TLM 2025 in collaboration with Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) and Inclusion & Diversity Committee.
  - Organized the Pride Reception at TLM.
  - Organized the "Past, Present, and Future: LGBTQ+ Health & Hepatology" webinar in recognition of Pride Month.

#### Maintenance of Certification Committee:

- CHAIR** Amy Taylor, MD
- Reviewed the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) assessment requirements to confirm that AASLD's assessment process is compliant.
  - Collaborated with the Training and Workforce Committee for their Team Trivia session at TLM 2025.
  - Updated a new format to receive credits for TLM 2025.

#### Membership and Mentorship Committee:

- CHAIR** Neil Shah, MD
- Worked with the Inclusion & Diversity and Training & Workforce Committees to select 36 new Emerging Liver Scholars.
  - Supported the **successful launch of AASLD's 2025-2026 membership renewal** campaign.

#### Nominating Committee:

- CHAIR** W. Ray Kim, MD, FAASLD
- Reviewed and **proposed 42 leadership nominations to the Governing Board**.
  - Finalized the slate for the September Election ballot, including Councilor-at-Large, Ethics Committee Chair, and Nominating Committee positions.
  - Reviewed and proposed **over 100 committee nominations** to be approved by the Governing Board in August.

#### Online Learning Committee:

- CHAIR** Andrew Paul Keaveny, MD, FRCPI, FAASLD
- Reviewed **30 new online education activities**, including webinars, webinar series, guideline updates, multi-media courses, case-based courses, and podcasts.
  - Updated front page of *LiverLearning*.
  - Partnering with the Portal Hypertension SIG to produce, "New Treatment Paradigms offering on the Alfpump."

#### Patient Advisory Group:

- CHAIR** Rotonya M. Carr, MD, FACP
- Created 11 sessions for the TLM 2025 patient program, including new sessions on the use of AI and the impact of stigma on vulnerable communities.
  - Recruited several **candidates for new patient representative roles** on AASLD committees.

#### Practice Guidelines Committee:

- CHAIR** Cynthia Levy, MD, FAASLD
- Completed HBV practice guideline and created HBV educational slide deck.
  - Launched a joint AASLD-AGA practice guideline on PBC.
  - Launched a new PGC product: Expert Practice Opinion (EXPO).

#### Practice Metrics Committee:

- CHAIR** Marina Serper, MD, MS
- Developing quality measures for portal hypertension, including AKI/ascites, TIPS, and NILDA.
  - Developing **HCC toolkit companion to guideline** document.

#### Public Policy Committee:

- CHAIR** Julius M. Wilder, MD, PhD
- Held **over 100 virtual Hill Day meetings** and signed more than 30 letters to advance advocacy priorities and defend NIH funding.
  - Through AASLD's Policy Action Center, facilitated communications directly to Congress, leading to more than 800 advocacy messages from members.
  - Planned in-person Hill Day event on Capitol Hill, with participation from SIGs, committees, and patient advocates.



#### Research Awards Committee:

- CHAIR** Richard K. Sterling, MD, MSc, FAASLD
- Reviewed and **recommended over \$1.7M in grant funding** to support more than **150 awardees** in FY2025.
  - Developed Early Career Essentials Community Conversation for TLM 2025.
  - Supported a comprehensive portfolio review to strategically prioritize, develop, and implement new funding initiatives.

#### Scientific Program Committee:

- CHAIR** Grace L. Su, MD, FAASLD
- Reviewed **158 session proposals** for TLM 2025 and **approved 135 proposals** including sending speaker invitations.
  - Reviewed regular abstract submissions in July and late breaking abstract submissions in October.
  - Built four abstract plenary sessions, 45 abstract parallel sessions, and accepted nearly 3,000 posters.

#### Surgery & Liver Transplantation Committee:

- CHAIR** Ryutaro Hirose, MD
- Collaborated with partner society, the International Liver Transplantation Society (ILTS), to develop the **AASLD/ILTS course** at TLM 2025.
  - Traditionally, a four-part session at TLM will **expand to five parts** in 2025 and has been approved by the Scientific Program Committee (SPC).

#### Training and Workforce Committee:

- CHAIR** Alexander Kuo, MD, FAASLD
- Created three academic debates for DDW, including "Stump the Hepatologist."
  - Delivered **six TLM 2025 sessions in collaboration with MOC Committee and LFN**, including the first-ever Liver Trivia.
  - Administered the 2025 Transplant Hepatology online match.

#### Women's Initiatives Committee:

- CHAIR** Tatyana Kushner, MD, MSCE
- Delivered two joint symposia, one community conversation, one MTE session, the Women's Networking Luncheon, and the Women's Leadership Development (WLD) Program meeting and reception at TLM 2025.
  - Supported mentee development through the WLD program, with **13 mentees selected** for the 2025-2026 cohort.
  - Hosted first session of three-part "Beyond Medicine" webinar series, remaining sessions scheduled for 2026.

### SIG ACTIVITIES

#### Acute on Chronic Liver Failure (ACLF) SIG:

- CHAIR** Constantine J. Karvellas, MD, SM, FRCPC, FCCM
- Produced a **90-minute session and a State-of-the-Art (SOA) lecture** for DDW 2025.
  - Developed two symposia and two MTE sessions for TLM 2025.

#### Alcohol-associated Liver Disease (ALD) SIG:

- CHAIR** Juan Pablo Arab, MD, FRCPLD
- With MASLD SIG, delivered 2025 spring ETC on steatotic liver disease and MetALD, as well as an addiction and obesity medicine course for TLM 2025.
  - Began working on **MetALD/ALD endpoints project between AASLD and EASL**.
  - Developing educational activities with PCSS-MAUD.

#### Cholestatic and Autoimmune Liver Diseases (CALD) SIG:

- CHAIR** Cara Lynn Mack, MD, FAASLD
- Delivered a powerful session at DDW 2025 that included a patient speaker, with planning underway for SOA presentation at DDW 2026.
  - Developed **three MTE sessions and a symposium** for TLM 2025.
  - Building a December webinar and session for 2026 ETC.

#### Clinical Practice SIG:

- CHAIR** Amanda J. Chaney, DNP, APRN, FAANP, AF-AASLD
- Created two presentations for DDW 2025.
  - For TLM 2025, **one session, one community conversation, and one MTE session**.
  - Developed abstract highlight session of new research at TLM.

#### Hepatitis B/Delta (HBV) SIG:

- CHAIR** Robert G. Gish, MD, FAASLD
- Designed four TLM 2025 sessions with a focus on hepatitis B.
  - Developed joint webinars with HCV SIG and Hepatitis B Foundation.
  - Delivered two webinars on gene modulation and mother-to-child transmission.



#### Hepatitis C (HCV) SIG:

- CHAIR** Harrys A. Torres, MD, FAASLD
- Developed webinars in collaboration with ALEH, INASL, and a joint webinar featuring AASLD, ESGVH, and INHSU.
  - Produced **symposium for DDW with a focus on national plans for hepatitis C elimination**.
  - Produced two symposia, one community conversation, and one MTE session for TLM 2025.

#### Hepatology Associates SIG:

- CHAIR** Dawn Drazek, MSN, CRNP, AGPCNP-BC, AF-AASLD
- Created **the first Hepatology Associates webinar since 2019**, focused on getting the most out of TLM 2025.
  - Collaborated with the Hepatology Associates Committee and Clinical Practice SIG on creation of two sessions for DDW 2026.

#### Hepatotoxicity SIG:

- CHAIR** Lily Dara, MD
- Continued production of the popular Seminar Series.
  - Created a **joint symposium with the Pediatric SIG for TLM, focused on drug-induced liver injury**.
  - For TLM 2025, developed engaging "Wait! Wait! Don't DILI" workshop and MTE sessions.

#### Liver Cancer SIG:

- CHAIR** David E. Kaplan, MD, MS, MSc, FAASLD, FACP, AGAF
- Produced six episodes of **Liver Cancer 101 Education Series** (webinars) on fundamentals of chemoembolization, liver cancer pathology, immunotherapy, and other topics.
  - Contributed to EASL-ILCA-ASCO-AASLD HCC trial endpoints consensus conference.

#### Liver Cell Biology SIG:

- CHAIR** Kari Nejak-Bowen, MBA, PhD
- Produced the Basic Science ETC at DDW 2025 on clinical, translational, and basic liver immunology.
  - Developed a 90-minute SIG session and two MTE sessions for TLM 2025.
  - Organized a **three-part webinar series on the use of AI** in basic liver research.

#### Liver Fibrosis & Cirrhosis SIG:

- CHAIR** Heather L. Francis, PhD, FAASLD
- Created one SIG session and two MTE for TLM 2025.
  - Developing a **joint proposal with MASLD SIG for SOA presentation at DDW 2026** and a session on do's and don'ts of inpatient cirrhosis management.

#### Liver Transplantation and Surgery SIG:

- CHAIR** Pratima Sharma, MD, MS
- Built TLM 2025 programming, including one clinical symposium, one community conversation, and six MTE sessions.
  - Planned webinars on living donor liver transplantation and program specific metrics.
  - Developed **podcast on machine perfusion**.



#### Metabolic Dysfunction-associated Steatotic Liver Disease (MASLD) SIG:

- CHAIR** Mazen Nouredin, MD, MHS&C
- Designed three MTE sessions, two invited sessions (including a joint session with ALD SIG), and one community conversation for TLM 2025.
  - Created **programming for spring ETC 2025 on MASLD, MetALD and ALD**.
  - Planning two SOA sessions; one with Liver Fibrosis SIG and one community conversation, as well as one joint session with ALD SIG for DDW 2026.

#### Pediatric Liver Disease SIG:

- CHAIR** James E. Squires, MD, MS
- Developed a joint DILI session with the Hepatotoxicity SIG for TLM 2025, in addition to one community conversation and three MTE sessions.
  - Proposing **joint symposia on biliary atresia with NASPGHAN** for TLM 2026.
  - Collaborating with Portal Hypertension SIG on future joint symposium and PSVD nomenclature.

#### Portal Hypertension SIG:

- CHAIR** Elizabeth C. Verna, MD, MS, FAASLD
- Planned a steering committee meeting for December 2025 IPH/PSVD Multi-Society Nomenclature Consensus Conference, in partnership with EASL, ALEH, and APASL.
  - Developed **two webinars for 2026 on pre-emptive TIPS and hepatic recompensation**.
  - Produced one symposium, two MTEs, and one Community Conversation for TLM 2025.



#### Public Health/Health Care Delivery SIG:

- CHAIR** George Ioannou, MD, FAASLD
- Developed one symposium and one community conversation for TLM 2025.
  - Built DDW symposium focused on noninvasive biomarkers, co-produced with Liver Fellow Network.
  - Created **two online education proposals** for 2025, including an accepted proposal focused on tele-hepatology.