

# LIVER DIGEST

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### **The Next PLRC Virtual Seminar will be Tuesday, March 30 at 12:00pm**

The next PLRC Virtual Seminar will be held on **Tuesday, March 30 at 12:00 pm via Zoom. Dr. Paul Monga** will talk about “Know Your Pittsburgh Liver Research Center”. He will discuss the working of the center, current state, member expectations and participation, and there will be plenty of time for open discussion.

**[Click here for Zoom Meeting ID](#)**

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**New Slide Scanner Available for Use - ACTIC**

The slide scanner is available beginning March 1, 2021 for use for one month's time. All Liver Center Members are invited to participate and use the services it offers. For more information on the slide scanner, [click here](#). The device is currently at CBI's room S207. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Dr. Donna Stolz](#), Director of Advanced Cell and Tissue Imaging Core ([Donna.Stolz@pitt.edu](mailto:Donna.Stolz@pitt.edu)) and copy Dr. Simon Watkins, Director Center for Biologic Imaging ([Simon.Watkins@pitt.edu](mailto:Simon.Watkins@pitt.edu)).

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### 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>

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### Community Liver Alliance Liver Journal Club

The Community Liver Alliance invites you to join for the 2021 Virtual Liver Journal Club on March 29, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The topic is “**Recent clinical trials on HCC and PBC management.**” Our Liver Journal Club Directors are [David Geller, MD](#), PLRC member and Co-Director of CBRPC, with the UPMC Liver Cancer Center and [Michael Babich, MD](#) with the AHN Center for Digestive Health and Nutrition. The first Liver Journal Club will feature the following presentations outlined in the agenda below. There will be a 15-minute presentation and 15-minute discussion by faculty, per article. The program will educate hepatologists, gastroenterologists, oncologists, primary care

physicians and other health care providers involved in the management of patients with liver disease.

Please register in advance before Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> using link [here](#).  
A Zoom link will be sent to registrants

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### **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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### **Post-Doc Position Available - Dr. Duncan Lab**

A postdoctoral research position is available in the laboratory of Dr. Andrew Duncan in the Department of Pathology and McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. We are looking for a highly motivated individual to participate in an NIH-funded project related to liver pathobiology. Polyploidy is a defining feature of the liver where polyploid hepatocytes represent half of hepatocytes in humans and as many as 90% in mice.

Although polyploid hepatocytes have been recognized for over 100 years, the functional role of these cells is poorly understood. Ongoing projects explore (a) how diploid and polyploid hepatocytes respond to acute injury; (b) the role of cell polarity in regulation of mitotic fidelity; and (c) mechanisms of liver adaptation to chronic injury .

**[Click here for more information](#)**

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### **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](mailto:singha16@upmd.edu)) if you have specific questions or suggestions.*

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **UEGF Research Prize**

United European Gastroenterology Federation (UEGF)

**To see all NIH Grants sorted by week, please visit: NIH Guide: 2021**

For Weeks Ending:

- **[March 26](#)**
- **[March 19](#)**

**[Click here](#) for all current NIDDK Funding opportunities**

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