Course Overview

This CME conference will review new medications and therapies that are now available, or will soon be available, and discuss their comparative values. The results of trials using new drugs to treat chronic viral hepatitis B and C, non-alcoholic fatty liver diseases, primary biliary cirrhosis, primary sclerosing cholangitis, hepatocellular carcinoma and complications of end-stage liver disease will be reviewed in detail. New Treatments in Chronic Liver Disease is a comprehensive yet concise program for updating physicians on these and other commonly encountered problems in the treatment of liver diseases.

There was a fundamental change in the treatment of chronic hepatitis C in late 2014 with the addition of multiple new direct-acting antiviral (DAAs) drugs to current standard of care for all genotypes. There will be two separate lectures devoted to this topic this year. The first will be on currently available all-oral therapies that have been approved and are currently in use. The second will be on the use of non-invasive markers of fibrosis to differentiate patients with advanced fibrosis as this is now the only important predictor of treatment choices. In addition, the pre-conference will extensively detail currently available treatment regimens with the goal of introducing the topic to new treaters.

The land importance of hepatitis E, in both acute and chronic forms, has become increasingly clear in the last year. For this reason, we have invited Rajender Reddy, MD Director of Hepatology and Medical Director of Liver Transplantation, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania to speak on the topic as the William S. Haubrich Memorial Lecturer for 2018.

In hepatitis B, the treatments have not changed but there is more mature data available on long-term HBsAg loss and clinical outcomes. The addition of immune-mediated therapies for HBV with the goal of curing the disease has been included in this year’s program. New therapies for NAFLD and NASH are in development and important new data showing positive results in NASH will be presented at this meeting. The explosive growth of NASH in the US has created a significant need for effective drug therapy. The diagnosis and management of incidental lesions identified on routine imaging will be a devoted topic this year at the request of many past attendees. This is now a common problem that most providers are facing. There will be an update on management of hepatic encephalopathy, hyponatremia and the management of complications in the transplant candidate.

Accreditation

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Credit Breakdown:

Pre-Conference (Fri): 3.5
Main Conference (Sat-Sun): 10

American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)
The American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) accepts Category 1 credit from AMA PRA Category 1 CME organizations accredited by the ACCME.

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Commercial Support

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Educational Objectives

After attending this live activity, participants should be able to:

- Detail the AASLD guidelines for treatment of HCV using DAAs in IFN-free regimens.
- Review our current knowledge of NAFLD and non-alcoholic steatohepatitis and explore the use of new agents and approaches to treatment of the conditions.
- Integrate the algorithm for a therapeutic approach to treatment of HBV using anti-virals.
- Discuss diagnosis, management and treatment of acute and chronic hepatitis E infections.
- Update the skills and management required for transplant hepatology.
- Apply current options of therapy for hepatocellular carcinoma to determine the best approach for your patients.
- Describe the diagnosis and treatment of PBC and PSC.
- Integrate treatment options discussed for patients with ESLD due to alcohol who have complicating factors such as HCV, NASH or inherited genetic disorders.
- Discuss the issues complicating drug treatment in decompensated cirrhosis, hepatic encephalopathy and hyponatremia.
- Update the diagnosis and management of both autoimmune hepatitis (AIH) and drug-induced liver injury (DILI).
Pre-Conference Overview
We will review the virology, genotypes, modes of infection of HCV and characteristics of the clinical illness caused by acute and chronic infections. Tests for HCV, including PCR assays and genotyping, interpretations and indications for liver biopsies and complications of cirrhosis will also be discussed. We will show how to initiate and monitor patients during treatment with multiple anti-viral oral regimens, how to manage side effects of therapy and deal with various patient populations including HIV-coinfected, CKD on hemodialysis and ESLD patients. Lastly, the AASLD/IDSA Guidelines will be reviewed.

Pre-Conference
Friday, March 9, 2018
12:30 p.m.  Registration
1 p.m.  Welcome & Introduction
          Paul Pockros, MD
1:10 p.m.  Update on HCV Diagnostics
          Paul Pockros, MD
1:40 p.m.  Update on Current Therapy with All-Oral Regimens
          Paul Pockros, MD
2:40 p.m.  Break & View Exhibits
3 p.m.  Cirrhosis and Post-Transplant
          Catherine Frenette, MD
4:20 p.m.  Case Presentation, Discussion and Q&A
          • Selection of Treatment
          • Cirrhosis: Who to Treat
          • Special Populations
          Yuki Rosenkoetter, PA-C, MPAS
5 p.m.  Adjourn

Disclosures
Faculty Disclosure
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Main Conference

Saturday, March 10, 2018

7:30 a.m.  Registration, Breakfast & View Exhibits
8 a.m.  Welcome & Introduction  
Paul Pockros, MD

CHRONIC VIRAL HEPATITIS  
Moderator: Paul Pockros, MD

8:15 a.m.  WILLIAM S HAUBRICH MEMORIAL LECTURE  
What You Need to Know About Hepatitis E  
Rajender Reddy, MD

9 a.m.  Update of Guidelines for Treatment of HCV  
Paul Pockros, MD

9:45 a.m.  Use of Transient Elastography in Chronic Viral Hepatitis  
Joseph Lim, MD

10:30 a.m.  Break & View Exhibits

11 a.m.  HBV-Update and Guidelines  
Kris Kowdley, MD

DEBATE  
Should We Be Transplanting HCV-infected Organs into Uninfected Patients?

11:45 a.m.  Yes  
Rajender Reddy, MD

11:50 a.m.  No  
Joseph Lim, MD

Noon  Panel Discussion  
Joseph Lim, MD  
Rajender Reddy, MD  
Kris Kowdley, MD

12:30 a.m.  Lunch

1 p.m.  NAFLD / NASH  
Moderator: Bahar Madani, MD

1:45 p.m.  PBC, PSC  
Christopher Bowlus, MD

2:30 p.m.  Break & View Exhibits

3 p.m.  AIH and DILI  
John Vierling, MD

DEBATE  
Should all Potential NASH Patients be Biospied?

3:45 p.m.  Yes  
Kris Kowdley, MD

3:50 p.m.  No  
Christopher Bowlus, MD

4 p.m.  Panel Discussion  
Kris Kowdley, MD  
Christopher Bowlus, MD  
M, John Vierling, MD

4:30 p.m.  Adjourn

Sunday, March 11, 2018

7:30 a.m.  Breakfast & View Exhibits

ESLD, TRANSPLANTATION, HCC  
Moderator: Catherine Frenette, MD

8 a.m.  Hepatic Encephalopathy: What You Need to Know about Driving  
Norman Sussman, MD

8:45 a.m.  Liver Transplantation: What has Changed in 2018  
Rajender Reddy, MD

9:30 a.m.  Incidental Liver Lesions: When to Relax, When to Follow Up, and When to Panic  
Catherine Frenette, MD

10:15 a.m.  Break & View Exhibits

DEBATE  
When Should We Call Palliative Care for the ESLD patient?

10:30 a.m.  Frequently  
Rajender Reddy, MD

10:45 a.m.  Never  
Norman Sussman, MD

11 a.m.  Panel Discussion  
Catherine Frenette, MD  
Rajender Reddy, MD  
Norman Sussman, MD

11:45 a.m.  Adjournment
### Pre-Conference Fees

**Included:** Course tuition, access to conference materials (via mobile app and conference website) and internet in meeting space.

**Not Included:** Printed course syllabus, meals, travel costs, parking and lodging.

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### Main Conference Fees

**Included:** Course tuition, access to conference materials (via mobile app and conference website), internet in meeting space, breakfasts, breaks and lunch.

**Not Included:** Printed course syllabus, travel costs, parking, lodging and dinners.

*Please note: there are no day rates available for this conference.*

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The course tuition is refundable, minus a $100 processing fee for the main conference ($40 for Fellows and Residents) and $20 processing fee for the pre-conference if your cancellation is received in writing no later than March 5, 2018. Attendee substitutions are allowed, but notification must be made in writing by March 5, 2018. After this date, under no circumstances will refunds, credits, or substitutions be granted. No refunds or credits will be given to “no shows.”

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### Conference Location

**Estancia La Jolla Hotel**

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target audience

- Hepatologists
- Gastroenterologists
- Infectious Disease Specialists
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Nurses
- Residents/Fellows
- and others desiring an update in these specialty areas