

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; Full Program Announced, see Agenda linked below. September 28, 11am-8pm

The Pittsburgh Liver Research Center will be hosting its 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.

The PLRC is thrilled to host **Dr. Anantha Shekhar**, Senior Vice Chancellor for the Health Sciences and John and Gertrude Peterson Dean of the School of Medicine. Dr. Shekhar joined the University of Pittsburgh in June 2020 and is a nationally recognized educator, basic and clinical researcher, and entrepreneur, leading all Pitt health sciences schools with an educational initiative, modeled, "impact through translation."

Click here for the PLRC Retreat Agenda
RSVP will be sent out shortly.

Click here for more information

PLRC Virtual Seminar on Tuesday, September 7 at 12pm

The next PLRC virtual seminar will be held on Tuesday, September 7 at 12:00 pm via Zoom. **Dr. Natalie Nieto**, Professor of Pathology at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will be presenting a talk, entitled, "**Tole of HMGB1 in liver fibrosis.**"

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

PLRC Pilot & Feasibility Grant Program Call for Applications for 2022

The Pittsburgh Liver Research Center Pilot & Feasibility Grant Program is requesting applications for 2022

[Click here for the RFA
PLRC PF Grant Program](#)

Cell Symposia Online Virtual Event

Cell-NCI Symposium: Beyond Cancer Genomics Toward Precision Oncology
ONLINE – LIVE & ON DEMAND
October 4–6, 2021

As the future situation regarding international travel remains uncertain, we have made the decision to switch the **Cell-NCI Symposium: Beyond Cancer Genomics Toward Precision Oncology** to our fully interactive online conference platform.

To facilitate presentation of the latest research and the opportunity for you to meet with your community we are pleased to host a 3-day online event from October 4–6, 2021. The Cell-NCI Symposium: Beyond Cancer Genomics Toward Precision Oncology online programme will include access to the same great content planned for our in-person event with presentations from our invited speakers together with contributed talks and ePosters, all available on-demand for 6 months after the event. You can stream this interactive conference experience live from your desktop or mobile device and connect during the event with speakers and other attendees.

[Click here to see the full program](#)
[To Register, click here](#)

DOM's Annual Internal Medicine Course held virtually on October 21 & 22

DOM's annual Internal Medicine course will be held virtually on October 21 & 22. Drs. McGrath & PLRC member **Dr. Jaideep Behari** are on course faculty.

- Registration is **free** for **fellows & trainees**, as well as all physicians, APP's, and nurses who are **within their first year of practice**. Contact **domuim@upmc.edu** for the discount code.
- Costs for all other physicians/medical professionals are \$245/\$145 through 9/9/21, or \$270/\$170 after 9/9/21.

To view the agenda & register, visit > **<https://cce.upmc.com/update-internal-medicine-2021#group-tabs-node-course-default1>**. Questions? > **domuim@upmc.edu**

3rd Annual Virtual Liver Cancer CME Conference

The Community Liver Alliance is collaborating with the University of Pittsburgh Liver Research Center and the Allegheny Health Network Cancer Center to host the 3rd Annual Liver Cancer Conference. This virtual Conference will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021 8:00 – 2:00 pm EST.

[Click here to see the Flyer](#)

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](#)

Next Generation Sequencing Workshops

The University of Pittsburgh's Center for Research Computing will be hosting fall 2021 workshops for Next Gen Seq. A variety of workshops will be held from Sep 14th through Nov 11. PLRC member and Manager of GSBC, Dr. Silvia Liu will be presenting Chip-Seq and ATAC-seq data analysis and WES/WGS variant calling on Tuesday Oct. 26 and Tuesday Nov. 9th, respectively. Participants should have/procure an account in HTC Cluster and be on a Pitt network or VPN.

[Click here for more information and to see all available workshops](#)

2021 Gordon Research Seminars on Alcohol-Induced End Organ Diseases

"The 2021 Gordon Research Seminar on Alcohol-Induced End Organ Diseases is an excellent opportunity for trainees in labs studying alcohol-associated injury spanning in experience from early graduate students to senior post-docs to meet and build a future network of peers."

[Click here for the flyer and additional information](#)

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.

[Click here for more information.](#)

[Kiani Lab website](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

AGA-Takeda Pharmaceuticals Research Scholar Award in Celiac Disease

AGA Research Foundation

American Gastroenterological Association (AGA)

Research Scholar Award (RSA)

AGA Research Foundation

American Gastroenterological Association (AGA)

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