This seminar series will provide updates on the diagnosis and treatment of chronic liver disease with a strong focus on patient care and symptom management. Teams of local, hepatology experts (physicians and advanced-practice providers) will deliver an interdisciplinary, team-based approach in a classroom setting that stresses interaction between participants and faculty.

To lower the barriers to participation and increase access, the program will be offered on Saturdays in twelve cities throughout the country beginning in December 2018. See the calendar of programs.

The seminar will concentrate on key diseases of the liver and address the latest diagnosis, treatment and care management approaches for each.

**Primary Biliary Cholangitis (PBC)** is an old disease but one that is experiencing some major changes. A new treatment, Obeticholic Acid (OCA), the first new drug for the disease in 20 years, is a breakthrough for patients who have had an incomplete response to Ursodiol (URSO).

**Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH)** is an epidemic in the US and is expected to be the major cause of cirrhosis in the coming decades as chronic Hepatitis C quickly wanes. There are many unmet needs associated with NASH including simple biomarkers and other non-invasive tests to help diagnose it and promising therapies coming out of research trials. Also there are new breakthroughs in the treatment of Thrombocytopenia and NAFLD.

**End Stage Liver Disease (ESLD)** is expected to continue to grow in prevalence largely due to the burden of chronic viral hepatitis that exists in our population. As these patients age, a larger number will develop decompensation events such as variceal bleeding, hepatic encephalopathy, hyponatremia and renal failure.

**Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC)** is the most common form of liver cancer and occurs predominantly in patients with underlying chronic liver disease and cirrhosis. HCC is now the third leading cause of cancer deaths worldwide, with over 500,000 people affected. New research is suggesting some promising therapies to treat and/or reduce tumor size.

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**SEMINAR OVERVIEW**

The conference will focus on the challenges of: Diagnosis and treatment of chronic liver disease, current and emerging drug and surgical therapies and incorporating new knowledge to improve patient outcomes.

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- Strong patient-focused educational sessions using evidence-based studies from the latest AASLD, EASL and DDW programs
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**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

These are the providers who are primarily tasked with caring for patients with chronic liver disease, both in the hospital and in the outpatient setting.

**FUTURE EVENTS**

- **San Diego, CA**
  - December 1
- **Seattle, WA**
  - December 8
- **St. Louis, MO**
  - February 9
- **Dallas, TX**
  - March 2
- **Washington, DC**
  - June 8
- **Denver, CO**
  - June 22

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

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**LOCATIONS & FACULTY**

- **San Diego, CA**
  - Saturday, December 1, 2018
  - Marriott La Jolla Hotel
  - Paul Pockros, MD
  - Scrupp Clinic
  - Robert Gross, MD
  - Stanford University School of Medicine
  - Lisa Richards, PA-C
  - University of California, San Diego Medical Center

- **Seattle, WA**
  - Saturday, December 8, 2018
  - Seattle Renaissance Hotel
  - Kris Rowley, MD
  - Swedish Medical Center
  - Charles Landis, MD, PhD
  - University of Washington Medical Center
  - Paula C. Cox-North, PhD, APRN
  - Harborview Medical Center

- **Louisville, KY**
  - Saturday, February 9, 2019
  - University of Louisville, Clinical & Translational Research Building

- **St. Louis, MO**
  - Saturday, February 23, 2019
  - Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel
  - Bruce Bacon, MD
  - St. Louis University School of Medicine
  - Adrian Di Bisceglie, MD
  - St. Louis University School of Medicine
  - Alexa Fider-Whyte, PA-C
  - St. Louis University School of Medicine

- **Dallas, TX**
  - Saturday, March 2, 2019
  - Embassy Suites Dallas Park Central
  - Stephen Harrison, MD
  - University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

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  - December 8, 2018
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- **Dallas, TX**
  - March 2, 2019
- **Palo Alto, CA**
  - March 16, 2019
- **New Orleans, LA**
  - March 30, 2019
- **Pasadena, CA**
  - April 27, 2019
- **Raleigh, NC**
  - May 4, 2019
- **Detroit, MI**
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Registration Information

**Early Registration**
- Physicians and Clinical Pharmacists: $95
- Nurses, Nurse Practitioners and PAs: $70
- Medical Residents & Fellows: $60

**Regular Registration**
- Physicians and Clinical Pharmacists: $115
- Nurses, Nurse Practitioners and PAs: $90
- Medical Residents & Fellows: $80

Or call: University of Louisville CME & PD (502) 852-5329

**EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES**

After attending this activity, participants should be able to:

- Summarize the causes of chronic liver disease and hepatic encephalopathy
- Comprehend the complexities of organ transplant procedures and waitlists
- Review the current therapies for PBC and clinical approaches for PSC
- Learn about diagnostic tests for NASH that may soon be in daily use
- Discuss the importance of liver biopsy for assessment of liver disease as well as less invasive tools and procedures
- Integrate newer treatment options for HCC as well as approaches to reduce tumor size and number
- Discover why Immunotherapy is the new Method of Action for Hepatocellular Carcinoma
- Discuss treatment options for thrombocytopenia, including therapeutic alternatives to platelet transfusion
- Expose the progression pathways of Fatty Liver Disease to NASH to Liver Cancer to improve patient management processes and clinical outcomes.
- Utilize current clinical cases to improve diagnostic and treatment skills

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**Paul Pockros, MD, FACG**
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**Catherine Fernette, MD**
Medical Director for Liver Transplantation
Scripps Center for Organ and Cell Transplantation

**SCHEDULE**

**7:30 am**
Registration, Continental Breakfast & View Exhibits

**8:00 am**
Welcome and Pre-Test

**8:20 am**
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Liver Transplantation
- Listing criteria, MELD scores, exceptions and the transplant process
- Case Study 1 - Cirrhosis and Encephalopathy

**9:20 am**
Hepatocellular Carcinoma
- Imaging, diagnostic serum assays and imaging tests
- Diagnosis without histology
- Treatment and management options:
  - Ablation, TACE and Surgery

**10:00 am**
Break & View Exhibits

**10:15 am**
Hepatocellular Carcinoma: New Systemic Treatment Options
- Current FDA-approved therapies
- New chemotherapy regimens in development and testing
- Immunotherapy as the new MoA for HCC

**Case Study 2** - Diagnosis and Treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma

**11:00 am**
Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC)
- Epidemiology
- Ursodiol and Antibiotic Treatments
- Predicting Outcomes and Improving Survival

**11:25 am**
New Treatments for Primary Biliary Cholangitis (PBC)
- Causes and Markers of PBC
- Treatment Management
- Ursodeoxycholic Acid (UDCA) and Obeticholic Acid

**12:00 pm**
Luncheon and Educational Session

**12:45 pm**
Coffee and Dessert & View Exhibits

**1:00 pm**
The Best Use of Non-Invasive Imaging for Fibrosis Assessment
- Technologies, Procedures and Outcomes

**1:30 pm**
NAFLD, LALD and NASH
- Epidemiology, Demographics and Diagnosis
- Treatment options for Thrombocytopenia, including alternatives to platelet transfusion.
- Treatment of patients with Lysosomal Acid Lipase Deficiency (LALD) causing adult Fatty Liver Disease

**2:15 pm**
Break & View Exhibits

**2:30 pm**
NASH Treatments in Development
- Current Therapies for NASH
- Life style change as a therapy
- Drugs in clinical development for NASH

**3:30 pm**
Post Test and Adjourn at 3:45pm

**ACREDITATION**

**Joint Provider Statement**
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