



INTERNATIONAL LIVER
TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY

NEWS

JULY 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE ILTS PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

July brings with it a full agenda — and a community that continues to show up in remarkable ways.

On July 28, we mark World Hepatitis Day, a timely reminder of why the work we do matters beyond the operating room. I encourage every member to use this moment to amplify the conversation in your institutions and communities.

Earlier this month, our team visited Montreal alongside local partners to begin preparations for the 2027 Congress, and I can tell you firsthand — the excitement is real. If you haven't submitted your abstract yet, I encourage you not to wait. Montreal is ready for your research.

The recording of our Allied Health Professionals webinar on liver injury from herbals and supplements is now available on demand. And if you haven't yet completed our membership survey, please do — it closes August 24 and every response shapes how we serve this community going forward.

Looking ahead, I'd like to draw your attention to the ILTS & SATA Joint Meeting in San Diego on October 16, and to two exciting programmes launching this fall: the returning Global Liver Transplant Mentorship Programme and our new Liver Transplant Immunology Course. More details on both are coming soon.

Finally, several of our members and leaders will be presenting at the 7th International Liver Symposium in Delhi NCR on August 8–9 — a wonderful opportunity to engage with the broader liver transplantation community.

Thank you, as always, for everything you bring to ILTS.

Warm regards,



Wojciech Polak, MD, PhD

President, International Liver Transplant Society

Erasmus MC University Medical Center
Rotterdam, The Netherlands



We are conducting a brief membership survey to better understand what matters most to you and how we can continue to provide programs, resources, and opportunities that are meaningful to our members.

As ILTS prepares to develop its next Strategic Plan at the upcoming Strategy Meeting in October, your voice is more important than ever. Your feedback will help shape the future direction of the Society and ensure that our priorities reflect the needs, expectations, and aspirations of our global membership.

Whether you are actively involved with ILTS or engage with us only occasionally, your input will help inform our strategic priorities and future planning. Every response contributes to a more complete picture of our membership and helps ensure that our decisions are guided by the perspectives of the community we serve.

The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and will remain open **until August 24, 2026.**

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback. We sincerely appreciate your contribution and your continued support of ILTS. **Together, we can shape the future of our Society.**

 [Complete the Survey, CLICK HERE](#)

MYTH:
People don't die from hepatitis.

FACT:
There has been a 17% rise in hepatitis B related deaths since 2015.

 World Hepatitis Alliance

[Get the facts. Get tested.](#)
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Today is World Hepatitis Day

This year's theme, "**Hepatitis Can't Wait**," is a powerful reminder that viral hepatitis remains one of the world's most significant public health challenges — and that action cannot be delayed. With millions of people still undiagnosed and untreated worldwide, awareness and advocacy from our community have never been more important.

As liver transplantation professionals, we see firsthand the impact of hepatitis on patients' lives. Today, we encourage every **ILTS member** to use this moment to amplify the conversation in your institutions, your networks, and your communities.

Learn more about the campaign and find resources to share by clicking on the link below.

[Raise Awareness, Spread the Word!](#)



Bonjour, Montreal: We Are Coming for You.

Earlier this month, the ILTS team visited Montreal alongside ILTS President **Dr. Wojciech Polak** to begin preparations for the 2027 Congress. From venue walkthroughs to planning conversations with our local partners, the groundwork for what promises to be an exceptional congress is well underway. We could not be more excited about what is taking shape in this incredible city.

And now, it is your turn to be part of it. Abstract submissions for ILTS Congress 2027 are open and Montreal is waiting for your research.

The submission window runs until **November 18, 2026**, but we encourage you not to wait. Submitting early gives you more time to refine your work, plan your travel, and take full advantage of **Early Bird** registration rates.



Why Submit?

Accepted abstracts are published in Liver Transplantation, and presenting connects you directly with peers, mentors, and collaborators from over 60 countries who share your commitment to advancing the field.

Submission Fee

\$50 USD per abstract

Important Dates

Submission Deadline: November 18, 2026

Notification of Acceptance: Mid-January 2027



Allied Health Professionals Committee Webinar: Now Available On Demand

Missed our July 9 webinar on Liver Injury Resulting from Herbals and Supplements? **The recording is now available.**

Speaker **Victor Navarro**, MD (Jefferson Health System, Thomas Jefferson University) explored the epidemiology and clinical characteristics of liver injury from herbals and supplements, moderated by **Julie Corkrean**, Director of Abdominal Transplant at J.C. Walter Jr. Transplant Center, and **Katherine G. Meneses**, Nurse Practitioner, Post Liver Transplant Coordinator at UCLA Health System.

[Watch the Recording, Click HERE](#)



ILTS & SATA Joint Meeting 2026 Not Registered Yet?

October 16 is approaching fast, and spots are limited.

If you haven't registered yet for the **ILTS & SATA Joint Meeting in San Diego**, now is the time. A full day dedicated to perioperative care in liver transplantation — with leading voices in transplant anesthesiology and surgery, and a packed program covering everything from intraoperative hemodynamics to cardiovascular evaluation and real-world case presentations.

ILTS members attend for just \$150.

Explore the program and secure your spot below!

[Register Today, Click HERE](#)



ILTS at The Liver Meeting 2026: AASLD/ILTS Transplant Course

ILTS is proud to partner with AASLD for the Transplant Course (Parts 1–5) at [The Liver Meeting 2026®](#) in Colorado — a ticketed, multi-part program featuring ILTS faculty including Past President **Dr. Valeria Mas**, **Dr. Koji Hashimoto**, **Dr. Prashant Bhangui**, and **Dr. Varvara (Varia) A. Kirchner**, among others.

[Full Details of The Liver Meeting®, Click HERE](#)



Coming Soon: ILTS Global Liver Transplant Mentorship Programme

Grow your career. Expand your network. Connect globally.

The **ILTS Global Liver Transplant Mentorship (GLTM) Programme** is returning this fall with an enhanced programme designed to support professional growth, foster international collaboration, and help shape the next generation of leaders in liver transplantation.

Whether you're looking to gain new perspectives, build meaningful connections, or advance your career, this programme offers a unique opportunity to engage with the global ILTS community.

Stay tuned for programme details and applications opening soon.



Coming This Fall: A New Course in the ILTS Educational Series

The Liver Transplant Immunology Course: From Mechanisms to Precision Medicine

7th International Liver Symposium – August 8–9, Delhi NCR

Discover the science shaping the future of liver transplantation. This new CME-accredited global course will explore the immunological mechanisms that drive graft outcomes while highlighting the latest advances in precision medicine, biomarkers, emerging therapies, and translational research.



Several ILTS members and leaders will be taking the stage at the 7th International Liver Symposium (ILS 2026), taking place August 8–9 at The Westin Gurgaon, Delhi NCR, and we encourage you to join them. Earn up to 12 CME credits while

attending interactive virtual sessions, this ILTS-endorsed event designed to deepen knowledge, focuses on liver transplantation generation of leaders in

in the era of MASLD and AI, featuring ILTS **President-Elect Dr. Alfred Kow**, **Past President Dr. Valeria Mas**, and many other key members of our community.

More Details, Click HERE



WHAT WE ARE READING

Article selections by Anu K Vasu, A Mi Mi Kyaw, Anu K Vasu, Viktor Domislovic, Abdullah Malik, Sadhana Shankar, Ashwin Rammohan, Madhukar S. Patel, and Abdul Rahman Hakeem.

HEPATOLOGY

Transplantation

> Clinical Impact and Cost-

Annals Of Surgery

> Improved Short-term Outcomes With Fully Robotic Recipient Adult

[effectiveness of Everolimus Combination Therapy in Liver Transplant Recipients: Focus on the Risk of Cancer, Infection, and Renal Function](#)

Liver Transplantation
> [The survival benefit of deceased donor liver transplantation using MELD 3.0: A contemporary analysis](#)

> [Donor-derived cell-free DNA in combination with liver function tests for biopsy decision-making in pediatric liver transplantation](#)

SURGERY

Liver Transplantation
> [Benchmarking the real-world transplant benefit in unresectable colorectal liver metastases: A preliminary external validity assessment of the TransMet trial](#)

> [A pilot, two-center, sequential dose escalation safety study of alteplase with fresh frozen plasma during normothermic liver perfusion](#)

[Living Donor Liver Transplantation: A Comparative Study](#)

ANESTHESIOLOGY AND CRITICAL CARE

Liver Transplantation
> [Heterogeneity in liver transplantation practices for critically ill patients with chronic liver disease in the U.S.](#)

Pediatric Transplantation
> [Early Response to Therapeutic Plasma Exchange as a Prognostic Indicator in Pediatric Liver Transplant Recipients with Early Allograft Dysfunction](#)

Clinical Transplantation
> [A Clinical-Imaging Score Reclassifies Indeterminate Diastolic Dysfunction and Predicts Posttransplant Cardiac Events in Cirrhosis](#)



**COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT:
BUSINESS PRACTICES**

ILTS Business Practices Committee: Dieter Broering, Daniel Maluf, Markus Selzner, Zeeshan Akhtar, Albert Chan, Bobby VM Dasari, Ryan Helmick, Abed Khalaileh, Goutham Kumar, Ashish Malik, Amit Mathur, Shawn Pelletier, Anjana Pillai, Aghnia J. Putri, Rahul Saxena, Jason Vanatta, Xiao Xu, Ali Zarrinpar

Advancing Innovation, Value, and Sustainability in Liver Transplantation

From AI-powered platforms and value-based outcome frameworks to global policy reform and donor pool expansion, the ILTS Business Practices Committee is tackling some of the most complex challenges facing liver transplantation programs worldwide.

Led by Chair Dieter Broering, Co-Chair Daniel Maluf, and Past Chair Markus Selzner, this committee is driving research, education, and innovation with real-world impact.

Read the full committee spotlight to learn more about their work.

Read the Full Spotlight, Click [HERE](#)



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Liver Transplantation

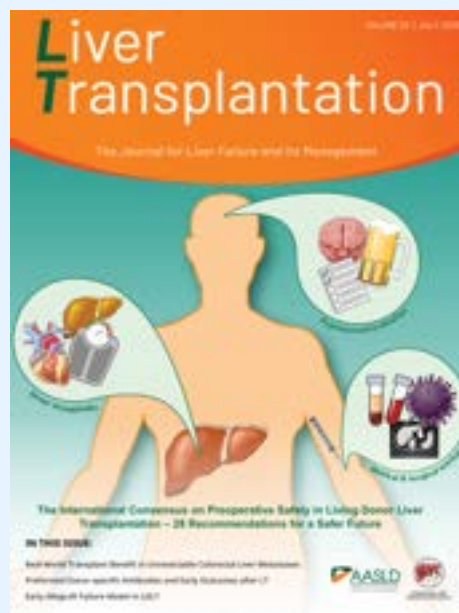
> [Expedited assessment for liver transplantation in patients with alcohol-associated liver disease using the Dallas consensus framework](#)

NEW PRACTICE GUIDELINES

> [New! Practice Guidelines on Pediatric Liver Transplantation: Candidate Evaluation and Post-Transplant Management](#)

AASLD, in collaboration with the North American Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) and the American Society of Transplantation (AST), announces two new Practice Guidelines published in *HEPATOLOGY* and *Liver Transplantation*.

LATEST ISSUE



MOC

View the full collection of [Maintenance of Certification \(MOC\) articles](#) published in *Liver Transplantation*, including the latest article: [Benchmarking the real-world transplant benefit in unresectable colorectal liver metastases: A preliminary external validity assessment of the TransMet trial..](#)

Please help us bring the liver transplant community together.
Forward this to your colleagues!



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