# BASL Rare Liver Diseases MASTERCLASS Event

Friday 20th and 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**

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**14:30** **Refreshments 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 - Virtual TBC*
  Director of Liver Institute Northwest and Professor at Washington State University, USA

## SESSION 3

## The latest from Industry

- **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 from Gilead*

- Q&A

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

**17:45** POSTER SESSIONS and networking reception / welcome buffet

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# Day 2

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**9:30** **Registration and refreshment in exhibition hall**

**10:00** *Welcome from Professor Aftab Ala*

**SESSION 5**

**Iron disorders beyond the spectrum**

- **Porphyria and liver – under-recognised but lethal**
  *Dr Robert Sarkany*
  Senior Consultant in Photodermatology - Guy's and St Thomas
- **Atypical and Rare Forms of Iron Overload**
  *Dr Heinz Zoller – Virtual*
  Principal Investigator at Innsbruck Medical University
- **The Natural History of p.C282Y Homozygosity: Lessons from UK Biobank**
  *Dr Jeremy Shearman*
  Consultant Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist at South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust
- Q&A

**11:25 – 11:45** **Break**

**11:30** **SESSION 6**

**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**
  *Dr David Okai* – South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
  *Dr Tammy Headley* – Guy's and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust

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- **The New EASL Guidelines: Changing Clinical Practice**
  *Prof Emmanouil Tsochatzis*
  Professor of Hepatology and Honorary Consultant, Royal Free London

- Q&A

## 13:00 Lunch and exhibition

## 14:00 KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Prof Michael Schilsky

Medical Director, Adult Liver Transplant, Yale New Haven Transplantation Centre, USA

- Wilson Disease 2030: Registries, Clinical Trials and the Road to Curative Therapies
- Q&A

## 15:00 – 15:15 Break

## 15:15 SESSION 7

## Alpha1-antitrypsin deficiency

**Chairs – Professor Nedim (Dino) Hadzic and Professor Paval 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

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