

LIVER DIGEST

A weekly update of PLRC happenings

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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) if you have specific questions or suggestions.

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PLRC Annual Retreat

The Pittsburgh Liver Research Center will be hosting it's PLRC Annual Retreat this fall at

the University Club. We are excited to share that our keynote speaker will be Dr. Sonya MacParland. Dr. MacParland is a Scientist at the Toronto General Research Institute, and Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto in the Departments of Immunology, and Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology. She is also the Course Director of the UHN/U of T Training Program in Regenerative Medicine. Dr. MacParland has done seminal work in single cell mapping of the human liver with emphasis on immune cells. More information on the retreat will be forthcoming and an RSVP will be sent out via email.

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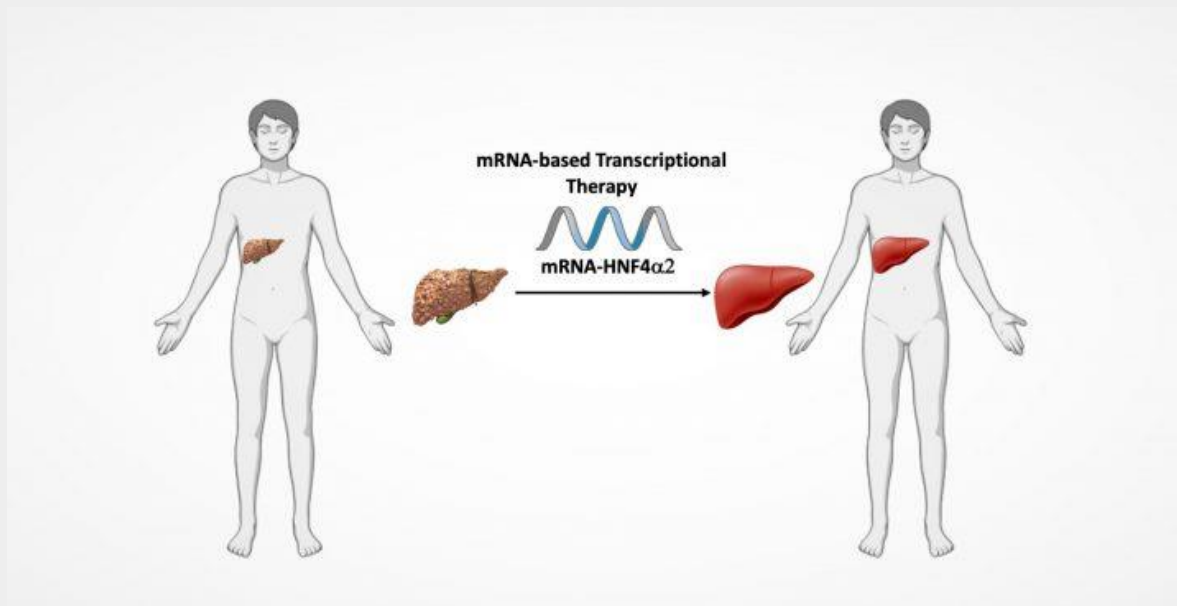
Dr. Kari Nejak-Bowen appointed as an Associate Editor of Hepatology

PLRC Member [Dr. Kari Nejak-Bowen](#), Director of [Enrichment Programs](#) and Associate Professor of Pathology, appointed as one of the Associate Editors of [Hepatology](#).

Dr. Alex Soto-Gutierrez UPMC Press Release

[Dr. Alex Soto-Gutierrez](#), Director HSLBC and Associate Professor of Pathology, shared insight with UPMC Press regarding a vaccine to cure terminal liver failure in patients. [Dr. Ira Fox](#), PLRC member and Professor of Surgery, co-authored this manuscript in Hepatology communications, entitled, "Hepatocyte Nuclear Factor 4 alpha 2 Messenger RNA Reprograms Liver-Enriched Transcription Factors and Functional Proteins in End-Stage Cirrhotic Human Hepatocytes."

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Dr. Sadeesh Ramakrishnan co-authors a study published in Cellular and Molecular Gastroenterology and Hepatology

PLRC Member **Dr. Sadeesh Ramakrishnan**, Assistant Professor of Medicine, co-authored a study in Cellular and Molecular Gastroenterology and Hepatology, entitled, "Hypoxia via ERK Signaling Inhibits Hepatic PPAR α to Promote Fatty Liver."

[Click here to read the full Article](#)

Mooli RGR, Rodriguez J, Takahashi S, Solanki S, Gonzalez FJ, Ramakrishnan SK, Shah YM. Hypoxia via ERK Signaling Inhibits Hepatic PPAR α to Promote Fatty Liver. Cell Mol Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2021 Mar 30;12(2):585-597. doi: 10.1016/j.jcmgh.2021.03.011. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 33798787; PMCID: PMC8258975.

AASLD Summer Webinar Series



Summer Webinar Series (Register online):

All times in ET

Tuesday, July 13 at 1-2PM

Gaps in Advance Care Planning at Transplant Centers: Call for Action

Tuesday, July 27 at 1-2PM

Genetics of NAFLD

Wednesday, August 11 at 11am-12pm

Cardiovascular Disease in NASH Patients

Thursday, August 26 at 12pm-1pm

The Use of Quantitative HBSAG in Clinical Practice

Frontiers in Stem Cells in Cancer

FriSC² is annual advanced training course that trains 16 promising trainees from

predominantly under-represented communities in sophisticated technologies for clinically relevant discoveries in cancer. The purpose of the training course is to provide comprehensive training in research strategies and state-of-the-art methods on cellular, molecular, and genetic approaches for advancing cancer research. It is a dynamic course that offers a series of daily lectures on merging concepts, followed by discussions and laboratory research over a week period. Our intention is to give trainees the knowledge of 'hands-on' laboratory techniques, career mentoring, and the ethical-legal-societal impact of cancer and stem cell research to greatly enhance their careers in this field. FriSC² has been created for promising **graduate students, post-docs, physician-scientists and other scientists**.

[Click here for the full Agenda](#)

Please download the applications for the courses at **www.pdc.magee.edu** or email at **frontiers@mwri.magee.edu** with any questions. **Course tuition will be waived for all applicants.**

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."

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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.

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[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](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Or click below:

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- [July 9](#)

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