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PLRC Virtual Seminar, Tuesday, March 2 at 12:00pm

The next PLRC virtual seminar will be held on **Tuesday, March 2 at 12:00 pm via Zoom**. Dr. Mario Strazzabosco, Professor of Medicine and Deputy Director of the Yale Liver Center at Yale University, will be presenting. The title of his talk will be, “Monogenic Cholangiopathies: a never ending learning journey.”

This seminar has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™] and instructions on how to obtain the credits will be given at the beginning of the seminar

[Click here to Join Zoom](#)

Dr. Haitao Guo awarded MPI R21

Dr. Guo and Dr. Ambrose (Contact PI) received NIH funding to study the natural HBV disease course and assessment of liver disease under monoinfection and HBV/HIV coinfection, and improvements in antiviral treatments for both viruses. This project, which is funded for 2 years, will study characterizing novel chimeric mice engrafted with a humanized liver and immune system from nonfetal human cells and tissues. **Congratulations!**

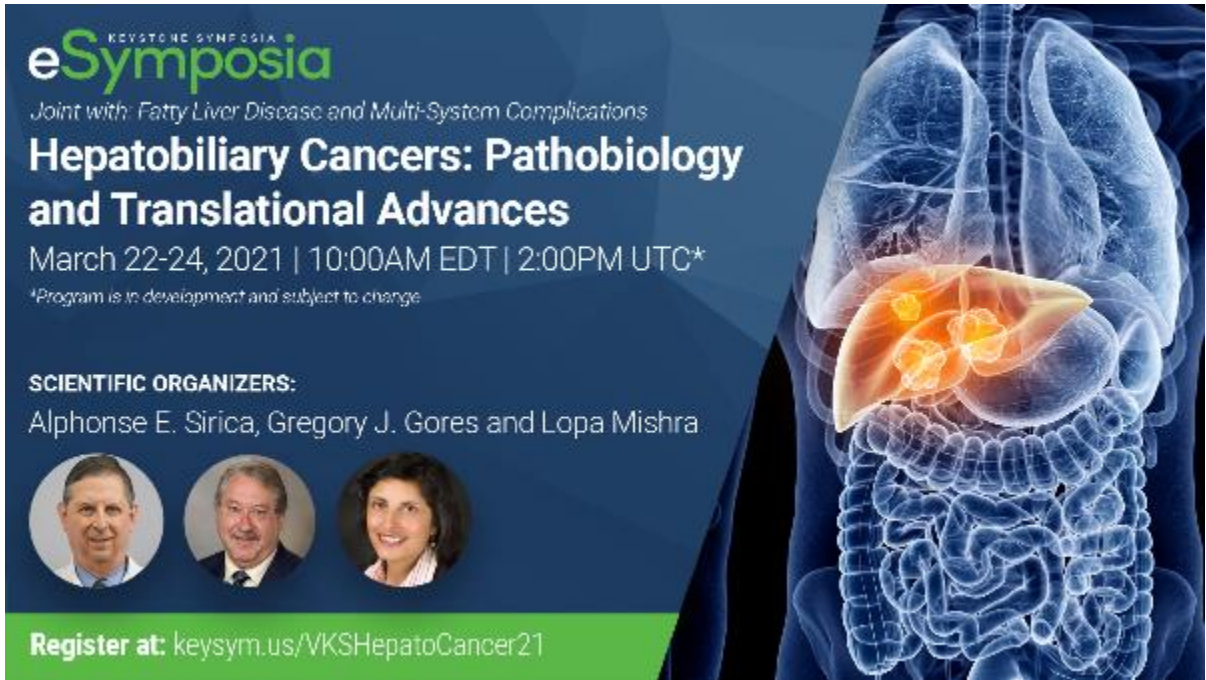
Dr. Matthew Steinhauser Elected to The American Society for Clinical Investigation

Dr. Steinhauser was among five Pitt-UPMC Faculty elected into **American Society for Clinical Investigation**. “The ASCI comprises more than 3,000 physician-scientists from all medical specialties representing the rich diversity of backgrounds inherent to those they serve... dedicated to the advancement of research that extends our understanding and improves the treatment of diseases of all people, and members are committed to mentoring future generations of physician-scientists of diverse backgrounds and biomedical disciplines.”
- Dr. Steinhauser will be officially inducted into the Society on April 8 as part of the 2021 AAP/ASCI/APSA joint meeting, held virtually April 8-10.

Keystone Symposium-Hepatobiliary Cancer: Pathobiology and Translational Advances

Keystone Symposium will be held virtually March 22-24, 2021. Details for prospective attendees concerning Registration, Financial Aid, Abstract Submission, and Current Program are given at Keysym.us/VKSHepatoCancer21 (indicated in the flyer).

[Please click here for Registration](#)



The image is a promotional flyer for an eSymposia event. On the right side, there is a 3D anatomical illustration of a human torso showing the internal organs, with the liver and gallbladder highlighted in a glowing orange color. On the left side, the text is as follows: 'eSymposia' in green and white, with 'KEYSTONE SYMPOSIA' in small white letters above it. Below the logo, it says 'Joint with: Fatty Liver Disease and Multi-System Complications'. The main title is 'Hepatobiliary Cancers: Pathobiology and Translational Advances' in white. Below the title, it lists the dates and times: 'March 22-24, 2021 | 10:00AM EDT | 2:00PM UTC*'. A small note below that says '*Program is in development and subject to change'. Underneath, it lists 'SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZERS:' followed by the names 'Alphonse E. Sirica, Gregory J. Gores and Lopa Mishra'. Below the names are three circular headshots of the organizers. At the bottom left, there is a green bar with the text 'Register at: keysym.us/VKSHepatoCancer21' in white.

AASLD Emerging Topic Conference - CHRONIC HEPATITIS B: FROM THE POPULATION TO NEW MOLECULES AND BACK

A comprehensive and in-depth discussion of the most updated treatment strategies as well as data/care gap to prevent and manage the HBV population. A review of the preclinical and clinical frontiers of HBV cure molecules after a state-of-the-art review of novel molecular and immunologic HBV cure markers will be covered along with an assessment of HBV cure's impact on HBV epidemiology and population health.

[Click here for more Information and to Register](#)

Workshop for GSBC users on Next Generation Sequencing

Dr. Silvia Liu, Manager of GSBC will be presenting in part a Next-Generation-Sequencing Workshop hosted by the CRC.

Important links to get more information on the workshop and for registering:

<https://crc.pitt.edu/CRC-Spring-2021-Next-Generation-Sequencing-Workshops>

<https://crc.pitt.edu/crc-spring-2021-ngs-workshop-trainer>

<https://crc.pitt.edu/NGS-Spring-2021-Workshops-Register>

Drug-Induced Liver Injury Meeting (Co-sponsored by AASLD & FDA)

Held virtually **April 20-22, 2021**. The website below contains links for attendee **Registration** and an **Agenda** of planned sessions, speakers and panel discussions, as well as information for the submission of poster abstracts by attendees.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Topics covered:

- Latest developments in the field of hepatotoxicity
 - Innovative tools for diagnosis and assessment
 - Liver injury in patients with cancer or underlying liver disease
 - Drug induced liver injury during the COVID Pandemic.
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Janssen Scholars of Oncology Diversity Engagement Program

Janssen Oncology, of Johnson & Johnson will be hosting a '**Virtual Janssen Oncology Day**', providing a unique opportunity to be exposed to the research and development process within

industry and understand the critical skillsets to have a successful industry career. Highlights include:

- **Formal presentations given by Janssen Oncology scientific and strategic leaders** highlighting the drug development process across Discovery, Clinical Development, Safety/Toxicology, Manufacturing, Translational Research and Data Science/Computational Biology
- **Smaller breakout sessions with Janssen Oncology leaders** to facilitate more in-depth dialogue about what success looks like in industry, transferable skills from academia to industry, etc.

[Click for more information and to apply.](#)

Lab Manager, part-time - Dr. Kiani and Dr. Ebrahimkhani lab

The laboratories of Dr. Samira Kiani and Dr. Mo Ebrahimkhani at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Pittsburgh Liver Research Center seek a qualified candidate for a part-time Laboratory Manager. The incumbent will maintain the labs' daily operation and work closely with the PIs. The labs' day-to-day operation includes planning orderings, filing inventories, tracking ongoing orders, perform onboarding training, coordinate lab functions and orderliness, organizing lab to comply with the IACUC, biosafety, and biohazard standards.

For more information, click here

[Click here to apply](#)

Update Information

*Please continue to share your relevant accolades (grants, manuscripts, other news) with us, as it relates to PLRC mission, so we can share with all members. Please visit **[PLRC website here](#)**. Contact AJ Singh (singha16@upmd.edu) if you have specific questions or suggestions.*

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

limited Andrew K. Burroughs Short-term Training Fellowship

European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL)

To see all NIH Grants sorted by week, please visit: [NIH Guide: 2021](#)

For Weeks Ending:

- [February 26](#)
- [February 19](#)

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