



## A MESSAGE FROM THE ILTS PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

ILTS membership continues to unlock meaningful professional benefits—including discounted registration for both the [ILTS Consensus Conference](#) and [ILTS 2026 in Geneva](#). These cornerstone events bring together leading experts, cutting-edge science, and a truly international community dedicated to advancing the field of liver transplantation.

If you have recent, high-impact research to share, I encourage you to submit a [Late Breaker abstract](#) for the Geneva Congress by February 22. This is your opportunity to present emerging findings to the global liver transplant community.

I also invite all members to consider nominating colleagues—or yourself—for the [2026 ILTS Society Awards](#). The nomination deadline is February 27.

We have two exciting webinars scheduled for March. On March 12, our [Pediatric Committee](#) will explore unanswered questions in machine perfusion and how to best assess liver grafts in pediatric transplantation. On March 26, join us for the [LATAM webinar](#) on biliary complications following living and deceased donor liver transplantation and complex hepatobiliary surgery, presented in collaboration with **AHPBA**, **ALEH**, and **ILTS**.

If you have a **diagnostically challenging case** for an **Upcoming ILTS Pathology Webinar**, please submit it [here](#) and help us bring together global expertise to analyze real-life clinical scenarios and highlight the value of collaborative problem-solving in transplant medicine.

Looking ahead, we are preparing a number of exciting new initiatives for ILTS members in 2026, aimed at expanding educational offerings, strengthening professional development opportunities, and enhancing the value of your membership throughout the year. We look forward to sharing more details with you soon.

Warm regards,



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2026 **ILTS** CONGRESS

PUSHING BOUNDARIES, ELEVATING  
STANDARDS IN LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

## Late Breaker Abstract Submissions Open

Submit by February 22, 2026.

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## Ending Soon: Late Breaker Abstract Submissions

Late Breaker Abstract Submissions are **open until February 22 for the ILTS Congress 2026.**

If you have recent, high-impact research to share, this is your opportunity to present your work to the global liver transplant community in Geneva.

**Submission Deadline:** February 22, 2026

**Notification of acceptance:** Mid-March 2026

**Don't miss your chance to be involved in the ILTS 2026 Program!**

Submit Your Abstract Today, Click [HERE](#)



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MAY 6-9, 2026 • GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

**Less Than Three Months to Go!**  
**Register Now with Special Rate For Members**

From May 6–9, Geneva will welcome the global liver transplant community for scientific exchange, expert insights, and meaningful connections.

Featuring an international faculty, [specialized workshops, and interactive sessions](#), this year's Congress offers a valuable experience to advance your practice and research.

Registration is open, and we encourage you to secure your spot soon to give yourself more time to plan your experience, arrange travel, and make the most of your time in Geneva.

Enter the code **ILTSLMEM26** when registering to access the member rate.

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MARCH 6-7, 2026**

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**SHAPING THE GLOBAL STANDARD:  
CLINICAL TRIALS, BIOMARKERS AND  
AI IN LIVER TRANSPLANTATION**

 INTERNATIONAL LIVER  
TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Focus 2026: Machine Perfusion Preservation, Hepatocellular Carcinoma, Alcoholic Liver Disease

## Last Weeks to Register! Be Part of the ILTS Consensus 2026

In just two weeks, **the ILTS Consensus Conference 2026** will take place in Washington, D.C. This conference offers a unique opportunity to actively participate in expert-led discussions that will shape global standards for Clinical Trials, Biomarkers, and AI in Liver Transplantation.

Check the full program and save your seat using the ILTS members code **ILTSCCMEM26**.

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## Upcoming ILTS Webinars: Complimentary for ILTS Members!



March 26, 2026 | 7 PM ET

LATAM AHPBA/ALEH/ILTS

### LATAM Webinar: AHPBA, ALEH and ILTS

Tri-Society REAL LATAM Webinar on Biliary Complications following Living and Deceased Donor Liver Transplantation and Complex Hepatobiliary Surgery.

#### Presentation & Speakers

“Biliary Complications Post-Deceased Donor Liver Transplantation”:

Diagnosis and management | Andres Cardenas (ALEH)

“Biliary Complications Post-Living Donor Liver Transplantation”:

Diagnosis and management | Eduardo Fernandes (ILTS)

“Biliary Complications following Complex HPB Resection”:

Diagnosis and management | Brendan Visser (AHPBA)

#### Moderators



**Sergio Acuna** | AHPBA

MD, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Surgery in the Division of Transplantation at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)



**Manuel Mendizabal** | ALEH

MD, Chief of Hepatology at the Austral University Hospital in Buenos Aires.



**Raeda Taj** | ILTS

MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery and abdominal transplant surgeon at UC San Diego Health

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Presented by:



March 12, 2026 | 9 AM ET

Pediatric Committee

## Unanswered Questions in Machine Perfusion: How to Best Assess Liver Grafts and Increase Access

Explore how machine perfusion can improve real-time graft assessment, guide decision-making, and expand access to pediatric liver transplantation through split grafts.

### Speakers



**Andrea Schlegel**  
MD, FEBS Consultant at  
Queen Elizabeth Hospital  
Birmingham Clinic



**Xavier Muller**  
MD, Medical Doctor at CHU de  
Lyon – Hôpital de la  
Croix-Rousse

### Moderators



**Rebeca Sanabria Mateos**  
Consultant Liver Transplant  
Surgeon, Queen Elizabeth Hospital  
Birmingham



**Stefania Camagni**  
MD. Staff Surgeon, HPB and  
Transplant Surgery, ASST Papa  
Giovanni XXIII (Bergamo, Italy)

[Register Now, Click HERE](#)



## Call For Member Participation

### Submit Your Diagnostically Challenging Case for an Upcoming ILTS Pathology Webinar.

We are inviting members to contribute to an **upcoming multidisciplinary, education-focused webinar by submitting diagnostically challenging liver transplant case studies.**

This interactive session will bring together global expertise to analyze real-life clinical scenarios and highlight the value of collaborative problem-solving in transplant medicine.

**To submit a case or learn more about the process.**

[More Details, HERE](#)



**ILTS 2026 Society Awards Nominations**

The International Liver Transplantation Society (ILTS) is pleased to invite all members to submit nominations or self-nominations for the **2026 ILTS Society Awards**.

These awards recognize excellence across scientific, clinical, educational, and equity-focused contributions in liver transplantation.

Nominating a colleague—or yourself—is an important way to spotlight innovation, leadership, and commitment within our global community.

**All ILTS members are encouraged to participate.**

**Nomination Deadline:** Friday, February 27, 2026.

[Nominations Open, HERE](#)



## Save The Date! ILTS & SATA Joint Meeting 2026

**Perioperative Care in  
Liver Transplantation**

**Date:**

October 16, 2026

**Location:**

University of San Diego, USA

[Register Now, HERE](#)



## Apply to Join an ILTS Committee

The ILTS Committees are the working groups that support the Society's activities across **clinical practice, research, education, guidelines, and member engagement**.

Committee members contribute their expertise within focused specialty areas and collaborate with peers to support **ILTS initiatives** and programs across the liver transplantation community.

**Deadline:** March 31, 2026

Apply Now, Click [HERE](#)



## COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT: EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION (EDI)

**The ILTS Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Committee** comprises a global network of professionals dedicated to advancing awareness and implementing solutions for EDI within the liver transplantation field. Building on the foundational leadership of past chairs **Marina Berenguer**, **Nazia Selzner**, and **Sher-Lu Pai**, the committee collaborates extensively on annual publications and webinars that drive the conversation forward.

### **The Global Liver Transplant Mentorship (GLTM) Program**

In 2025, the EDI Committee partnered with the **Vanguard Committee** to launch the **Global Liver Transplant Mentorship (GLTM) Program**. This initiative is currently led by:

- **Oya Andacoglu** (EDI Chair)
- **İman Montasser** (EDI Co-Chair)
- **Abdul Hakeem** (Vanguard)
- **Ryan Chadha** (Vanguard Past Chair)

The **GLTM Program** is designed to bridge gaps between liver transplant providers across all disciplines and career stages worldwide. By fostering international connections, the program places a strategic focus on supporting the unique needs of mentees in the field.

### **Vision and Commitment**

The EDI Committee remains steadfast in its mission to enhance the global visibility of ILTS. By highlighting systemic disparities and elevating the importance of diversity, the committee seeks to improve outcomes and representation for both patients and their healthcare providers in liver transplantation.



## WHAT WE ARE READING

Article selections by A Mi Mi Kyaw, Daniel Aliseda, Kenan Moral, Tommy Ivanics, Ryan Chadha, Abdul Rahman Hakeem, and Ashwin Rammohan.

### HEPATOLOGY

#### Liver Transplantation

> [Short-term and long-term development of gut microbiota in children after liver transplantation—A prospective observational trial](#)

#### Journal of Hepatology

> [Utilization of liver grafts obtained from donation after medical assistance in dying: A Canadian multicenter experience](#)

### ANESTHESIOLOGY AND CRITICAL CARE

## Hepatology

> [Comparative effectiveness of immunotherapy versus lenvatinib in advanced hepatocellular carcinoma: A real-world analysis using target trial emulation](#)

> [The Liver Transplant Comorbidity Index \(LTCI\): A composite index of ambulatory pre-LT factors to identify patients at increased risk of post-LT mortality](#)

## SURGERY

### Liver Transplantation

> [Selective splenectomy centered on graft-to-spleen volume ratio is a practical option in living donor liver transplantation to prevent early allograft dysfunction: A prospective validation study](#)

> [Is there a place for deceased donor liver transplantation for colorectal metastases in the United States? Feasibility of a protocol utilizing machine perfusion](#)



## LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

### HOT OFF THE PRESS

#### Liver Transplantation

> [Physical exercise improves neurocognition in patients with metabolic dysfunction–associated steatotic liver disease](#)

### LATEST ISSUE

## Liver Transplantation

> [A simple intraoperative score incorporating thromboelastometric parameters predicts early reoperation for bleeding after liver transplantation](#)

### Clinical Transplantation

> [Liver Transplant Anesthesia Practice Patterns in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand: Results From a Multi-National Survey](#)

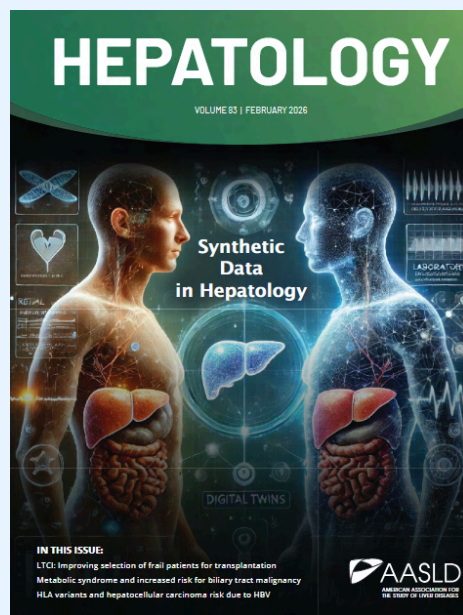
### Transplantation Proceedings

> [Factors Associated With Intraoperative Blood Loss in Living Donor Liver Transplantation](#)

### NEW PRACTICE GUIDELINES

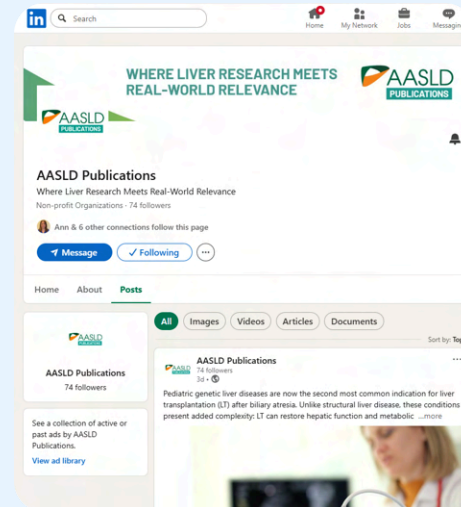
[AASLD AST Practice Guideline on Adult Liver Transplantation: Diagnosis and Management of Graft-related Complications.](#)

Dive into the latest evidence-based practice guideline from AASLD and the American Society of Transplantation (AST), now published in Liver Transplantation. This must-read resource brings together the latest recommendations on immunosuppression, rejection, recurrent disease, and emerging advances to support optimal long-term outcomes and elevate the future of transplant care.



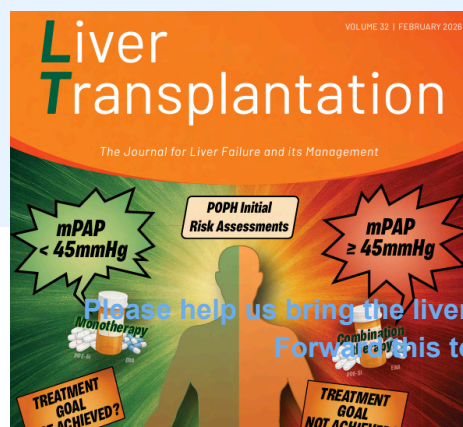
## INTRODUCING THE NEW AASLD SHOWCASE PAGE ON LINKEDIN

Stay current on the leading science and practice-changing studies across HEPATOLOGY, Liver Transplantation, and Hepatology Communications. Check [HERE](#).



## MOC

View the full collection of [Maintenance of Certification \(MOC\) articles](#) published in Liver Transplantation, including the latest article: [Thirty-year follow-up of immunosuppression modulation: Impact on graft fibrosis and anti-HLA antibodies after pediatric liver transplantation](#).



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