The Liver Meeting® 2015
November 13 – 17
Moscone West Convention Center
San Francisco, CA

The Liver Meeting® will provide a forum for the exchange of groundbreaking basic, translational and clinical research in diseases of the liver and biliary tract, and in liver transplantation. This meeting will create an arena for the presentation and interchange of opinions on state-of-the-art care and management of the full spectrum of patients with liver disease.

Overall Learning Objectives:
- Incorporate new scientific evidence into clinical care protocols and improve the outcome of adults and children with acute and chronic diseases of the liver and biliary tract
- Establish new collaborations, implement new clinical trials, develop comparative effectiveness projects, and complete investigative efforts that will improve the outcome of adults and children with acute and chronic diseases of the liver and biliary tract
- Implement effective care plans to improve the long-term outcome of the transplanted patient

Target Audience: Groups include clinical hepatologists, gastroenterologists, other health care providers (midlevel providers, internists, pediatricians, family practitioners), and trainees (students, residents, and specialty fellows). The target audience also encompasses scientists studying the development, physiology, pathology, translational medicine, and clinical trials related to the liver and biliary tract and liver transplantation.

Program-at-a-Glance

**Thursday, 12**
2:00 – 8:00 pm  Registration

**Friday, November 13**
6:30 am – 7:30 pm  Registration
8:00 am – 3:00 pm  AASLD/ASGE Endoscopy Course: Advancing Endoscopic Performance for Patients with Liver Disease
8:00 am – 3:00 pm  AASLD/ILTS Transplant Course: Liver Transplantation – From Bench to Bedside
8:00 am – 5:00 pm  **NEW Time** – Special Interest Group Programming
8:00 am – Noon
  1. New Treatments for Cholestatic and Biliary Disorders (Cholestatic Liver Disorders SIG)
  2. Antifibrotic Strategies at the Brink of Translation (Liver Fibrosis SIG)
  3. Translating Current Knowledge on the Pathophysiology of Portal Hypertension to Novel Targets and Therapies (Portal Hypertension SIG)
  1:00 – 5:00 pm
  4. Novel Test Systems for Drug Hepatotoxicity (Hepatotoxicity SIG)
  3:30 – 5:30 pm
  5. Inflammation as a Driver of Complications of Cirrhosis and ACLF (Acute on Chronic Liver Failure SIG)
6. Chronic Hepatitis B in Children and Adults (Pediatric Liver Diseases and Hepatitis B SIGs)

3:30 – 7:00 pm

7. Development of Practice Guidelines for Management of Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma (Hepatobiliary Neoplasia SIG)

Noon – 3:00 pm AASLD/NASPGHAN Pediatric Symposium: Blood Disorders and the Liver
Noon – 3:00 pm Clinical Research Workshop
3:00 – 5:00 pm Career Development Workshop
5:00 – 7:00 pm NEW – Academic Debates

Saturday, November 14
6:30 am – 7:30 pm Registration
8:00 am – 5:00 pm NEW – Basic Science Symposium: Autophagy in the Liver
8:15 am – 5:00 pm NEW Format – Postgraduate Course: Managing Liver Disease – From the Clinical to the Community
9:00 am – 12:00 pm Special Interest Group Programming
11:50 am – 1:05 pm Meet-the-Professor Luncheons
1:00 – 4:30 pm Transplant Surgery Workshop: The High MELD Era: Economics, Quality, Outcomes and Regulatory Oversight – Navigating the Quagmire
2:00 – 7:30 pm Poster Session I (presentation time 5:30 – 7:00pm)
5:00 – 7:30 pm Exhibits Open
5:00 – 7:30 pm Opening Reception
5:15 – 6:15 pm Business Meeting (members only)
7:30 – 10:00pm Industry-supported Satellite Symposia

Sunday, November 15
6:30 am – 6:00 pm Registration
6:30 – 8:00 am NEW Time – Professional Development Workshop
6:45 – 7:45 am Early Morning Workshops
8:00 – 9:30 am Liver Transplant Plenary I
8:00 am – Noon Basic Research Workshop: Extracellular Vesicles in Liver Biology and Disease
8:00 am – 1:30 pm Hepatology Associates Course
8:00 am – 5:30 pm Poster Session II (presentation time 12:30 – 2:00pm)
9:30 – 10:00 am Thomas E. Starzl Transplant Surgery State-of-the-Art Lecture
9:30 am – 3:00 pm Exhibits Open
10:00 – 11:30 am Emerging Trends Symposium
10:30 am – Noon Liver Transplant Plenary II
Noon – 12:30 pm Hans Popper State-of-the-Art Lecture
1:00 – 3:00 pm Value-based Medicine in Hepatology
1:00 – 5:00 pm Special Interest Group Programming

1:15 – 2:45 pm Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Update
2:45 – 3:00 pm Award Presentation (Distinguished Clinician Educator/Mentor)
3:00 – 4:30 pm General Hepatology Update
3:00 – 4:30 pm Parallel Sessions
4:45 – 6:15 pm Parallel Sessions

Tentative program as of January 2015 - program topics and times subject to change.
4:45 – 6:45 pm Special Interest Group Programming
  10. The Scope of Clinical Practice Outside the Traditional Academic Medical Center (Clinical Practice SIG)
  11. Treating the Cause: Changes in Lifestyle in Alcoholic and Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (Steatosis and Steatohepatitis SIG)

5:00 – 7:00 pm Program Directors Workshop
6:30 – 9:00 pm Industry-supported Satellite Symposia

Monday, November 16
6:30 am – 6:00 pm Registration
6:45 – 7:45 am Early Morning Workshops
8:00 – 9:30 am Presidential Plenary I
8:00 am – 5:30 pm Poster Session III (presentation time 12:30 – 2:00pm)
9:30 – 10:00 am Award Presentations (Distinguished Service and Achievement Awards)
9:30 am – 3:00 pm Exhibits Open
10:00 – 10:30 am Hyman J. Zimmerman Hepatotoxicity State-of-the-Art Lecture
11:00 am – 12:30 pm Presidential Plenary II
11:00 am – 12:30 pm Advances for Practitioners
2:00 – 4:00 pm Global Forum
2:15 – 2:45 pm President’s Choice
2:45 – 3:00 pm Presidential Address
3:00 – 4:30 pm Late-breaking Abstracts
3:00 – 4:30 pm Parallel Sessions
4:45 – 6:15 pm Parallel Sessions
4:45 – 6:15 pm Special Interest Group Programming
  12. HCV Symposium (Hepatitis C SIG)
6:30 – 9:00 pm Industry-Supported Satellite Symposia

Tuesday, November 17
6:30 am – 12:30 pm Registration
6:45 – 7:45 am Early Morning Workshops
8:00 – 9:30 am Presidential Plenary III
8:00 am – Noon Poster Session IV (presentation time 10:30am – Noon)
9:45 – 10:30 am Hepatitis Debrief
10:30 – 11:00 am Leon Schiff State-of-the-Art Lecture
11:15 am – 12:45 pm Parallel Sessions

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