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LIVER DIGEST

A weekly update of PLRC happenings

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FACULTY HIGHLIGHT

Dr. Gavin Arteel is on the ballot for the **American Association for the Study of Liver Disease's** (AASLD) nominating committee. The main role of this committee is to provide a slate of candidates for election to the AASLD Governing Board and Nominating Committee, and Chair of the Ethics Committee. The Nominating Committee also makes preliminary standing committee appointments for consideration by the President-Elect. This is a very important committee and being nominated to it is certainly quite an honor. Also, representation of our institution on the AASLD leadership is highly desirable and reputable. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Arteel for this nomination! If you are a AASLD member, we hope you will take a minute to vote for him for a position on the nominating committee.

NEXT VIRTUAL SEMINAR: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AT 12:00 PM

Our next virtual seminar is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 22 at 12:00 PM.** A Zoom link to access the seminar has been sent out to all members via email. **Dr. Jianhua Luo**, PLRC member, will be giving a presentation on his research and the title of the talk will be: "Synthetic long-read transcriptome sequencing to analyze isoform alterations of colon cancer."

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:

- **Siobhan Proksell, MD** will present at **7:00 am on Tuesday, September 22** and the title of the presentation will be, "Diarrhea and Malabsorption."
- **Jeffrey Dueker, MD, MPH and Elyse Johnston, MD** will present at **7:00 am on Friday, September 25** and the title of the

presentation will be, "QI for GI: Intro to Quality Improvement and Patient Safety."

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

**11:00 a.m. In Search of New Therapeutic Targets for
HCC**

Satdarshan (Paul) Monga, MD

Director, Pittsburgh Liver Research Center

UPMC Endowed Chair for Experimental Pathology

University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine

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 Internal

Medicine

Consultant, Department of Molecular Medicine

Mayo Clinic

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

Moderators: Dr. Mitesh Borad and Dr. Dulabh K Monga

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

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, VISIT
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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.](#)**



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