

# LIVER DIGEST

A weekly update of PLRC happenings

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### **PLRC Seminar Suggestions for Fall 2021 and Beyond**

We are currently preparing for our PLRC Research Seminars for September 2021 and beyond, and we would like to ask PLRC members to send us suggestions for speakers to invite. Please email Amanda Bytzura ([bytzuraam@upmc.edu](mailto:bytzuraam@upmc.edu)) and Dr. Kari Nejak-Bowen ([knnst5@pitt.edu](mailto:knnst5@pitt.edu)) with the names of any suggestions you may have by June 15, 2021.

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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](#) for up to date news, and upcoming seminar and event information. Contact AJ Singh ([singha16@upmc.edu](mailto:singha16@upmc.edu)) if you have specific questions or suggestions.

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### **The Next PLRC Virtual Seminar will be Tuesday, June 1 at 12:00pm**

The next PLRC Virtual Seminar will be held on Tuesday, June 1 at 12:00pm via Zoom. Dr. Paul Johnston, PLRC member and Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh, will be presenting a talk, entitled, "**Quantitative High Throughput Screening (qHTS) of Patient Derived Hepatocellular Carcinoma Models to Identify Novel Probes or Drug Leads for Development into Therapeutic Agents.**"

**Zoom Meeting: <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/94996033342>**

**Passcode: 885456**

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### **Liver Cancer Seminar Series Thursday, June 3 at 2:00pm**

NIH National Cancer Institute Center for Cancer Research is hosting a Seminar Series on Thursday, June 3 from 2:00pm – 3:00pm EST. **Dr. Lewis Roberts**, the Peter and Frances Georgeson Professor in Gastroenterology Cancer Research and Director of the Hepatobiliary Neoplasia Clinic at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, will be presenting. The title of the talk will be, "**Genomics and Cancer Biomarkers for HCC: Potential Applications in Surveillance, Diagnosis, Patient Outcomes, and Personalized Therapy.**"

To join in on Zoom, click here

**Click here for more information on NCI Liver Cancer Program**

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**AASLD Masterclass 2021 for Early Career Investigators**

"The **2021 AASLD/EASL Masterclass**, provides a unique educational collaboration of clinical, basic, and translational scientists from leading academic medical institutions from both sides of the Atlantic. Participants will attend a two-day intensive training session designed for future leaders in academic hepatology. The program will consist of academic lectures, interactive break-out sessions, individual meetings with tutors, abstract presentations and a poster session, and social events to give early-stage investigators (MD, PhD, or MD/PhD, or equivalent) the opportunity to network with world leaders in hepatology. This year's program is hosted by AASLD and will be held in the U.S.A."  
**To Learn more and to apply, Click Here**

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### **Post-Doc Positions available**

The laboratory of Dr. Mo Ebrahimkhani at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Pittsburgh Liver Research Center seek qualified candidates for two post-doc positions.  
**Click here for more information.**  
**Ebrahimkhani Lab website**

The laboratory of Dr. Samira Kiani at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Pittsburgh Liver Research Center seek qualified candidates for two post-doc positions.  
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**Kiani Lab website**

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### **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Investigator-Initiated Study (IIS) Program**

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