



INTERNATIONAL LIVER
TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY

NEWS

JANUARY, 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE ILTS PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

I am delighted to welcome you to the first ILTS newsletter of 2026. As we begin a new year, I am reminded of the strength, commitment, and passion within our global liver transplant community. Your engagement is what drives ILTS forward, and I am excited to share several exclusive opportunities available to you as valued 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.

I also encourage all members to [apply for an ILTS Committee](#), an exceptional way to contribute to the society's mission, shape future initiatives, and collaborate with colleagues around the world.

As always, we are pleased to offer complimentary registration for all ILTS webinars. This includes our upcoming [Business Practices webinar](#), designed to address practical challenges and share real-world strategies relevant to your daily work to take place on February 19 at 10 am ET.

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,



Valeria R. Mas, MSc, PhD, FAST
President, International Liver Transplant Society
University of Maryland School of Medicine
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Stay tuned — this is where your Membership Renewal button will appear in December!



2026 **ILTS** CONGRESS

**PUSHING BOUNDARIES, ELEVATING
STANDARDS IN LIVER TRANSPLANTATION**



MAY 6-9, 2026 • GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Early Bird: Only 2 Days Left! Register Now with Special Rate

The **Early Bird** registration for the ILTS 2026 Congress in Geneva **ends on January 28**. This is the final opportunity to secure reduced rates, plan your travel in advance, and confirm your participation in the congress while securing the **best deals**.

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

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



ILTS
CONSENSUS
CONFERENCE **2026**

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



WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

Haven't Registered Yet? Be Part of the ILTS Consensus 2026!

The **ILTS Consensus Conference 2026** is a unique opportunity to actively participate in expert-led discussions that align **evidence, experience, and frameworks in liver transplantation**.

This is not just a meeting to attend, but a forum to contribute, exchange perspectives, and help shape shared approaches across the field.

Use the ILTS members code **ILTSCCMEM26** when registering.

[View Full Program
HERE](#)

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Upcoming ILTS Webinars: Complimentary for ILTS Members!



February 19, 2026 | 10 AM ET

Business Practice Committee

Bridging Science, Surgery, and Economics: Optimizing the Financial Sustainability of Liver Transplant Programs

Learn how transplant programs can strengthen financial sustainability through smarter cost management, emerging technologies like machine perfusion, and integrated clinical–business strategies.

Speakers



Marwan S. Abouljoud
MD, FACS, CPE, MMM
Director, Henry Ford
Transplant Institute



Davide Ghinolfi
MD, PhD, FEBS, Hepatobiliary
Surgery and Liver
Transplantation at University of
Pisa Medical School Hospital

Moderators



March 12, 2026 | 9 AM ET

Pediatric Committee

Gastroenterology,
Padua University
Hospital

Transplant Unit,
University of Maryland

Director of Liver
Transplantation,
University of Toronto

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

Register Now, Click [HERE](#)

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

Surgeon at Azienda Ospedaliera
Papa Giovanni XXIII

Register Now, Click [HERE](#)



ILTS Committees: Remaining Spots Available

There are still **open committee member positions** across **ILTS Committees**.

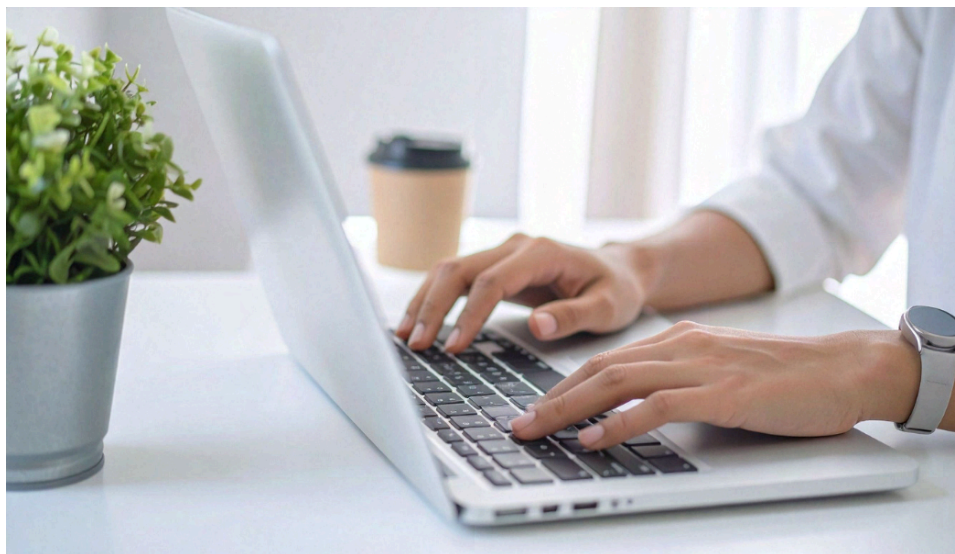
Serving on a committee is an opportunity to contribute your expertise within a focused specialty area, collaborate with peers, and support ILTS activities across **clinical practice, research, education, guidelines, and member engagement**.

Explore the open ILTS Committees and available positions:

- **Anesthesia:** 11 spots available
- **Allied Health Professionals:** 9 spots available
- **Basic & Translational Research Science:** 9 spots available
- **Business Practices:** 11 spots available
- **Education:** 9 spots available
- **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI):** 9 spots available
- **Membership:** 9 spots available
- **Pediatrics:** 10 spots available
- **Radiology:** 7 spots available
- **Vanguard:** 4 spots available

Deadline: March 31, 2026

[Apply Now, Click HERE](#)



ILTS Council Applications Closing Soon

The applications for the **ILTS Council** will close soon, **on January 30**.

The Council plays a key role in guiding the Society's mission and advancing liver transplantation worldwide, offering members the opportunity to contribute their expertise and collaborate at a strategic level.

Why to apply?

- ✓ Influence ILTS strategy and initiatives
- ✓ Collaborate with international leaders in the field



WHAT WE ARE READING

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

HEPATOLOGY

> [Hepatic artery dissection after living donor liver transplantation](#)

Liver Transplantation

> [Severity of liver disease is associated with cirrhotic cardiomyopathy: A multicenter study](#)

> [Histological findings in follow-up liver biopsies up to 15 years after pediatric liver transplantation: Associations with subclinical rejection, fibrosis, and immunological markers](#)

> [Post-liver transplantation outcomes in acute-on-chronic liver failure: Impact of alcohol as a precipitant and etiology of chronic liver disease](#)

SURGERY

Transplantation

> [Biliary Complications Requiring Interventions in Living Donor Hepatectomies: The Vanguard Multicenter Study Project of iLDLT Group](#)

Liver Transplantation

> [Comparing outcomes of deceased-donor and living-donor liver transplants in patients with PVT](#)



LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Liver Transplantation

> [International Liver Transplantation Society practice guideline update on portopulmonary hypertension](#)

LATEST ISSUE

[requires different management based on the locations and clinical outcomes: A retrospective cohort study](#)

ANESTHESIOLOGY AND CRITICAL CARE

eClinicalMedicine

> [Major adverse cardiovascular events after liver transplantation: a population cohort analysis of English transplant centres](#)

International Journal of Medical Informatics

> [A machine learning-driven app for predicting the need for post-operative respiratory support in liver transplant recipients](#)

Therapeutic Advances in Endocrinology and Metabolism

> [Accuracy and feasibility of real-time continuous glucose monitoring in early postoperative intensive care after liver transplantation](#)

ILTS MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Title: Entering our fourth decade:

The next chapter of Liver Transplantation

Authors: Cárdenas, Andrés; Taner, Timuçin.

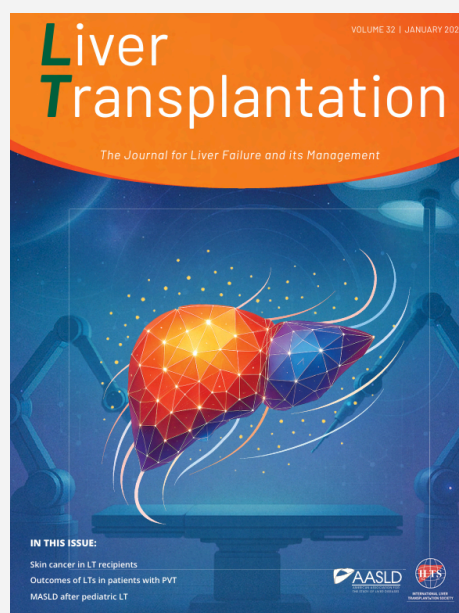
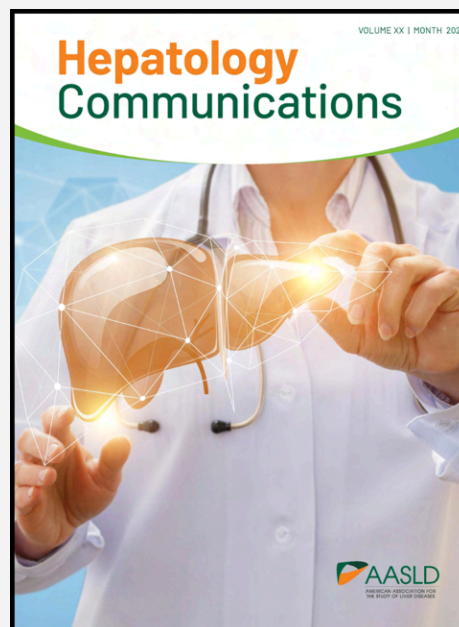
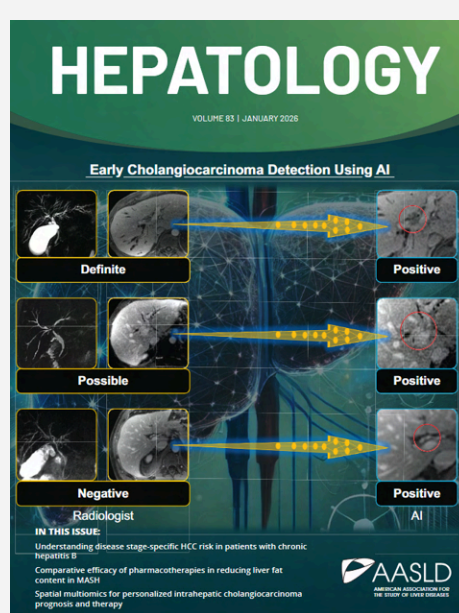
Access: [here](#).

Title: Robotic liver transplantation: Minimally invasive, maximally disruptive

Authors: Liou, Peter; Rocca, Juan P.

Access: [here](#).

Title: Expanding the indication of living donor liver transplantation to



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recipients with PVT: Clinical advances and ongoing challenges
Authors: Balci, Deniz; Gómez-Gavara, Concepción; Hessheimer, Amelia J.

Access: [here](#).

NEW PRACTICE GUIDELINES

[AASLD AST Practice Guideline on Adult Liver Transplantation: Diagnosis and Post-Transplant Management of Non-Graft-Related Complications](#), published in Liver

Transplantation, provides a critical roadmap for managing the non-graft complications that now drive long-term outcomes after liver transplantation. By standardizing evidence-based care for issues like cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, infection, cancer risk, and quality of life, the guideline aims to extend survival and improve day-to-day health for adult transplant recipients.

NEW CO-EDITORS-IN-CHIEF

Andrés Cárdenas and Timuçin Taner Lead Liver Transplantation into its Fourth Decade.

Liver Transplantation's next Editors-in-Chief, Dr. Andrés Cárdenas, MD, MMSc, PhD, AGAF, FAASLD, Hospital Clinic, University of Barcelona and Dr. Timuçin Taner, MD, PhD, Mayo Clinic Rochester officially started their five-year editorial term upon publication of the January 2026 issue.

Read more about our multinational hepatologist/surgeon team's vision for the journal [here](#).

View the full collection of

[Maintenance of Certification \(MOC\)](#) [articles](#) published in [Liver Transplantation](#), including the latest article: [Comparing outcomes of](#)

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