

BASL Rare Liver Diseases MASTERCLASS Event

Friday 20th – Saturday 21st November 2026
The Hallam Conference Centre, near Regents Park, London

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Friday 20th November 2026

11:45 -12:45 Welcome brunch / refreshments in Exhibition Hall

12:45 **Welcome address**
Professor Aftab Ala – BASL Rare Liver Diseases SiG Lead
Consultant Hepatologist - Institute of Liver Studies, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation, London

SESSION 1

Precision diagnostics in rare liver diseases

- **Beyond H&E: What Histopathology Can Measure in Rare Liver Diseases**
Dr Rosa Miquel
Consultant Histopathologist. Liver Histopathology Laboratory, Institute of Liver Studies, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- **The Biomarker Edge: Measuring What's Useful in Rare Liver Diseases**
Dr Chris Harrington
Principal Clinical Scientist, SAS Trace Element Laboratory, Berkshire and Surrey Pathology Services
- **Genomics in Primary Care: Turning Clues into Diagnoses**
Prof Guru Aithal - Virtual
Professor of Hepatology, University of Nottingham
- **Understanding Genetics in Rare Liver Diseases: What You Need to Know**
Sammi Allouni
Synnovis Liver Molecular Genetics Lab, Institute of Liver Studies, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation, London, UK
- **Unmet Needs, Untold Stories: Patient & Public Involvement in Action**
Prof Stephen Ryder - Liver UK
- **Q&A 15mins**

14:30 **Break and exhibition**

15:00 **SESSION 2**

Transforming Rare Liver Diseases Through Clinical Trials: From Discovery to Patient Impact

- **Building the UK's Rare Liver Diseases Trial Ecosystem: Opportunities through NIHR**
Prof William Rosenberg
Professor of Liver Diseases, UCL Institute for Liver and Digestive Health
- **Across the Atlantic: Lessons from the US Rare Liver Diseases Research Landscape**
Professor Kris Kowdley TBC
Director of Liver Institute Northwest and Professor at Washington State University, USA

SESSION 3

- **Choosing the Right Endpoints: Measuring What Matters in Rare Liver Diseases**
Industry speaker Dr Omar Kamlin - Orphalan
- **No Child Left Behind: Integrating Paediatric Patients into Rare Diseases Drug Development**
Industry speaker Dr Timo Käppi - Ipsen
- **Beyond Dosing: Pharmacokinetics and Precision Medicine in Rare Liver Diseases**
Industry Speaker Dr Verena Aliane – Univar Solutions
- **Topic TBC**
Industry Speaker 12mins
- Q&A 15mins

17:30 **Summary and Close of Day 1**
Professor Aftab Ala

17:45 POSTER SESSIONS and networking reception / welcome buffet



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08:00 Refreshments in exhibition hall

08:30 *Welcome from Professor Aftab Ala*

SESSION 4

Cholestatic Liver Disorders – From Mechanisms to Modern Management

- **PSC: From Pathogenesis to Precision Therapy**
Dr Palak Trivedi
Professor of Cholestatic and Immune-mediated Liver Disease, University of Birmingham
- **PBC: Personalising Treatment in a Changing Therapeutic Landscape**
Dr Michael Heneghan TBC
- **IgG4 – the camelion : Diagnosis to therapy**
Dr Emma Culver TBC
- **Inherited Cholestatic Liver Disease: The Genomic Revolution**
Speaker TBC

10:00 Refreshment break in exhibition hall

SESSION 5

Iron disorders beyond the spectrum

- **The Natural History of p.C282Y Homozygosity: Lessons from UK Biobank**
Dr Jeremy Shearman TBC
- **Atypical and Rare Forms of Iron Overload**
Speaker TBC
- **Porphyria and liver – under-recognised but lethal**
Dr Robert Sarkany
Senior Consultant in Photodermatology - Guy's and St Thomas
- **Current and Future Treatment**
Speaker TBC
- Q&A

12:00 Lunch and exhibition

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Programme subject to change

Wilson's Disease: From Discovery to Precision Medicine

- **Redefining Diagnosis: Precision Biomarkers and Modern Monitoring**
Dr Thomas Sandahl
Consultant, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Medicine – Hepatology and Gastroenterology, University of Aarhus, Denmark
- **ATP7B peptide - New borning testing. Hepatic Wilson's Disease: Optimising Care from Diagnosis to Long-Term Outcomes**
Prof Anil Dhawan
Consultant in Paediatric Hepatology, Kings College London
- **Saving the Brain: Modern Recognition and Management of Neurological Wilson's Disease and The Hidden Burden: Neuropsychiatric Wilson Disease Across the Lifespan**
2 Speakers TBC
- **The New EASL Guidelines: Changing Clinical Practice**
Prof Emmanouil Tsochatzis
Professor of Hepatology and Honorary Consultant, Royal Free London
- **Wilson's Disease 2030: Registries, Clinical Trials and the Road to Curative Therapies**
Professor Michael Schilsky
Medical Director, Adult Liver Transplant, Yale New Haven Transplantation Centre, USA
- Q&A

14:55 Break and exhibition

15:15 SESSION 7

Alpha1-antitrypsin deficiency

Chairs – Professor Nedim (Dino) Hadzic and Professor Pavel Strnad

- **Molecular Pathology**
Dr Tamir Rashid
Clinical Associate Professor in Regenerative Medicine and Hepatology, Imperial College London – 15 mins
- **Diagnosis, Clinical presentations liver**
Professor Dino Hadzic
Professor of Paediatric Hepatology, King's College Hospital, London
- **Clinical Trials and Future Perspectives**
Professor Pavel Strnad
Department chair, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Medical University Lausitz - Carl Thiem (MUL-CT), Cottbus, Germany
- Q&A

16:30 Day 2 Conclusion and close

Professor Aftab Ala

16:45 Meeting closes