

# LIVER DIGEST

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### **The next PLRC Virtual Seminar on Tuesday October 26 at Noon**

Our next seminar will be held on **Tuesday, October 26 at 12:00 pm**. Dr. Paul Dawson, Professor of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA, will be presenting with a talk, entitled, "There and Back Again: Molecular Mechanisms of Enterohepatic Cycling and Signaling."

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

This seminar has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Please text code DOSSAH to 412-312-4424 to obtain credit.

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## **Dr. Jian-Hua Luo publishes manuscript in Hepatology Communications**

Dr. Jian-Hua Luo published a manuscript in Hepatology Communications, entitled, "Oncogenic Activity of Solute Carrier Family 45 Member 2 and Alpha-Methylacyl-Coenzyme A Racemase Gene Fusion Is Mediated by Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase." The following PLRC members contributed to the paper: **Dr. Michael Nalesnik**, **Dr. Paul Monga**, **Dr. George Michalopoulos**, **Dr. Tirthadipa Pradhan-Sundd**, Dr. **Silvia Liu**, and **Dr. Yanping Yu**.

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

Zuo ZH, Yu YP, Ren BG, Liu S, Nelson J, Wang Z, Tao J, Pradhan-Sundd T, Bhargava R, Michalopoulos G, Chen Q, Zhang J, Ma D, Pennathur A, Luketich J, Satdarshan Monga P, Nalesnik M, Luo JH. Oncogenic Activity of Solute Carrier Family 45 Member 2 and Alpha-Methylacyl-Coenzyme A Racemase Gene Fusion Is Mediated by Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase. Hepatol Commun. 2021 Sep 10. doi: 10.1002/hep4.1724. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 34505419

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## **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](#)**

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## 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**

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## 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. PLRC Members, **Dr. Paul Monga**, **Dr. David Geller**, and **Dr. Obaid Shaikh** will be presenting at the conference.

This virtual Conference will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021 8:00 – 2:00 pm EST. The registration deadline is October 27.

**[Click here to see the Flyer](#)**

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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." **Friday, December 10, 2021 - 8:00 am - Sunday, December 12, 2021 - 1:00 pm**  
**To Learn more and to apply, Click Here**

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Sylvi Calas award**

Munuais- ja Maksaliitto | Kidney and Liver - Finland

### **Grants for research into kidney diseases**

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### **Research Grants**

Oxalosis and Hyperoxaluria Foundation (OHF)

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

Or click below:

- **[October 22](#)**
- **[October 15](#)**

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