

LIVER DIGEST

A weekly update of PLRC happenings

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The next PLRC virtual seminar will be held on **Tuesday, April 20 at 12:00pm**. **Dr. Michael Jurczak**, current PLRC Member and Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Endocrinology and Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, will be presenting with a talk entitled, “**Reduced mitophagy during the pathogenesis of NAFLD: Innocent bystander or active contributor?**”
[Click here for meeting information.](#)

Dr. Sungjin Ko receives R01 Funding

Dr. Ko awarded NIH funding for a study to identify therapeutic options for intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma. This project is funded for 5 years through NIH, NCI. Congratulations!

[Click here to read the full abstract.](#)

Liver Cancer Seminar Series Thursday, April 22 at 2:00pm

NIH National Cancer Institute Center for Cancer Research is hosting a Seminar Series on Thursday, April 22 from 2:00-3:00 pm EST. **Dr. Bernadette Redd**, Staff Clinician in the Radiology and Imaging Sciences Department at the NIH Clinical Center, will be presenting. The title of the talk will be, “LIRADS (Liver Imaging-Reporting and Data System): Implications for Patient Care.”

[Click here for more information.](#)

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](#)

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

Gilead Sciences Research Scholars Cardiovascular Comorbidities Program

Gilead Sciences, Inc.

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

For Weeks Ending:

- [April 16](#)
- [April 9](#)

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

Pfizer Research Programs

Pfizer's Centers for Therapeutic Innovation (CTIs) are searching for new research programs within their strategic emerging scientific areas.

- Oncology – Tumor Targeted, Immuno-Oncology, and Cancer Vaccines
- Internal Medicine – Obesity/Cachexia, Heart Failure, Diabetic/Chronic Kidney Disease, and NASH/T2D
- Inflammation & Immunology – Rheumatology, Gastroenterology, Medical Dermatology
- Rare Disease – Cardiology, Neuro-musc., Metabolic, Hematology

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