

NON-ALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (NAFLD SIG): ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

This annual report covers the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019.

Membership

The BASL Committee appointed an initial SIG Lead to serve for one year, Professor Guruprasad Aithal, Professor of Hepatology at the University of Nottingham, and Gastrointestinal and Liver Disorder Theme Lead of NIHR Nottingham Biomedical Research Centre. An election for the position of SIG lead will be held in 2019-20.

At the time of writing this report, there are 186 individuals included in the member database. 148 (80%) are BASL members and 38 (20%) are non-members.

Meetings

Two meetings of the SIG were held during 2018-19, both in Nottingham:

- 11 January 2019, 34 participants, with £1000 sponsorship from Intercept Pharmaceuticals
- 14 June 2019, 29 participants, with £500 sponsorship from Gilead.

Key achievements: 2018-19

The NAFLD SIG was inaugurated on 11 January 2019 in Nottingham. The mission statements of the SIG were agreed on that day.

Both NAFLD SIG meetings attracted attendees with diverse expertise. This comprises secondary care specialists including hepatologists and diabetologists, and primary care physicians, pathologists, specialist nurses, trainee members, patient advisory group members and representatives from Pharma.

NAFLD SIG support has been established for the NIHR NAFLD Bioresource. This is an ambitious project being led jointly by Birmingham, Nottingham and Newcastle; members from Oxford and London are part of the steering committee. The Bioresource aims to enrol 5,000-7,500 patients from 80 sites over the next three years. SIG members will be the local investigators enrolling the patients. The NIHR NAFLD Bioresource will be a standing item for the future SIG agenda.

The second SIG meeting shared best practices of NAFLD care pathways from the point of view of general practitioners and diabetologists.

The SIG has offered to provide critical review of research proposals or grant applications. One application has been reviewed and a request for review of another application has been received.

Further information

Please visit the SIG webpage at <https://www.basl.org.uk/index.cfm/content/page/cid/40>.