

An anatomical illustration of a human torso, showing the ribcage and spine in a light blue, wireframe-like style. A large, glowing orange liver is superimposed on the torso, positioned in the upper right quadrant. The liver has a realistic, lobulated shape with visible internal structures like the gallbladder and major blood vessels.

# 2025 UVA Controversies in Liver Disease and Transplantation

9.27.25

Omni Hotel, Charlottesville, VA  
+ Virtually through Zoom

7:15am – 2:30pm (EST)  
*A live, hybrid conference!*

 **UVAHealth**  
Provided by the University of  
Virginia School of Medicine  
and School of Nursing



# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Join us for an insightful conference dedicated to advancing liver transplantation through evidence-based approaches and collaborative discussions. We will explore the latest developments in organ recovery, innovative treatments for liver tumors, and evolving guidelines in transplant decision-making. Expert-led sessions will highlight emerging techniques such as normothermic and regional perfusion, histotripsy, and strategies for managing portal vein thrombosis. Attendees will engage with case studies, lively discussions, and dynamic Q&A sessions designed to drive equitable, future-focused patient care.

# TARGET AUDIENCE

- Gastroenterologists
- Hepatologists
- Primary care physicians
- Physician assistants
- Advanced practice providers
- Nurses
- Anyone involved with providing patient care for liver disease before, during and after transplantation

# CREDITS

- AAPA (5.0 hours)
- AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ (5.0 hours)
- ANCC Contact Hours (5.0 hours)
- ASWB (5.0 hours)
- Hours of Participation (5.0 hours)

# DESIRED OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of this activity, learners will be able to:

- Demonstrate effective communication techniques to approach and engage donor families in end-of-life discussions with empathy, respect, and cultural sensitivity.
- Evaluate the role of the donor care unit in optimizing organ recovery, focusing on medical management, post-mortem care, and interventions that maximize donor organ quality and availability.
- Describe the evolving technologies and methodologies related to deceased donor organ recovery including advancements in preservation, machine perfusion, and organ viability assessment.
- Assess the feasibility and risks associated with transplanting medically complex organs, taking into account donor history, organ function and recipient suitability.
- Identify key factors contributing to geographic disparities in liver transplant availability, transplantation rates and access to healthcare resources.
- Explain latest advancements in interventional radiology techniques for the diagnosis and treatment of liver tumors.
- Identify key factors influencing surgical decisions in cirrhotic patients.
- Discuss the unique challenges of anesthesia management in liver transplant recipients.
- Analyze diagnostic and therapeutic strategies for managing PVT in both transplant and non-transplant candidates, including its effect on liver transplant feasibility and outcomes.
- Describe the standard evaluation and classification of portal vein thrombosis (PVT) and its impact on prognosis in cirrhotic patients.
- Define post-transplant MASH and understand its pathophysiology.
- Describe the indications for TIPS including role in managing portal hypertension, variceal bleeding and refractory ascites.
- Recognize the relationship between frailty and liver transplantation, focusing on frailty as a predictor of surgical complications, prolonged hospital stay and post-transplant morbidity.



# AGENDA

7:15-8:00	Check-in, Exhibitors, and Breakfast (provided to in-person participants)
8:00-8:05	Opening remarks Speaker: Curtis K. Argo, MD, MS
8:05-8:25	End-of Life: Balancing Donor Wishes, Family Consent, and Organ Viability Speaker: Lifenet Representative, TBD
8:25-8:45	Donor Care Unit: The Future of Deceased Donor Organ Recovery Speaker: Shawn J. Pelletier, MD
8:45-9:05	Normothermic Regional Perfusion and Ex Vivo Speaker: Stephanie Silpe, MD
9:05-9:25	Use of Medically Complex Organs Speaker: Alden Doyle, MD, MS, MPH, FAST
9:25-9:35	Case Studies Curtis K. Argo, MD, MS
9:35-9:50	Break and Exhibitors
9:50- 10:10	Geographic Disparities in Liver Transplant Speaker: Zachary Henry, MD, MS
10:10-10:30	New Advances in IR/LRT of Liver Tumors (Histotripsy) Speaker: Daniel Sheeran, MD
10:30- 10:50	Surgical and Medical Considerations for Surgery in Cirrhosis Patients Speakers: Juan Francisco Guerra Castro, MD and Curtis K. Argo, MD
10:50-11:10	Anesthesia Speaker: Lliam Brannigan, MD
11:10-11:30	Diagnosis and Management of Portal Vein Thrombosis Speaker: Nicolas M. Intagliata, MD, MS
11:30-11:50	Evaluation and Management of Post-Liver MASH Speaker: M. Shadab Siddiqui, MD
11:50-12:05	Case Studies Shawn J. Pelletier, MD
12:05-1:05	Lunch (provided) and Exhibitors
1:05- 1:20	New MELD Exception Policies Speaker: Tessa Williams, BSN, RN, CCTC
1:20- 1:40	PBC Management Speaker: Brian J. Wentworth, MD, MS
1:40- 2:00	Pre- and Post-TIPS Management Speaker: Curtis K. Argo, MD, MS
2:00-2:20	Optimizing Nutrition and Frailty Assessment in Liver Transplantation Speakers: Becca Turner, RD, and Kyle Leonard, PT, DPT
2:20-2:30	Closing Remarks Speaker: Juan Francisco Guerra Castro, MD

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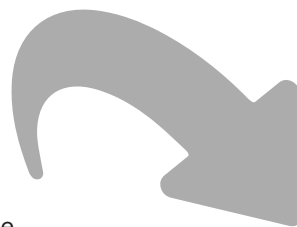
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Registration will close at midnight on Thursday, September 18, 2025. The course syllabus will be available online the week of the conference until 30 days after the conference.

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	Early Bird Rate through Sept. 7, 2025	Rate Sept. 7-18, 2025
MDs	\$180	\$230
Other Health Care Providers, including Residents, Fellows, and Students	\$80	\$130

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### IPCE Credit

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