



Dear ##[Name | First]##,

As we move through the second half of 2025, I want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the incredible momentum within our global liver transplantation community. This issue of the ILTS newsletter is filled with reminders of the innovation, collaboration, and commitment that define our society.

I am especially proud to honor the recipients of the 2025 ILTS Awards and Research Grants. Whether through cutting-edge research, mentorship, clinical excellence, or the advancement of equity, your contributions continue to shape the future of liver transplantation. These awards, along with the Young Investigator Awards, Rising Star Awards, and Society Awards, reflect not only individual achievement, but also the collective strength and dedication of our multidisciplinary community.

In parallel, I am pleased to share that ILTS committees have been refreshed and strengthened through the addition of new 2025-2028 members—a multidisciplinary team of experts representing countries and disciplines from around the world. These appointments are also strategically aligned with our recently welcomed affiliated Council members, whose expertise directly complements the mission of each committee. This restructuring is designed to spark new collaborations and facilitate the launch of exciting, cross-cutting initiatives—more of which will be announced soon.

Following the successful launch of the first ILTS Grant Cycle (2024–2025), we are committed to ensuring continuity, transparency, and growth in our research funding efforts. To this end, we have established a new Scientific Grant Review System, led by two recently appointed co-chairs: Dr. Juliete Emamaullee, Chair of the Basic & Translational Science Committee, and Dr. Peter Abt, Chair of the Education & Scholarship Committee. Their leadership will be instrumental in strengthening the rigor, inclusivity, and scientific impact of our grants program. We also continue to foster knowledge-sharing and global engagement through dynamic events and educational offerings.

I encourage everyone to participate in our upcoming webinars, committee-led surveys, and the eagerly anticipated Perioperative Care in Liver Transplantation meeting this October. And of course, I look forward to welcoming many of you to Geneva next May for the 2026 ILTS Annual Congress.

ILTS is made stronger by your involvement. Whether you are a seasoned expert or an early-career professional, your voice matters in shaping our priorities, our progress, and our shared future. Let's continue building a more inclusive, innovative, and impactful society together.

With Warm Regards,



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Upcoming ILTS Events



Join us at the world's premier Congress on liver transplantation! The **ILTS 2026 Annual Congress** is being held from May 6-9, 2026 in Geneva. More information is coming soon! See you next year.



Please join us on October 10th, 2025 for the **2025 Perioperative Care in Liver Transplantation** meeting jointly organized by the International Liver Transplant Society (ILTS) and the Society for the Advancement of Transplant Anesthesia (SATA). For program information, [click here](#). To register, [click here](#).



Join ALEH and ILTS July 24, 2025 for the **10th REAL LATAM: Vascular Complications in Liver Transplantation from Living and Deceased Donors**. This webinar is free to the public, and it will be on-demand for ILTS members on ILTS University. For more information, [click here](#). To register, [click here](#).

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ILTS Society News

Introducing ILTS Committee/SIG Clusters

Our SIGs and committees are strategically organized into three core clusters aimed at the optimization of resource utilization, allowing ILTS to align efforts, streamline initiatives, and maximize impact across education, research, and clinical practice.



Celebrating Our 2025 Society Award Recipients

We extend our warmest congratulations to all recipients of the 2025 ILTS Society Awards. Your dedication, innovation, and contributions to the field of liver transplantation continue to inspire our global community. Thank you for advancing excellence in research, education, and clinical care!

2025 Distinguished Service Awards

Congratulations to **Professor Chung-Mau Lo**, Secretary for Health, Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Hong Kong, China and **Professor Sung-Gyu Lee**, AMC, University of Ulsan College of Medicine and the Asan Healthcare System, Seoul, South Korea on receiving this prestigious award, recognizing their outstanding contributions to the field of liver transplantation. Their dedication and impact continue to inspire the global transplant community. Join us in celebrating this well-deserved achievement!

2025 Society Awards



Advancing Equity in Liver Transplantation Award

Dr. Cynthia Tsien, MDCM, MPH
University Health Network, Toronto, Canada



Basic Science Established Investigator Award (senior career)

Dr. Alberto Sanchez-Fueyo, MD, PhD
King's College, London, United Kingdom



Basic Science Investigator Award (mid career)

Dr. Keri Lunsford, MD, PhD, FACS
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, USA



Paolo Muesan Clinical Science Established Investigator Award

Professor Phillip Dutkowski, MD
Clarunis Universitäres Bauchzentrum
Basel, Switzerland



Clinical Science Investigator Award

Dr. Taizo Hibi, MD, PhD, FACS
Kumamoto University Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto, Japan

ILTS Surveys

We invite you to participate in two important ILTS initiatives:

The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion ([EDI](#)) [Committee Remuneration Survey](#) aims to gather insights on global compensation trends among liver transplant professionals. Your input will help shape future research, advocacy, and policies that promote a fairer and more inclusive work environment.

The [Global Allied Health Professional Survey](#) seeks to define the roles, education, training, and scope of practice for AHPs working in liver transplantation worldwide. Your voice matters—thank you for contributing to these impactful efforts!

New to ILTS University (ILTS Members Only)

- Podcast: [Xenotherapies in Liver Disease and Transplantation](#)

- Podcast: [Women in Liver Transplantation](#)
- Webinar: [REAL Africa - Webinar: Pioneering Pediatric Liver Transplantation: Advancing Standards of Care and Innovations in Metabolic Disorders](#)
- Webinar: [Frailty in Liver Transplantation: Impact on Outcomes and Survival](#)
- Podcast: [Vanguard Committee: Article of The Month Podcast](#)

Partner Events



World Transplant Congress 2025

AST, ASTS and TTS invite you to attend and participate in the World Transplant Congress taking place August 2-6, 2025, in San Francisco, USA. Register [here](#).



INASL 2025, 33rd Annual Conference

The Indian National Association For Study of The Liver invites you to INASL 2025, which will be held from August 7-10, 2025 at The LaLiT, IT Park, Chandigarh, India. Register [here](#).



7th World Congress of iDLTG

The 7th World Congress of the International Living Donor Liver Transplantation Group (iDLTG), joint meeting with 7th Oriental Congress of Organ Transplant, will be taking place October 17-19, 2025, in Shanghai, China. [Click here](#) for more information.



The Liver Meeting 2025

AASLD invites you to attend The Liver Meeting 2025, which will be held in Washington D.C. November 7-11, 2025. [Click here](#) for more information.

What We're Reading

Selected articles by Daniel Aliseda, Sadhana Shankar, A Mi Mi Kyaw, Kenan Moral, Madhukar Patel, Johns Shaji Mathew, Ryan Chadha, Abdul Rahman Hakeem, Ashwin Rammohan.

HEPATOLOGY

American Journal of Transplantation

Listing for blood type A2 donors is highly variable and impacts waitlist outcomes among blood type O liver transplantation candidates in the United States

Abstract: Blood type O liver transplantation (LT) candidates in the United States face the highest waitlist mortality due to the broader compatibility of type O grafts. Although blood-type-compatible transplant is a gold standard, type O candidates might benefit from listing for A2 donors, whose antigen is known for its decreased immunogenicity. This study examined the trends and impact on waitlist outcomes of listing for A2 donors among [Read more](#)

Liver Transplantation

Failure to rescue in acute liver failure: A multicenter cohort study

Abstract: The concept of failure to rescue has been used to measure the quality of care for complications developed following surgery. The concept of failure to rescue has been poorly studied in patients with primary medical diseases, such as sepsis or acute liver failure (ALF). We performed a retrospective multicenter cohort study including consecutive patients with ALF within the United States ALF Study Group (USALFSG) prospective registry from [Read more](#)

Liver Transplantation

Cannabis and liver transplant in the era of legalization: Effects of pretransplant cannabis use on postoperative opioid use and transplant outcomes

Abstract: Cannabis use is increasing in the United States, including among candidates for liver transplants (LTs). Although the anesthesia literature suggests an association between cannabis use and increased postoperative pain, the impact of cannabis use on post-LT opioid use remains unknown. This study investigates changes in cannabis use [Read more](#)

SURGERY

Transplantation

Is the Transplantation of Elderly and DCD Donors in Low MELD Recipients Justified: An Intent-to-treat Analysis

Background: Thousands of people die or are removed from the liver transplant waitlist because of deterioration. One major challenge is the donor shortage. Increasing extended criteria donor (ECD) allograft usage can address this. We assessed whether transplanting ECD allografts provides a survival benefit versus remaining on the waitlist for standard allocation. [Read more](#)

Transplantation

Dynamic Preservation of Donation After Circulatory Death Liver Grafts From Donors Aged 60 y and Older

Background: Donor livers from older donation after circulatory death (DCD) donors are frequently discarded for transplantation because of the high risk of graft failure. It is

unknown whether DCD livers from older donors benefit from dynamic preservation. [Read more](#)

Transplantation

Clinical Significance of Grade A Small-for-size Syndrome After Living Donor Liver Transplantation Utilizing the New Definition of Diagnostic Criteria: An International Multicenter Study

Background: New diagnostic criteria have recently been established to classify small-for-size syndrome (SFSS) after living donor liver transplantation into 3 groups based on severity. This study aimed to evaluate the clinical impact of grade A SFSS and identify the mortality risk. [Read more](#)

ANESTHESIA AND CRITICAL CARE

Liver Transplantation

Abdominal aortic calcification on routine pre-operative computed tomography – a novel cardiovascular risk prediction tool in liver transplant patients

Background: Cardiovascular disease is a leading cause of postoperative mortality following liver transplantation (LT). The presence of abdominal aortic calcification (AAC) has been linked to cardiovascular events in the general population. We sought to investigate whether AAC on routine pre-transplant computed tomography (CT) can improve prediction of coronary artery disease, post-LT Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events (MACE) or long-term mortality. Methods: Of 461 patients undergoing LT [Read more](#)

Clinical Transplantation

Optimizing Anesthesia Management in Liver Transplantation With Use of Real Time Frontal Electroencephalogram

Background and Aims: Frontal electroencephalogram (fEEG) is a novel tool to monitor intraoperative sedation and may reduce anesthetic requirements. The utility of fEEG during liver transplantation has not been studied. The primary aim was to determine the association of fEEG with anesthetic requirement. Secondary aims included the effect of fEEG on intraoperative hemodynamics and postoperative outcomes. [Read more](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Liver Transplantation

Social Determinants of Health are Associated with Liver Transplant Evaluation and Listing in a Safety-Net Referral Cohort

Abstract: Among safety-net hospital (SNH) patients, little is known about the care cascade to liver transplantation (LT) and the clinical and psychosocial factors that impact evaluation and listing. We obtained clinical and psychosocial data on all patients referred for LT at our SNH [Read more](#)

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