



**INTERNATIONAL LIVER TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY**  
The knowledge network for liver transplantation

## President's Message

Dear ##[Name | First]##,

I hope this message finds you well.

As the spring has now officially begun along with the re-birth of Earth, I would like to wish **Happy Norouz** to those who celebrated the beginning of the New Year on the first day of spring.

I am thrilled to share the remarkable success of the recent [Consensus Conference in Toronto](#). Over 200 experts in Living Liver Donation gathered to reach Consensus and develop guidelines for “Safety of Living Liver Donors: short and longterm outcomes.” These guidelines promise to be transformative for our field. I would like to extend my gratitude to iLDLT Group for their partnership, the Scientific Program Chairs, and the invaluable support of ILTS Vanguard Committee members, and the Riggs Group as well as the local team in Toronto for their unwavering commitment and assistance in making this event a great success.



Looking ahead, our focus shifts to the highly anticipated Annual Congress in Singapore. With an impressive lineup of renowned speakers, this Congress promises to deliver a blend of ILTS's tradition of practical knowledge-sharing along with the latest advancements shaping the future of liver transplantation. Don't miss on the **Pre-meeting Symposium: The Power of Collaboration**, the **Allied Health Professionals session**, our hands-on **Machine Perfusion & Advanced Anesthesia TEE workshops**. We are also excited this year for the inaugural

**Transplant Program Leadership & Financial Development** Workshop. You can find the details for all the programs and workshops [here](#).

We hope you will join us in person to experience one of the most anticipated meetings of the year! Don't miss out on [Early Bird Discounts](#) until March 27th 2025.

Finally, I am excited to share with you the results of our elections for the new Executive and Council Members. Dr **Wojetk Polak** is elected as President Elect, **Dr James Pomposelli** Treasurer and Drs **Fuat Saner**, **Roberto Hernandez Alejandro** and **Faouzi Saliba** as Councilors-at-large. My heart felt congratulations to all of them.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Singapore

Warm regards,  
Nazia Selzner, MD, PhD  
ILTS President



## Upcoming ILTS Events



Experience **The 2025 International Congress of ILTS Advancing Liver Transplantation: Embracing Innovation for the Future** from May 28-31, 2025. Registration is open, and you can register by clicking [here!](#)

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## Society News

### ILTS Global Liver Transplant Mentorship Program

Are you a liver transplant professional seeking guidance, collaboration, and global connections? The ILTS-Global Liver

### Follow Our New Instagram Page

Stay connected with us and follow our new Instagram page, username [litsociety!](#) It's the perfect way to be part of our community and keep up with everything we're doing.

Transplant Mentorship (GLTM) programme bridges training gaps by pairing experienced mentors with early-career professionals in transplant surgery, hepatology, anesthesiology, and more. Through virtual mentorship, research collaboration, and networking, GLTM aims to elevate the standard of care worldwide and improve patient outcomes.

But that's not all — you can also find us on LinkedIn, X, and Facebook, where we share even more updates and connect with our community across different platforms.

Apply now by submitting the [GLTM Application Form](#). Questions? Contact: [staff@iltsociety.org](mailto:staff@iltsociety.org).

## **Celebration of ILTS Women on International Women's Day**

On International Women's Day, we celebrated the strength, resilience, and achievements of women everywhere. From breaking barriers to leading change, women continue to inspire progress in every field, every community, and every generation. Women have long played a pivotal role in shaping the field of medicine, and empowering women in medicine means advocating for equal leadership opportunities, closing gender pay gaps, and creating environments where mentorship and professional growth are accessible to all. Here's to strong women. Read below about our some of the amazing women in our ILTS community.



Dr. Magda El-Monayeri is a distinguished Professor of Pathology and Transplant Pathology at Ain Shams University, with a special focus on adult and pediatric liver



pathology. She serves as a Consultant Transplant Pathologist at Ain Shams Center of Organ Transplantation (ASCOT), Wadi El-Neel Hospital, and Egypt Air Hospital.

She received her PhD in General Pathology and trained in the Division of Liver and Transplantation Pathology at Edouard Herriot Hospital in Lyon, France. She has been an active member of the Banff Working Group on Liver Allograft Pathology, contributing to the development of consensus guidelines for standardizing allograft biopsy assessments. She is also a dedicated member of the Egyptian Liver Transplant Society (ELTS), the International Liver Transplant Society (ILTS), and the ILTS Pathology Committee, playing a key role in advancing liver transplant pathology worldwide.



Dr. Julie Heimbach is a Professor of Surgery and Director of the William Von Liebig Center for Transplantation at Mayo Clinic. An expert in abdominal transplant surgery, her focus includes living donor liver transplants, liver transplantation for malignancies, and obesity's impact on transplantation.

She has held several leadership roles, including serving on the OPTN Board, chairing the OPTN Liver Committee, and being a member of the governing board of the AASLD. She currently serves as the Treasurer of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons and as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Hepatology.

She has also been actively involved with ILTS, contributing to the Transplant Oncology Group and serving on the planning committee for two ILTS meetings.



Dr. Claire Francoz is a hepatologist specializing in liver intensive care and transplantation at Hôpital Beaujon, University of Paris VII. She currently leads the Liver Intensive Care Unit and Transplant Program in the department of hepatology.

Her research focuses on acute liver failure and decompensated cirrhosis, with a particular interest in renal failure. She has contributed extensively to the field, publishing over 150 papers in international peer-reviewed journals.

Dr. Francoz has held leadership roles within ILTS, previously serving as Vice-Chair of the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Committee and currently as a member of the Scientific and Educational Committee. She is also an Associate Editor for Transplantation and serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Hepatology.

## Upcoming Partner Events



### **The ESOT Congress 2025: Nurturing a sustainable transplantation journey.**

The ESOT Congress 2025: Nurturing a sustainable transplantation journey will be held in London from June 29- July 2, 2025. Find more details [here](#).



## ILLS 2025: The 5th World Congress of International Laparoscopic Liver Society

ILLS 2025 will be hosted in Korea for the first time since the establishment of ILLS in 2016. As the world's premier event in the field of liver resection, ILLS 2025 will bring together over 1,000 surgeons, academics, and industry experts from 30 countries worldwide. For more information, click [here](https://ills2025.com).

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## What We're Reading...

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***Selected articles by Daniel Aliseda, A Mi Mi Kyaw, Kenan Moral, Tommy Ivanics, Ryan Chadha, Abdul Rahman Hakeem, Ashwin Rammohan.***

### HEPATOLOGY

#### *Liver Transplantation*

**The landscape of liver transplantation for patients with alcohol-associated liver disease in the United States**

**Abstract:** Indications for liver transplants have expanded to include patients with alcohol-associated liver disease (ALD) over the last decade. Concurrently, the liver allocation policy was updated in February 2020 replacing the Donor Service Area with Acuity Circles (ACs). [Read more](#)

#### *Transplantation*

**Reappraisal of Donor Age in Liver Transplantation: NASH as a Potential Target to Safely Utilize Old Liver Grafts**

**Background:** With the chronic shortage of donated organs, expanding the indications for liver transplantation (LT) from older donors is critical. Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) stands out because of its unique systemic pathogenesis and high recurrence rate, both of which might make donor selection less decisive. [Read more](#)

#### *Liver Transplantation*

**Validation of mitochondrial FMN as a predictor for early allograft dysfunction and patient survival measured during hypothermic oxygenated perfusion**

**Background:** Hypothermic oxygenated machine perfusion (HOPE) preconditions liver grafts before transplantation. While beneficial effects on patient outcomes were demonstrated, biomarkers for viability assessment during HOPE are scarce and lack validation. [Read more](#)

### SURGERY

#### *Journal of Hepatology*

**The learning curve for robotic living donor right hepatectomy: Analysis of outcomes in 2 specialized centers**

**Background:** Robotic surgery is an emerging minimally invasive option for living donor hepatectomy. Currently, there are no studies on the learning curve of robotic donor hepatectomy. Thus, we evaluated

the learning curve for robotic donor right hepatectomy. [Read more](#)

### *American Journal of Transplantation*

#### **The urgent need for standardization in liver transplantation for unresectable colorectal liver metastases in the United States**

**Background:** The TransMet trial and Norwegian studies have shown excellent outcomes in highly selected patients undergoing liver transplant (LT) for unresectable colorectal liver metastases (uCRLM). In North America, the results have been inconsistent. [Read more](#)

### *Annals of Surgery*

#### **Living Donor Availability Improves Patient Survival in a North American Center: An Intention-to-treat Analysis**

**Background:** Living-donor liver transplantation (LDLT) offers an alternative to deceased donation in the face of organ shortage. An as-treated analysis revealed that undergoing LDLT, compared to staying on the waiting list, is associated with improved survival, even at Model for End-stage Liver Disease-sodium (MELD-Na) score of 11.

[Read more](#)

## **ANESTHESIA AND CRITICAL CARE**

### *Journal of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesia*

#### **Practical Considerations for Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation Use During Orthotopic Liver Transplantation**

**Background:** Patients undergoing liver transplantation infrequently require extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) support. However, when ECMO is required in the peritransplant period, several key considerations are required to maximize the efficacy of its support and minimize the risks of complications. [Read more](#)

### *Journal of Clinical Anesthesia*

#### **Effects of Desflurane versus sevoflurane on graft outcome of patients with cirrhosis receiving steatotic liver graft in deceased donor liver transplantation**

**Study Objective:** This study aimed to analyze the effects of two volatile anesthetic agents, desflurane and sevoflurane, on graft outcomes in patients undergoing deceased donor liver transplantation (DDLT) for cirrhosis, with a specific focus on fatty grafts. [Read more](#)

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

### *Liver Transplantation*

#### **Transforming the logistics of liver transplantation with normothermic machine perfusion: Clinical impact versus cost**

**Background:** Normothermic machine perfusion (NMP) facilitates utilization of marginal liver allografts. It remains unknown whether clinical benefits offset additional costs in the real-world setting. We performed a comparison of outcomes and hospitalization costs for donor livers preserved by NMP versus static cold storage (SCS) at a high-volume center. [Read more](#)

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