



INTERNATIONAL LIVER  
TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY

NEWS

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE ILTS PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

It's hard to believe a month has passed since the ILTS Congress in Geneva, but the momentum from those four days continues to carry forward into everything we're working on this June.

Abstract submissions for ILTS Congress 2027 in Montreal are now officially open, and after the strength of what our community brought to Geneva, I can't wait to see what comes next. If you're working on Special Interest Group applications, note that the deadline is fast approaching on June 24, and our Global Transplant Surgery Survey remains open for any practicing liver transplant surgeons who haven't yet shared their perspective.

Looking ahead, I'd also like to highlight two upcoming events: our Allied Health Professionals webinar on liver injury from herbals and supplements on July 9, and a confirmed joint symposium with ELITA at the IHPBA World Congress in Singapore this October, where several of our own leadership and members will be presenting.

As always, thank you for being part of this community and for everything you continue to bring to it.

Warm regards,



**Wojciech Polak, MD, PhD**

**President, International Liver Transplant Society**

Erasmus MC University Medical Center  
Rotterdam, The Netherlands



**ILTS Congress 2027:  
Call for Abstracts Now Open**

Geneva was special. Thirty years of pushing boundaries, an incredible turnout, and some of the strongest abstract submissions we've ever seen from our community. As President-Elect Wojciech Polak said it best, the energy in the room reflected everything ILTS stands for.

Now it's time to look ahead. The **ILTS Congress 2027** will take place **May 5–8 in Montreal, Canada**, **and abstract submissions are officially open.**

As members, **you are the heart of this congress program.** Whether you're presenting groundbreaking surgical techniques, translational research, or clinical outcomes from your own practice, this is your chance to bring your work to the global stage and contribute to a program shaped by our community, for our community.



### 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

**We can't wait to see what our members bring to Montreal.**

[Submit Your Abstract, Details HERE](#)



## SIG Applications: Only One Day Left!

The **ILTS Special Interest Groups (SIGs)** cover a wide range of focus areas, including Alcohol-Related Liver Disease, Cardiovascular Topics in Liver Transplantation, DCD, Liver Preservation and Machine Perfusion, Infectious Diseases and Liver Transplantation, Liver Failure Syndromes, Liver Transplant Immunology, Liver Transplant Oncology, Living Donor Liver Transplantation, and MASLD.

Find your group and start collaborating today.

**Applications close June 24, 2026 — don't miss your chance.**

[Apply Now, Click HERE](#)



## Allied Health Professionals Committee Liver Injury Resulting from Herbs and Supplements

Don't miss the upcoming **ILTS Webinar!** Taking place on **July 9 at 9 AM ET**, this session will bring together leading specialists to explore and understand the epidemiology and clinical characteristics of liver injury from herbs and supplements.

 **July 9, 2026 | 9 AM ET** Allied Health Professionals Committee

**Speaker**



**Liver Injury Resulting from  
Herbs and Supplements**

**Victor Navarro, MD**  
Jefferson Health System, Thomas  
Jefferson University

**Moderator**



**Julie Corkrean**  
Director, Abdominal Transplant,  
J.C. Walter Jr. Transplant Center

[Register Now, Click HERE](#)



## Help Shape the Future of Liver Transplant Training

### Global Survey for Liver Transplant Surgeons

We're still collecting responses for the global **Transplant Surgery Survey**, and your perspective matters.

Led by the **ILTS Education** and **Scholarship Committee**, this survey aims to better understand current training pathways, expectations, and requirements for liver transplant surgeons worldwide. If you are an attending or consultant liver transplant surgeon currently practicing independently, we'd love to hear from you.

Your insights will help build a clearer global picture and support future efforts toward standardizing training and improving patient outcomes.

**Haven't completed it yet? There's still time.**

 [Take the Survey, Click HERE](#)



## Help Shape the Future of Transplant Hepatology Fellowship Curriculum

### ILTS Education Committee Survey: Transplant Hepatology Fellowship Curriculum

The ILTS Education Committee is developing a Transplant Hepatology Fellowship Curriculum and wants to hear from you before building it.

This short survey — approximately 15 minutes — aims to identify the core components essential to high-standard transplant hepatology training. Your input will directly shape how the next generation of specialists is prepared worldwide.

All individuals involved in liver transplantation are invited to participate. Responses are anonymous and participation is voluntary.

 [Take the Survey, Click HERE](#)



## Save Your Seat: ILTS & SATA Joint Meeting 2026

Mark your calendar for October 16 — **ILTS** and **SATA** are joining forces in **San Diego** for a one-day meeting dedicated entirely to **perioperative care in liver transplantation**, and the program is packed.

This year's lineup tackles some of the field's most pressing clinical questions: how to optimize intraoperative hemodynamics and manage postreperfusion and vasoplegic syndrome, what the evidence really says in a head-to-head pro/con debate on transfusion strategy, and how to navigate graft dysfunction, sepsis, and retransplant decisions long after the operating room.

A dedicated session from the **ILTS Cardiac Special Interest Group** will also rethink preoperative cardiovascular evaluation for transplant candidates, alongside real-world case presentations spanning acute liver failure to postoperative pain management.

ILTS members attend for just **\$150** to a full day with leading voices in transplant anesthesiology and surgery.

**Explore the full program and secure your spot below.**

[Explore the Program, Click HERE](#)



## IHPBA 2026 Meets ELITA/ILTS

We're pleased to share that the joint symposium "**IHPBA Meets ELITA/ILTS: Transplant Oncology 2026 — What Transplant and Non-Transplant HPB Surgeons Need to Know**" is now confirmed for the **IHPBA World Congress 2026** in Singapore (October 28–31).

This session brings ILTS leadership directly into the conversation. ILTS President **Wojciech Polak** co-chairs the symposium alongside Affiliated Council member **Roberto Hernandez Alejandro**. President-Elect **Alfred Kow** joins as a featured speaker, presenting on Clinical Trials, Biomarkers and AI in HCC, alongside **Parissa Tabrizian**, who will speak on the role of adjuvant cancer therapies in liver transplant recipients.



**Wojciech Polak**  
ILTS President  
Co-Chair



**Roberto Hernandez Alejandro**  
ILTS Council  
Co-Chair



**Alfred Kow**  
ILTS President-Elected  
Speaker



**Parissa Tabrizian**  
ILTS Transplant Oncology  
Co-Chair  
Speaker

The program will tackle some of the most debated questions at the intersection of transplant and non-transplant HPB surgery, including the role of immunotherapy in transplant candidates with cholangiocarcinoma, resection versus transplant in multifocal colorectal liver metastases, current indications for transplant in neuroendocrine tumor liver metastases, and the growing role of clinical trials, biomarkers, and AI in hepatocellular carcinoma.

 **October 29, 2026 | 08:00–09:30 | Room 326**

We encourage ILTS members working at the intersection of these specialties to attend and be part of this important gathering.

[Full Details, Click HERE](#)



## WHAT WE ARE READING

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

### HEPATOLOGY

#### Liver Transplantation

> [Safety, tolerability and efficacy of GLP-1 receptor agonists \(GLP-1 RA\) in the management of post-liver transplant weight gain: A multicenter, observational study](#)

> [Evolving trends and comparative outcomes of bridging transarterial locoregional therapy in liver transplant candidates with hepatocellular carcinoma](#)

#### Pediatric Transplantation

> [Excellent Outcomes With High-Risk Pediatric Hepatoblastoma: A Detailed Analysis of a Large, Single-Center Experience](#)

### SURGERY

#### Liver Transplantation

> [Improved liver transplant outcomes for patients with hilar cholangiocarcinoma following implementation of the MMAT-3 policy](#)

#### Clinical Transplantation

> [Missed Opportunities in Donation After Circulatory Death Liver Transplantation: A National Analysis of Non-Allocation and Non-Procurement](#)

### ANESTHESIOLOGY AND CRITICAL CARE

#### Transplantation

> [Oncologic Safety of Irradiated-only Autologous Blood Transfusion in Liver Transplantation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma: A Single-Center Cohort Study](#)

#### Pediatric Transplantation

> [The Utility of Viscoelastic Testing in Guiding Intraoperative Transfusion Requirements in Pediatric Living Donor Liver Transplantation](#)

#### Journal of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesia

> [Vasoactive-Inotropic Score in Orthotopic Liver Transplantation: A Retrospective Observational Study](#)

[> Outcomes in pediatric recipients of ABO-incompatible liver transplants: An analysis of the SPLIT Registry.](#)



## COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT: ANESTHESIA AND CRITICAL CARE

The **Anaesthesia & Critical Care Committee's** latest Journal Club summary assessed how the incidence of intracranial hypertension (ICH) and the use of invasive intracranial pressure monitoring in acute liver failure changed over time. The result is surprising.

Read the full committee summary to follow the evidence and the discussion.

[Read Full Summary, Click HERE](#)



## LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

### HOT OFF THE PRESS

#### **Liver Transplantation**

[> Endoscopic management of biliary stricture in primary sclerosing cholangitis](#)

### LATEST ISSUE

### NEW PRACTICE GUIDELINES

[Practice Guideline on Adult Liver Transplantation: Candidate Evaluation.](#)

Published in HEPATOLOGY, this new Practice Guideline from AASLD and American Society of Transplantation (AST) delivers clear, evidence-based recommendations for evaluating and selecting adult liver transplant candidates, helping clinicians identify who stands to benefit most from this lifesaving but limited resource.

