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LIVER DIGEST

A weekly update of PLRC happenings

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FACULTY HIGHLIGHT

Dr. George Michalopoulos is senior author on a manuscript in *Hepatology* entitled, "Yap is crucial for CAR-driven hepatocyte proliferation, but not for induction of drug metabolism genes in mice." Other PLRC members who contributed to the study include **Dr. Wendy Mars**, **Dr. Paul Monga**, and **Dr. Joe Locker**.

Please click here to read the full publication.

**NEXT VIRTUAL SEMINAR: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT
12:00 PM**

Our next virtual seminar is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 15 at 12:00 PM**. A Zoom link to access the seminar has been sent out to all members via email. **Dr. Salman Khetani**, Associate Professor in the Richard and Loan Hill Department of Bioengineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will be giving a presentation on his research and the title of the talk will be: "Engineering Human Liver Models for Drug Development, Disease Modeling, and Regenerative Medicine."

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:

- **Asif Khalid, MD** will present at 7:00 am on Tuesday, September 15 and the title of the presentation will be, "The ABCs of EUS."
- **David Levinthal, MD, PhD** will present at 7:00 am on Friday, September 18 and the title of the presentation will be, "Diagnosis and Treatment of Esophageal Motility Disorders."

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 ID: 992 093 294#**

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
Suzanna Masartis
Executive Director, Community Liver Alliance

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

12:00-12:30 p.m. Lunch Break

12:30-1:00 p.m. Sponsor Exhibit Visits

**1:00-1:50 p.m. Keynote 2: State of the Art in
Intrahepatic 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

2:00-2:45 p.m. Case Presentations

Moderators: Dr. Mitesh Borad and Dr. Dulabh M
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 Srinivasamaharaj, MD
Hematology Oncology Fellow
Allegheny Health Network

Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma

Srividya Srinivasamaharaj, MD
Hematology Oncology Fellow
Allegheny Health Network

2:45-3:00 p.m. Case Presentation Q&A

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER,
VISIT [COMMUNITYLIVERALLIANCE.ORG/LIVER-CANCER-CONFERENCE](https://communityliveralliance.org/liver-cancer-conference)



UPCOMING DATA ANALYSIS WORKSHOP 9/21

Dr. Silvia Liu, PLRC member, will be giving a presentation, "Introduction to R and RStudio server," **on Monday, September 21 from 1:00-4:00 pm**. The workshop is being presented by the University of Pittsburgh Center for Research Computing (CRC) as part of their Next Generation Sequencing Workshop series. **To register for the workshop, please click here**. To view the schedule of upcoming workshops being presented by the CRC, **please click here**.

In order to experience hands-on practice during the workshop, you must first register for an account on the CRC server. You can register for an account by **clicking here** and clicking "Log In" to enter your Pitt account credentials.

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

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

Research Awards: Bridge Award

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD)

Postdoctoral Fellowship

Hope Funds for Cancer Research

NIH Blueprint for Neuroscience Research: Functional Neural Circuits of Interoception (R01, Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

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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 of Dental and Craniofacial Research

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