

# LIVER DIGEST

November 11, 2022

A bi-weekly update of PLRC happenings



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## Faculty Highlight

Dr. Kari Nejak-Bowen, Associate Professor of Pathology, Director of the Enrichment program of the Pittsburgh Liver Research Center, was honored by the Biomedical Graduate Student Association as “Outstanding Mentor of the Year” for 2022.



Dr. Salim Khan, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, presented her with a plaque as well as the “Philosophers Stone” commemorating the honor at the BGSA Symposium on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Way to Go! CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Please acknowledge all support from the PLRC in your publications and presentations. (NIH/NIDDK P30DK120531)**

Please continue to share your relevant accolades (grants, publications, awards and other news worthy items) with us, as it relates to the PLRC mission, so we can share with all of our members.

Please visit the PLRC website ([www.livercenter.pitt.edu](http://www.livercenter.pitt.edu)) for up-to-date news, and upcoming seminar and event information. Contact Aaron Bell ([bellaaaro@pitt.edu](mailto:bellaaaro@pitt.edu)) if you have specific questions or suggestions.

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## Faculty Highlight



**Edward Hurley, MD.**, Assistant professor in the department of Pediatrics, Associate member of the PLRC and 2022 Pilot & Feasibility grant awardee published an article in the Journal of Pathology entitled: **“Inhibition of HSF1 Signaling Decreases Hepatoblastoma Growth Via Induction of Apoptosis”**.

The study was done in collaboration with PLRC members **Silvia Liu** and **Paul Monga**.

Link to article: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajpath.2022.10.006>

## PLRC SEMINARS

- **NOV 15 @ 12:00PM-1:00PM S120BST & ZOOM**  
Title: “Role of Mitochondria in Hepatic Pathobiology – Examples from Hepatotoxicity and Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic Steatohepatitis”



**John Lemasters, MD, PhD**

Professor and GlaxoSmithKline Distinguished Endowed Chair  
Director, Center for Cell Death, Injury & Regeneration  
Departments of Drug Discovery & Biomedical Sciences and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
Medical University of South Carolina  
Charleston, South Carolina

- **NOV 29 @ 12:00PM-1:00PM Virtual via ZOOM**  
Title: “Opportunities and challenges of IO combinations in HCC: from clinical trials to real world”



**Josepmaria Argemi, MD, PhD**

Adjunct Assistant Professor,  
University of Pittsburgh  
Principal Investigator, Hepatology Program of the Center for Applied Medical Research (CIMA)  
Universidad de Navarra  
Pamplona, Spain

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **12/1/22 K-Club Meeting**  
K-Club Members: Please join us for our next meeting on **Thursday, December 1 at 4:30pm at the University Club**. The K-Club meets quarterly during the academic year and covers topics related to career development award formulation, progress, submission, and post-award processes. Meetings also aim to understand the needs of those who seek grant funding, and prompts ideas for program development and expansion.  
**Dr. Gavin Arteel**, PLRC member and director of the Pilot and Feasibility Program, will present a short talk on study sections. For more information on the K Club, please [click here](#). We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!
- **12/3/22 UPMC Annual Update in Medical Hepatology:** which will occur as an in-person conference on Saturday December 3, 2022 at the University Club. **7:00AM-2:30PM**  
**Dr. Jaideep Behari**, Dr. Shahid Malik, and Amy Schmotzer are event co-directors and planners. Many of our internal faculty and Center for Liver Diseases team members will speak, and we are honored to welcome Dr. Binu John (Miami) and Dr. Kimberly Watt (Mayo Rochester) as guest faculty. This course’s unique lunch breakouts are geared to liver associates, clinicians, and trainees. So, please **encourage attendance from your APP, RN, fellow, resident, and med student associates and your referring practitioners**. **Through Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>**, costs are **\$50 for faculty and are FREE for everyone else**. After 11/21/22 or on site, a late-registration fee will apply. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served as part of the course  
Registration Link: [course registration](#)  
Agenda: [PDF file](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEW!** The Community Liver Alliance & The Pittsburgh Liver Research Center will cosponsor a Pilot and Feasibility Grant beginning in the 2023 Funding cycle.



## Funding Opportunities

- Junior Faculty Development Grants [American College of Gastroenterology \(ACG\)](#)
- Harness liver's regenerative capacity for late-stage NASH: due 12/15/22 [opnMe](#) (Boehringer-Ingelheim-collaboration)
- To see all NIH Grants sorted by week, please visit: [NIH Guide: 2022](#) Or click below:
  - [Nov 11](#)
  - [Nov 4](#)
  - [Oct 28](#)
- [Click here](#) for all current NIDDK Funding opportunities

**\*\*NEW\*\***

## WANT ADS

- This section is available for PLRC members to communicate wants or needs in your laboratories.
  - Available positions
  - Collaboration ideas
  - Equipment needs

Please send any "wants/needs" to be advertised to [bellaaro@pitt.edu](mailto:bellaaro@pitt.edu) (Aaron Bell)