



# 2025 Mid-Year Impact Update

## Committees and SIGs

### COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

#### Basic Research Committee:

- CHAIR** Heather L. Francis, PhD, FAASLD
- Created **two 90-minute programs** including the Basic Science Emerging Topic Conference (ETC) for Digestive Disease Week® (DDW) 2025.
  - Developed a symposium and workshop for The Liver Meeting® (TLM) 2025.

#### Clinical Research Committee:

- CHAIR** Adnan Said, MD, MS, FAASLD
- Developed two distinct programs for TLM 2025.
  - Provided **topic suggestions for the 2026 ETC** to the AASLD Governing Board.



#### 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 reviewed partnership requests submitted through this new process.

#### Communications & Technology Committee:

- CHAIR** Atoosa Rabiee, MD
- Collaborated with Clinical Practice Special Interest Group (SIG) for scientific sessions at TLM 2025.
  - Organizing **first-time attendee and social media ambassador** reception for TLM 2025.

#### Distinguished Awards Committee:

- CHAIR** W. Ray Kim, MD, MBA, FAASLD
- Reviewed **over 60 applications for award consideration**, with 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
- Actively reviewed and **adjusted investment strategies in response to market volatility** to protect AASLD & Foundation assets.
  - Secured approval of the FY2026 budgets for both AASLD and the Foundation, ensuring financial alignment with strategic priorities.
  - 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
- Began a comprehensive **review of all legacy FOLD content**, with a target completion by year-end.
  - Refreshing branded content for all new courses.

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

- CHAIR** Manal F. Abdelmalek, MD, MPH, FAASLD
- To date, successfully launched four global programs.
  - Developed five community conversations, two joint sessions, and a global symposium for TLM 2025.
  - Collaborated with **five sister societies to develop global programs** set to be delivered in 2025.

#### 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 **Part 1 & 2 of the Hepatology Associates Course programming** for TLM 2025.
  - Collaborated with Hepatology Associate SIG on content and speakers for programming at DDW 2025.

#### Inclusion & Diversity Committee:

- CHAIR** Saikiran Kilaru, MD
- Organizing a symposium for TLM 2026, with assistance from the Hep Associates Committee, and in collaboration with the Women's Initiatives Committee (WIC) and the LGBTQ+ Subcommittee.
  - Created the **Inclusion and Diversity Committee Symposium** at DDW 2025.
  - Collaborated with LGBTQ+ Subcommittee for DDW 2025 programming.

#### Individual Fundraising Committee:

- CHAIR** Cynthia A. Moylan, MD, MHS, FAASLD
- Led a successful **Leadership Giving Challenge (LGC)** fundraising campaign, **raising \$90,000** for the AASLD Foundation.

#### 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 a consensus on clinical trials and endpoints.

#### Journals Publications Committee:

- CHAIR** Andrew S. DeLemos, MD
- Held a virtual meeting in May with the editors of HEPATOLOGY, Liver Transplantation, and Hepatology Communication to hear mid-year journal reports.
  - Implementing a **new two-step process for the 2025 HEPATOLOGY editor-in-chief search**, with a nominating committee and selection committee overseeing the search.

#### LGBTQ+ Committee:

- CHAIR** Howard Lee, MD
- Created a joint session with the Inclusion & Diversity Committee for DDW 2025.
  - Planning a **Diversity Meet-Up** for TLM 2025 in collaboration with Women's Initiative Committee and the Inclusion & Diversity Committee, along **organizing the Pride Reception**.
  - Organized a webinar in recognition of Pride Month.



#### Maintenance of Certification Committee:

- CHAIR** Ayman Koteish, MD, FAASLD
- Reviewing options to build a question bank to support members pursuing initial or continuing certification with American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM).
  - Partnering with **Journals Publications Committee to repurpose existing questions** from journal CME offerings for inclusion in question bank.
  - Reviewing the ABIM Maintenance of Certification (MOC) assessment requirements to confirm that AASLD's assessment process is compliant.
  - Collaborating with the Training and Workforce Committee for their Team Trivia session at TLM 2025.

#### Membership and Mentorship Committee:

- CHAIR** Neil Shah, MD
- Working with the Inclusion & Diversity and Training & Workforce Committees, planned the review and selection process for the 2025 Emerging Liver Scholars (ELS) program.
  - 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** and 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 **22 new online education proposals**—10 webinars, 12 e-learning activities, an additional digital content partnering with the Practice Guidelines Committee to produce Guideline Update Interviews as new guidelines are published.
  - Partnering with the Portal Hypertension SIG to produce, "New Treatment Paradigms offering on the Alfapump."



#### 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
- Developing **five Liver Transplantation guidelines across pediatric and adult** populations.
  - Presented new HBV guideline and initiated joint AASLD-AGA PBC guideline.
  - Kicked off AASLD Expert Practice Opinions (EXPO).

#### Practice Metrics Committee:

- CHAIR** Marina Serper, MD, MS
- Developing quality measures for portal hypertension.
  - 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 onto 16 coalition letters to advance advocacy priorities and defend NIH funding.
  - Established working groups in MASLD, ALD, and reimbursement with SIG representation.
  - Planning is underway for in-person liver scanning and Hill Day event on Capitol Hill before the start of TLM.



#### Research Awards Committee:

- CHAIR** Richard K. Sterling, MD, MSc, FAASLD
- Reviewed and **recommended over \$1.7M in grant funding** for FY2025.
  - Developed Early Career Essentials Community Conversation for TLM 2025.
  - A comprehensive portfolio review is underway to recommend a strategic approach for prioritizing, developing, and implementing new funding initiatives.

#### Scientific Program Committee:

- CHAIR** Grace L. Su, MD, FAASLD
- Reviewed **158 session proposals** for TLM 2025, **approving 135 proposals** including sending speaker invitations.
  - Approved a new mental health-focused session in collaboration with the Training & Workforce Committee, WIC, and Liver Fellows Network (LFN).

#### 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, the course will **expand to five parts** in 2025, and has been approved by the Scientific Program Committee (SPC).

#### Training and Workforce Committee:

- CHAIR** Amy Taylor, MD
- Created three academic debates for DDW, including Stump the Hepatologist.
  - Delivered **seven TLM sessions in collaboration with MOC Committee and LFN**, including the first Liver Trivia.



#### Women's Initiatives Committee:

- CHAIR** Tatyana Kushner, MD, MSCE
- Successfully **executed liver disease in pregnancy session at DDW 2025**.
  - For TLM 2025, developed two symposia, one community conversation, one meet-the-expert (MTE) session, Women's Networking Luncheon, and the Women's Leadership Development (WLD) Program meeting and reception.
  - Approved three-part webinar series to begin September 2025.

### 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
- With MASLD SIG, delivered 2025 spring ETC on steatotic liver disease and MetALD, as well as an addiction/obesity medicine course for TLM 2025.
  - Beginning work 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, MD, FAASLD
- Produced **three MTE sessions and a joint symposium with the Pediatric SIG** at TLM 2024.
  - Delivered 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.

#### Clinical Practice SIG:

- CHAIR** Amanda J. Chaney, DNP, APRN, FAANP, AF-AASLD
- Created two presentations for DDW 2025.
  - For TLM 2025, developed **one session, one community conversation, and one MTE session**.

#### Hepatitis B (HBV) SIG:

- CHAIR** Robert G. Gish, MD, FAASLD
- Designed four TLM 2025 sessions with a focus on hepatitis B.
  - Developing **six potential webinars for LiverLearning®**.
  - Undergoing name change to HBV/HDV SIG.

#### 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
- Built two MTE sessions and two community conversations—one in collaboration with the HCV SIG—for TLM 2025, with notable participation from associate members beyond APPs.
  - Increasing overall associate engagement** through collaborations with Hepatology Associates Committee and Clinical Practice SIG towards programming at DDW 2026.

#### Hepatotoxicity SIG:

- CHAIR** Lily Dara, MD
- Collaborated with Liver Cell Biology SIG for a DDW 2025 session on DILI and liver repair.
  - To date in 2025, produced four SIG seminars and one CME-accredited webinar.
  - Planned a **joint symposium with the Pediatric SIG** for TLM, **focused on drug-induced liver injury**.

#### Liver Cancer SIG:

- CHAIR** David E. Kaplan, MD, MSc, FAASLD, FACP, AGAF
- Producing **Liver Cancer 101 Education Series** (webinars); focused 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
- Developed a 90-minute SIG session and two MTE sessions for TLM 2025.
  - Planning **three-part webinar series on the use of artificial intelligence (AI)** in basic liver research, scheduled for July 2025.

#### Liver Fibrosis & Cirrhosis SIG:

- CHAIR** Heather L. Francis, PhD, FAASLD
- Created one SIG session and two meet-the-expert sessions for TLM 2025.
  - Developing a **joint proposal with MASLD SIG for a SOA presentation at DDW 2026**.
  - Instituted a name change for the SIG.

#### Liver Transplant 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
  - Delivered a **podcast on machine perfusion**.



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

- CHAIR** Mazen Nouredin, MD, MHSc
- 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—one community conversation, and 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.

#### 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
  - Invited to submit a CCS on Variceal Bleeding Management** for DDW 2026.
  - Submitted and approved to develop one 90-min session, two MTEs, and one Community Conversation for TLM 2025.



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

- CHAIR** George Ioannou, MD, FAASLD
- Developed one session for TLM 2025 and two community conversations focused on health care delivery.
  - Created **two online education proposals** for 2025, including an accepted proposal focused on tele-hepatology.