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 lunch 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 Trust.

SESSION 1

Precision diagnostics in rare liver diseases

Chair - Professor Aftab Ala

- **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

Chair - Professor Aftab Ala

- **Building the UK's Rare Liver Diseases Trial Ecosystem:**
  Prof William Rosenberg
  Professor of Liver Diseases, UCL Institute for Liver and Digestive Health.
  NIHR Emeritus Senior Investigator and National Associate Director of Health and Care in the NIHR Research Delivery Network.

- Q&A

15:45 **SESSION 3**

The latest from Industry

Chair – Dr Jeremy Shearman

- **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

- **Challenges in clinical studies in rare liver disease and how to overcome them**
  Industry Speaker Dr Verena Aliane – Univar Solutions

- ***From Mechanism to Meaningful Outcomes: The Evolving Role of Selective PPAR Agonism in Primary Biliary Cholangitis***
  Virtual Industry speaker Poonum Patel - 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 two

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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

Chair – Dr Jeremy Shearman

- **Porphyria and liver – under-recognised but lethal**
  Dr Robert Sarkany - Virtual
  Senior Consultant in Photodermatology - Guy's and St Thomas

- **Atypical and Rare Forms of Iron Overload**
  Dr Heinz Zoller
  Principal Investigator at Innsbruck Medical University

- **Iron Overload: What do current treatments offer patients**
  Dr Jeremy Shearman
  Consultant Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist at South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust

- Q&A

11:25 – 11:45 **Break**

11:45 **SESSION 6**

Wilson's Disease: From Discovery to Precision Medicine

Chair - Professor Aftab Ala

- **Redefining Diagnosis: Precision Biomarkers and Modern Monitoring**
  Professor Thomas Sandahl
  Consultant Hepatologist, Department of Clinical Medicine – Hepatology and Gastroenterology, University of Aarhus, Denmark

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- **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 Hedderly – Guy's and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust

- **The New EASL Guidelines: Changing Clinical Practice**
  Professor 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 – 15:20 Break

15:20 SESSION 7

Alpha1-antitrypsin deficiency

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

- **Clinical Trials and Future Perspectives**
  Professor Pavel Strnad
  Department chair, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Medical University Lausitz - Carl Thiem (MUL-CT), Cottbus, Germany

- **Diagnosis, Clinical presentations liver**
  Professor Dino Hadzic
  Professor of Paediatric Hepatology, King's College Hospital, London

- Q&A

16:30 Day 2 Conclusion and close
Professor Aftab Ala

16:45 Meeting closes