

# LIVER DIGEST

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### FACULTY HIGHLIGHT

**Dr. Paul Monga** has been elected by the AASLD membership to be the Vice Chair of the Liver Cell Biology in Hepatic Diseases Special Interest Group. His 2-year term as SIG Vice-Chair will begin on 1/1/2021 and will end on 12/31/2022 in which he will begin his 2-year term as the SIG Chair. At the same time, he was also elected as At Large Steering Committee Member for the Hepatobiliary Neoplasia SIG . At-Large Steering Committee Membership will begin on 1/1/2021 and will end on 12/31/2023. Congratulations to Dr. Monga on this election and for representing our Institution and PLRC. AASLD is a premier liver community and these elected positions support AASLD's mission and vision in creating a successful platform for serving liver-faculty across all disciplines.

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### NEXT VIRTUAL SEMINAR: TUESDAY, October 6th AT 12:00 PM

Our next virtual seminar is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 6 at 12:00 PM**. A Zoom link to access the seminar has been sent out to all members via email. **Dr. Jorge Bezerra** will be giving a presentation on his research and the title of the talk will be: "Bile Duct Epithelium:

Developmental Defects and Novel Survival Factors.”

If you have any questions, please email Amanda Bytzura at [bytzuraam@upmc.edu](mailto:bytzuraam@upmc.edu).

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## **GRAND ROUNDS: WEDNESDAY, October 7th AT 5:00 PM**

UPMC Gastroenterology/Hepatology will be hosting Grand Rounds **on Wednesday, October 7th at 5:00 PM to 6:15 PM**. Stephanie Romutis, MD will discuss a Case Presentation.

**Please click here for the Microsoft Teams Link to join the meeting.**

You can also join by dialing [412-447-5295](tel:412-447-5295) and entering the **Conference ID: 433 397 320#**

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Pinnacle Research Award in Liver Disease**

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD)

### **Clinical, Translational and Outcomes Research Award**

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD)

### **Advanced/Transplant Hepatology Award**

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD)

### **Autoimmune Liver Diseases Pilot Research Award**

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD)

**Afdhal / McHutchison LIFER Award**

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD)

**Gupta Family Pilot Award in PSC Research**

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD)

**NP/PA Clinical Hepatology Fellowship Program**

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD)

**Clinical Research Awards**

American College of Gastroenterology (ACG)

**ACG Junior Faculty Development Grants**

American College of Gastroenterology (ACG)

**BRAIN Initiative Fellows: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (F32)**

(RFA-MH-20-620)

National Institute of Mental Health

National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health

National Eye Institute

National Institute on Aging

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering

*Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

National Institute on Drug Abuse

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research

Application Receipt Date(s): December 9, 2020; August 10, 2021, April 11, 2022,

December 9, 2022 by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. All types of non-AIDS

applications allowed for this funding opportunity announcement are due on these dates. No

late applications will be accepted for this Funding Opportunity Announcement. 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.

**Limited Competition for the Continuation of Clinical Centers to Investigate the Pathogenesis, Etiology, and Treatment of Gastroparesis through the NIDDK Gastroparesis Consortium (U01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

(RFA-DK-20-504)

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Application Receipt Date(s): December 16, 2020

**Limited Competition for the Continuation of the Scientific Data Research Center (SDRC) for the NIDDK Gastroparesis Consortium (U24 Clinical Trial Optional)**

(RFA-DK-20-505)

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Application Receipt Date(s): December 16, 2020

**Limited Competition for Continuation of the Integrated Islet Distribution Program (U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

(RFA-DK-20-509)

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Application Receipt Date(s): February 9, 2021

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