

21st Annual NIH Center for Molecular Studies in Digestive and Liver Diseases

“Liver Disease across the Age Spectrum: Studies of Genetics and the Environment”



Wednesday, September 22, 2021

National Constitution Center
Independence Mall, 525 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

8:00 am – 8:30 am

REGISTRATION and BREAKFAST

8:30 am – 8:40 am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:40 am

SESSION I: Metabolic Liver Disease - I

8:40 am – 9:10 am

Keynote Speaker

Dan Rader, MD

Seymore Gray Professor of Molecular Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

“Genetics, Lipidomics, Bariatrics and BioBanking, AI/imaging”

9:10 am – 9:30 am

Marijana Vujkovic, PhD, MSCE

Research Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

“NAFLD Genetics”

9:30 am – 9:40 am

Abstract Talk #1

9:40 am – 10:00 am

David E. Kaplan, MD, MSc

Associate Professor of Medicine, Corporal Michael J. Crescenzo VA Medical Center

“Statins and Cirrhosis”

10:00 am – 10:20 am

BREAK

10:20 am

SESSION 2: Metabolic Liver Disease - II

10:20 am – 10:40 am

Farid Alisafaei, PhD

Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Pennsylvania

“Modeling the Impact of Cytoplasmic Lipid Droplets on the Nucleus”

10:40 am – 11:00 am

10 Trainee Flash Talks

11:00 am – 11:30 am

Keynote Speaker

Jacquelyn Maher, MD

Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology

Director, UCSF Liver Center

Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco

“ER Stress in Metabolic Liver Disease”

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

LUNCH and POSTER SESSION

1:00 pm

SESSION 3: Cholangiopathies - I

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Keynote Speaker

Konstantinos N. Lazaridis, MD

Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic

“PSC Genetics”

1:30 pm – 1:50 pm

Michael A. Pack, MD

Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

“Zebrafish Models of Biliary Disease”

1:50 pm – 2:00 pm

Abstract Talk #2

2:00 pm – 2:20 pm

Kathleen M. Loomes, MD

Professor of Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

“Children Studies”

2:20 pm – 2:40 pm

BREAK

2:40 pm

SESSION 4: Cholangiopathies - II

2:40 pm – 3:00 pm

Theodore George Drivas, MD, PhD

Clinical Associate of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

“Genetics of Ciliopathies”

3:00 pm – 3:20 pm

Ben Z. Stanger, MD, PhD

Hanna Wise Professor in Cancer Research, University of Pennsylvania

“Biliary Reprogramming”

3:20 pm – 3:40 pm

Klaus H. Kaestner, PhD

Thomas and Evelyn Suor Butterworth Professor in Genetics, University of Pennsylvania

“Mass Cytometry and Cholangiocarcinoma”