

10th Annual Hepatitis and Chronic Liver Disease Seminar

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| **Conference**  **Location** | **New Orleans, LA – May 17, 2025**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **AC Hotel New Orleans French Quarter**  221 Carondelet Street  New Orleans, LA 70130 | **Phone:** [504-962-0700](https://url.avanan.click/v2/___tel:+1%20504-962-0700%20___.YXAzOndjLWl0Z3JvdXA6YTpvOjdjNjZlZmE5MjU4MTQzYmQ3YTIzNTMwMTkzYjI5ZGUxOjY6NmE0ZjowNWY5NzMwNmY5ZTBhNDY1NjU5NTU4MGU3YzgxN2E2OTY1OTdiMGI0ZTEyNzAzODgwOWE2ZGM2OGI3M2NhYjU2OnA6VDpO)  [https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/msyac-ac-hotel-new-orleans-french-quarter/overview/](https://url.avanan.click/v2/___https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/msyac-ac-hotel-new-orleans-french-quarter/overview/___.YXAzOndjLWl0Z3JvdXA6YTpvOjdjNjZlZmE5MjU4MTQzYmQ3YTIzNTMwMTkzYjI5ZGUxOjY6YzNmOTo3ZjY5OWNkMmVmMTFhMzcwOWEzYmE0MWVhMWVkM2Q0YWUxN2ZmNTQ5MTI1OThkNzA4YmRhZjhlOGFhN2VlNWRhOnA6VDpO) | | |
| **Parking at the Conference** | You can use SpotHero or ParkWhiz to find parking for $15-$20 in the area. | |
| **Driving Directions** | Follow I-10 to Poydras, hotel is one block from Canal Street | |
| **Seminar Agenda and Syllabus Information** | Registration begins at **7:30 a.m.** in the Degas foyer. The hotel will give you a card to reach the meeting space on the 3rd floor.  **The Hepatitis and Chronic Liver Disease seminar is a paperless program**. The **course syllabus and related materials will be made available on a digital app** that can be accessed by a smart phone, tablet or personal computer. Instructions to download the *App* will be provided. Wi-Fi will be available without charge. | |
| **Pre-Program Assignments** | **Pre-Lecture 1 - 2025 Viral Hepatitis Update –** A summary for discovery and natural history of viral hepatitis (25mins)  **Pre-Lecture 2 - End Stage Liver Disease**: A systematic overview of Treatment, Managing Complications chronic liver disease, cirrhosis, and the transplant process (45 mins) | |
| **7:30 am** | ***Registration and View Exhibits*** | |
| **8:00 am** | **Opening Comments and Pre-Test** | |
| **8:25 am** | **Hepatitis C-Elimination and Care for Special Populations**   * Recap the highlights of Pre-Lecture 1 * Viral Hepatitis Elimination - Caring for At-risk populations – homeless, PWID, the incarcerated, HIV-infected individuals * Approved Direct Acting Antivirals * The vital role of specialty pharmacy * Clinical Cases and Discussion: HCV and At-Risk Individuals | |
| **9:05 am** | **Hepatitis B: Epidemiology, Natural History, Testing and Therapies**   * Efficacies and opportunities in HBV testing and vaccination. * Disease progression and impact on liver health * The efficacy of HBV Vaccination * Anti-viral therapies of HBV * HBV Re-activation * Latest studies from EASL and AASLD | |
| **9:40 am** | **Delta Hepatitis and Hepatitis E Update**   * Global and US perspective on the rapid growth of Delta Hepatitis * Bulevirtide for Delta Hepatitis * Testing and surveillance approaches * Real world outcome studies on HDV and HEV | |
| **10:15 am** | ***Disease Awareness Session –presented by Alexion/AstraZeneca Rare Diseases – Overview of LAL-D***  Break and View Exhibits | |
| **11:00 am** | **End Stage Liver Disease: Recap and Clinical Cases**   * A review of Pre-course lecture on end-stage liver disease * Complications of cirrhosis * Liver transplant in the era of DAA’s * Clinical cases to illustrate HE. HRS and/or Thrombocytopenia | |
| **11:30 am** | **Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC) - Disease Progression in the US**   * Screening diagnostic serum assays and imaging tests * Treatment and management options: Ablation, TACE and Surgery * New studies showing cost effectiveness of surveillance post SVR * PRIUS Study (MRI vs US) Abbreviated MRI * 2024 AASLD screening guidance for liver cancer. New guidelines are less critical of liver biopsy for cancer detection | |
| **12:00 pm** | **Hepatocellular Carcinoma: New Systemic Treatment Options**   * **A case-based approach to HCC treatment** * Promising 1st and 2nd line therapies for liver cancer * New data on the benefit of downstaging * New chemotherapy regimens in development and Immunotherapy as the new HCC MoA * Checkpoint inhibitors and VEGE inhibitors | |
| **12:30 pm** | ***Lunch and Industry Presentation by Ipsen Pharmaceuticals - Unlocking Treatment Possibilities for PBC***  Dessert & View Exhibits | |
| **1:15 pm** | **Cholestatic Liver Disease: Primary Biliary Cholangitis, Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis and Pruritus**   * Predicting outcomes and Improving Survival in PSC patients * Coping with the clinical features of PBC * Ursodeoxycholic Acid (UDCA) and Obetacholic Acid * Highlights of the ELATIVE, RESONSE and ASSURE studies on PBC   Understanding cholestatic pruritus and helping patients cope with the itching | |
| **2:10 pm** | **Alcohol Associated Liver Disease**   * The growing prevalence of alcohol over-consumption and its impact on liver health * Alcohol consumption and malnutrition * Promising therapeutic agents for AAH and other alcohol associated liver disease | |
| ***2:45 pm*** | * ***Break and Exhibits*** | |
| **3:00 pm** | **Steatotic Liver Disease: The new healthcare epidemic**   * New naming conventions for fatty liver disease: MASLD and MASH– what and why? * Epidemiology, Demographics and Diagnosis * Scoring, Staging and Management of Metabolic Liver Disease * The ‘unhealthy” rise in MASLD in the US population and What can be done | |
| **3:40 pm** | **MASH Treatments in Practice and in Development**   * Current therapies for NASH including Updates from AASLD and EASL * Lifestyle changes as a therapy * Drugs in clinical development for NASH – Semaglutide and Resmeterom   MASH Diagnosis and Treatment case | |
| **4:25 pm** | **Closing Comments, Post-test and Wrap-Up** | |
| **Post Program Lectures:** | **Lecture 3 - Fluid Management, Ascites and Hepatorenal Syndrome (**30 mins)  **Lecture 4 – AASLD Update – Highlights of the 2024 AASLD Liver Meeting (**80 mins) | |
| **Attendance Policies** | **Attendee Cancellation, Substitution, Refund**  The course tuition is refundable, minus a $20 processing fee, if your cancellation is received in writing no later than seven days prior to the conference. Attendee substitutions are allowed, but notification must be made in writing seven days prior to the conference. After that date, no refunds, credits, or substitutions will be granted. No refunds or credits will be given to those who “no show.”  **Recording and Photography**  The Colorado Medical Society reserves exclusive rights to record (audio and video) and/or photograph conference proceedings for use in marketing materials, future presentations and other purposes.  **Guest Attendance**  All conference activities (including educational sessions, meal functions, exhibit hall participation and others) are exclusively reserved for seminar participants. Non-registered guests (including children, family members, colleagues, and others.) are not permitted in the seminar areas.  **Conference Modification or Cancellation**  **The Colorado Medical Society and SC Liver Research Consortium reserve the right to modify the course’s schedule, faculty or content if necessary. They also reserve the right to cancel this seminar, and in the unlikely event, a full refund of the registration fee will be provided.** We are unable to refund any travel costs (flight, hotel, etc.) in the case of a seminar cancellation. | |
| **CME Information** | | **Physicians (MD/DO**) - The Colorado Medical Society Office of Continuing Medical Education & Professional Development designates this live activity for a maximum of **10.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*™.** Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.  **Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants** - AANP and AAPA accept Category I credit from AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™ organizations accredited by ACCME. |
| **Your Seminar Faculty** | | **Shobha Joshi, MD**  Dr. Joshi received her medical degree from the University of Bombay, India. After completing her Internal Medicine training at the Sinai Hospital of Baltimore and LSU Affiliated Program, she did her clinical and research Gastroenterology fellowship at Tulane University and the University of Pittsburgh.  She was an Associate Professor of Medicine at St. Louis University School of Medicine, where in addition to doing basic research, she took care of liver transplant patients and general hepatology patients. She was involved in the development of a hepatitis B drug and has participated in multiple clinical trials for the treatment of hepatitis B, C and encephalopathy. Since moving to New Orleans, she continued her clinical and research work at Tulane University Hospital and Clinic. In December 2008, Dr. Joshi joined Ochsner Clinic Foundation as Director of Hepatology Research and Transplant Hepatologist where she has incorporated the TeleECHO model to guide and educate providers on liver disease management.    **Guiseppe Morelli, MD**  Giuseppe Morelli, MD is the Medical Director of Liver Transplantation and a Professor of Clinical Medicine at Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana.  Dr. Morelli received his MD degree from Creighton University School of Medicine. He completed his Internship and Residency in Medicine as well as his Fellowship in Gastroenterology at the Medical University of South Carolina.  Dr. Morelli has more than 20 years of hepatology experience. His clinical and research interests include viral hepatitis, liver transplantation, and innovative therapies for portal hypertension and nonalcoholic steatohepatitis.  Dr. Morelli is a member of various societies including the American College of Gastroenterology, the American Gastroenterological Association, American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, European Association for the Study of Liver Disease.    **Cynthia Benz, DNP, APRN**  Cynthia Benz DNP APRN was certified as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in 1981. In her role as a CNS she has focused on the care of the chronically ill patient, with the last 20 years in Hepatology. She graduated with honors from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans. She received her doctorate from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, LA.  Dr. Benz is a clinical nurse specialist at Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System in New Orleans, LA. Cynthia is a preceptor for LSUHSC School of Nursing Clinical Nurse Specialist program and the University of South Alabama School of Nursing Clinical Nurse Specialist program. |