

2024 Impact Update Committees and SIGs

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Annual Meeting Education Committee:

- CHAIR** Mazen Noureddin, MD, MHS
- Suggested top 3 topics for The Liver Meeting® (TLM): MASLD, Acute on Chronic Liver Failure, & CLD.
 - Reviewed Postgraduate and **new** obesity medicine course.

Basic Research Committee:

- CHAIR** Heather L. Francis, PhD, FAASLD
- Organized TLM 2024 programming for:
 - Basic Science Symposium: Metabolic Landscape and Networks in Hepatobiliary Malignancies
 - Basic Science Research Workshop: Humanized Models: Transformative Impact of AI on Basic Liver Research – from Predicting Protein Structure to Multimodal Data Integration (Part 1 & 2)

Clinical Research Committee:

- CHAIR** Rohit Loomba, MD, MHS, FAASLD
- Organized TLM 2024 programming for:
 - Transforming the Future of Hepatology: **Clinical Research Innovations that Improve Diagnostic Methods**, Trial Design and Patient Outcomes (Part 1 & 2)
 - Behind the Scenes of Steatotic Liver Disease: From Research Idea to High-Impact Publication



CME Committee:

- CHAIR** Heather M. Patton, MD, FAASLD
- Reviewed **proposals & financial disclosures** for webinars+ other accredited activities proposed by SIGs and Committees.

Communications & Technology Committee:

- CHAIR** Neeral L. Shah, MD, FAASLD
- Assisted in **digital transformation** of TLM website.
 - Advised on TLMdX platform and mobile app development.

Distinguished Awards Committee:

- CHAIR** W. Ray Kim, MD, MBA, FAASLD
- Received & reviewed **28 nominations**, with Governing Board approving proposed awardees in August 2024.
 - Developed new awards nomenclature and criteria to be implemented in 2025.



Ethics Committee:

- CHAIR** Elizabeth K. Speliotes, MD, MPH, PhD, FAASLD
- Reviewed **nominee finalists** and current leadership disclosures for potential conflicts of interest.
 - Reviewed and made recommendations to AASLD's Conflict-of-Interest (COI) policy.
 - Organized TLM25 Ethics session.

Finance Committee:

- CHAIR** Naudia L. Jonassaint, MD, MHS, MBA
- Completed **external auditor selection** for AASLD and Foundation.
 - Revisited finances to reach budget neutrality.

Fundamentals of Liver Disease (FOLD) Committee:

- CHAIR** Sonal Kumar, MD
- Developed an updated FOLD module on MASLD.
 - Presented MASLD for the **Non-Hepatologist** to a **sold-out crowd** at DDW 2024.

Global Outreach & Engagement (GOE) Committee:

- CHAIR** Manal F. Abdelmalek, MD, MPH, FAASLD
- Executed 22 global programs.
 - Strengthened global partnerships and executed joint programs with 4 sister societies and 4 local societies.
 - Implemented 2 **new joint programs** with ESLC and INASL.
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Hepatology Associates Committee:

- CHAIR** Corrie Berk, NP, DNP, MBA
- Reviewed and **evaluated ELAPP program** applications.
 - Developed Hepatology Associates course for TLM 2024 and programming for DDW 2025.
 - Hosted Hepatology Associates Reception at TLM 2024

Inclusion & Diversity Committee:

- CHAIR** Lauren D. Nephew, MD, MSCE
- Advised on year 1 of Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program Award in Hepatology.
 - Hosted Diversity Reception and presented 2 sessions at TLM 2024.
 - Developed **session proposals with Women's Committee and LGBTQ Task Force** for DDW 2025.


Individual Fundraising Committee:

- CHAIR** Kenneth D. Rothstein, MD, FAASLD
- Established **new annual donor society: Club 1950** with 174 Founding Members.
 - 77% of Committee or SIG Members made a gift to AASLD Foundation during the 2024 Leadership Giving Challenge.
 - More than 700 AASLD members supported the AASLD Foundation in FY24.

Industry Advancement Committee:

- CHAIR** Robert S. Brown, Jr, MD, MPH, FAASLD
- Advocated for AASLD Foundation funding at DDW 2024.
 - Developed **agenda for Liver Leaders Council Summit** at DDW 2024.

Journals Publications Committee:

- CHAIR** Andrew S. DeLemos, MD
- Worked with staff and new publisher to simplify submission process for authors.
 - Collaborated with publisher on **strategies to increase readership** through AI-driven summaries as well as new software to screen manuscripts for plagiarism and to optimize article discoverability.
 - Adapted EIC search process to include nominating and selection committees to improve efficiency.
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LGBTQ Task Force:

- CHAIR** Howard Lee, MD
- Developed networking breakfast at DDW 2024 for the LGBTQ community.
 - Delivered webinar in June: **Approaching and Supporting LGBTQ+ Patients: Practical Tips for Clinicians**.
 - Hosted Pride Reception, diversity networking breakfast, and presented 2 sessions at TLM 2024.

Membership and Mentorship Committee:

- CHAIR** Neil Shah, MD
- Developed new longitudinal curriculum for professional development and standardization of mentor/mentee relationship.
 - Launched **reduced membership rates for ALEH** members.
 - Introduced reduced rates for low-income/ lower-middle income countries.
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Maintenance of Certification Committee:

- CHAIR** Ryan M. Taylor, MD, FAASLD
- Partnered with Training & Workforce Committee to develop an updated 2024 Transplant Hepatology Board Review Course.
 - Partnered with SIGs and Liver Fellow Network to **support board exam preparation** for members.

Nominating Committee:

- CHAIR** Norah Terrault, MD, MPH, FAASLD
- Reviewed and **proposed leadership nominations** to Governing Board, and slated Councilor-at-Large and Nominating Committee for September ballot.
 - Reviewed and proposed committee nominations, approved by Governing Board for 2025.

Online Learning Committee:

- CHAIR** Andrew Paul Keaveny, MD, FRCPI, FAASLD
- Coordinated and approved activities on the **new Liver Learning platform** from SIGs, AASLD committees, & external organizations.
 - Collaborated in the development of a module on palliative care in hepatology.
 - Established a strategy for the development of new e-learning activities in 2025.



Patient Advisory Group:

- CHAIR** Carla W. Brady, MD, MHS, FAASLD
- Launched SLD stakeholder group to advise AASLD on patient concerns around nomenclature implementation.
 - Developed **11 patient program sessions** for TLM 2025.
 - Collaborated with LGBTQ Task Force to develop session for TLM 2025.


Practice Guidelines Committee:

- CHAIR** Elizabeth C. Verna, MD, MS, FAASLD
- Published **3 GRADE guideline** documents on noninvasive liver disease assessments (NILDA) for fibrosis, steatosis, & portal hypertension.
 - Presented PGC Workshops during DDW and TLM 2024.
 - Developed AASLD Expert Practice Opinion (EXPO) on the Evaluation and Management of Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease in Children, & Resmetirov therapy for MASLD (October 2024, in collaboration with MASLD Task Force).

Practice Metrics Committee:

- CHAIR** Marina Serper, MD, MS
- Finalized and published pre-LT quality measures.
 - Organized TLM 2024 session on caring for the hospitalized patient with cirrhosis.
 - Developed **draft quality measures** (nearly finalized) for portal hypertension, ascites, & acute kidney injury.

Public Policy Committee:

- CHAIR** Steven D. Lidofsky, MD, PhD, FAASLD
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- Organized AASLD Hill Day and **met with over 30 Congressional offices**
 - Responded to CMS to advocate for reduction of barriers to prevention of hepatitis B, for expansion of telemedicine services, and to recognize the value and complexity of management of liver disease.
 - Increased awareness of Congress about the impact of liver disease in America, with a goal to support the research missions of the NIH, CDC, and DVA, and to ratify the White House Hepatitis C Elimination Plan.

Research Awards Committee:

- CHAIR** Wendy A. Henderson, PhD, FAASLD
- Engaged with Inclusion & Diversity, Membership & Mentorship, & Training & Workforce committees to review trainee funding program applications.
 - AASLD Foundation **granted \$2.6M to support over 150 individuals** for their hepatology career development and research.
 - Announced \$25M gift from the Brunnckhorst Foundation to support R. Todd Stravitz AASLD Foundation Research Fund.

Surgery & Liver Transplantation Committee:

- CHAIR** Ryutaro Hirose, MD
- For TLM 2024, organized Surgery & Liver Transplantation Workshop: **How to Solve Disparities** in access to Liver Transplantation (Part 1 & 2).

Training and Workforce Committee:

- CHAIR** Amy Taylor, MD
- Developed 4 sessions (including Academic Debates) for TLM 2024 and 4 sessions for DDW 2025.
 - Partnered with the **Liver Fellows Network** for programming at TLM and DDW.
 - Partnered with the MOC Committee to develop an updated Transplant Hepatology Board Review Course that launched on August 30, 2024.



Women's Initiatives Committee:

- CHAIR** Tatyana Kushner, MD, MSCE
- Delivered **sold-out Women's Networking Luncheon** and presented 3 sessions at TLM 2024.
 - Collaborated on multi-society papers on pay equity and maternity leave.
 - Launched year 2 of AASLD Women's Leadership Program.

SIG ACTIVITIES

Acute on Chronic Liver Failure (ACLF) SIG:

- CHAIR** Constantine J. Karvellas, MD, SM, FRCPC, FCCM
- Collaborated with Clinical Practice SIG for 1 approved session at DDW 2024.
 - Produced 4 approved sessions at TLM 2024, including 3 MTE sessions.
 - Developed 2 approved sessions for DDW 2025, including 1 **State of the Art Lecture**.

Alcohol-associated Liver Disease (ALD) SIG:

- CHAIR** Juan Pablo Arab, MD
- Developed metALD ETC program (Feb 2025) with MASLD SIG.
 - Developed ALD working group with EASL and ALEH.
 - Organized **ALD task force/ AASLD National Strategy** to Address Alcohol.

Cholestatic and Autoimmune Liver Diseases (CALD) SIG:

- CHAIR** Cara Lynn Mack, MD, MD, FAASLD
- Executed a successful **joint session with the Pediatric Liver Disease SIG**, and hosted 3 Meet the Expert sessions at TLM 2024.
 - Prepared dedicated CALD SIG session and a Basic Science Emerging Topic Conference for DDW 2025.

Clinical Practice SIG:

- CHAIR** Amanda J. Chaney, DNP, APRN, FAANP, AF-AASLD
- Developed **3 sessions for TLM 2024** and 1 session at DDW 2024.
 - Collaborated with the Portal Hypertension SIG on joint programming.

Hepatitis B (HBV) SIG:

- CHAIR** Calvin Q. Pan, MD, MACP, FAASLD
- Collaborated with the Hepatitis B Foundation and Public Policy Committee to address medication insurance denials and FDA designation of HDV as an orphan disease.
 - Created **Joint Symposium with Hong Kong Association** for the Study of Liver Diseases.
 - Developed 1 HCC-focused webinar, and 2 MTE sessions and symposium at TLM 2024.
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Hepatitis C (HCV) SIG:

- CHAIR** Harrys A. Torres, MD, FAASLD
- Created 3 webinars, one in collaboration with the Public Health/Health Care Delivery SIG, and one with ESCMID.
 - Developed a **symposium for DDW focused on hepatitis C elimination** in the U.S.
 - Produced 3 MTE sessions, 1 community conversation, & 1 symposium at TLM 2024.

Hepatology Associates SIG:

- CHAIR** Andrea A. Gossard, APRN, CNP, AF-AASLD
- With the Public Health SIG and DDW SPC, developed a multiday Preventative Hepatology Program at DDW 2024.
 - Produced MTE sessions highlighting the incorporation of hepatology associates to increase access to hepatology services and be supportive members of the hepatology team for TLM 2024.
 - Collaborated with the Hepatology Associate Committee** to provide targeted networking, searchable and filtered programming in the TLM 2024 mobile app, & Journey maps for Hepatology Associates.

Hepatotoxicity SIG:

- CHAIR** Lily Dara, MD
- Produced monthly hepatotoxicity seminar series, TLM 2024 symposium, & SIG community conversation.
 - Developed the **AASLD-ALEH joint symposium 2024**: DILI, across 2 continents.
 - Assembled a customized table road map of all things DILI from posters, MTEs, & talks in various sessions related to DILI.

Liver Cancer SIG:

- CHAIR** David E. Kaplan, MD, MSc, FAASLD, FACP, AGAF
- Developed Basic Science Symposium for TLM 2024.
 - Developed **Liver Cancer 101 Education Series** for production in 2025, focusing on:
 - Fundamentals of chemoembolization and radioembolization
 - Liver Cancer Pathology
 - Immunotherapy for the Hepatologist
 - External Beam Radiotherapy
 - Modern Ablation Techniques


Liver Cell Biology SIG:

- CHAIR** Satdarshan (Paul) Singh Monga, MD, FAASLD
- Produced TLM 2024 SIG session and collaborated on TLM Meet-the-Expert sessions.
 - Created a **Research Symposium focused on DILI and Liver Repair**.
 - Produced Basic Science ETC for DDW 2025.

Liver Fibrosis & Cirrhosis SIG:

- CHAIR** Robert F. Schwabe, MD
- Created a SIG symposium on treating liver fibrosis and developed two Meet-the-Expert sessions for TLM 2024.
 - Instituted **SIG name change to Liver Fibrosis & Cirrhosis**.

Liver Transplant and Surgery SIG:

- CHAIR** Pratima Sharma, MD, MS
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- Produced **7 approved sessions** for TLM 2024: 4 MTE sessions, 2 community conversations, & 1 symposium.
 - Co-produced ILTS course in collaboration with TTS leadership.
 - Created and delivered a webinar: Reproductive Health in Liver Transplant recipients.


Metabolic Dysfunction-associated Steatotic Liver Disease (MASLD) SIG:

- CHAIR** Mazen Noureddin, MD, MHS
- Developed the **2024 Emerging Topic Conference (ETC)** in Las Vegas, NV.
 - Developed session with ALD SIG for ETC 2025.
 - Enhancing focus on trainee development.

Pediatric Liver Disease SIG:

- CHAIR** James E. Squires, MD, MS
- Created **Joint Symposia with Cholestatic Liver Disease SIG and NASPGHAN**, and developed 3 MTEs (DILI, PALF, Hepatitis B), & 1 community conversation for TLM 2024.
 - Worked with Hepatotoxicity SIG for Joint Symposium Submission for TLM 2025.

Portal Hypertension SIG:

- CHAIR** Don C. Rockey, MD, FAASLD
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- Developed **2 webinars, 3 MTE sessions, & 1 community conversation**.
 - Collaborated with the ACLF SIG for successful program at TLM 2024.

Public Health/Health Care Delivery SIG:

- CHAIR** George Ioannou, MD, FAASLD
- Produced a webinar on hepatitis C innovation.
 - Collaborated with the Clinical Practice SIG on cirrhosis-focused symposium for TLM 2024.
 - Produced **2 TLM 2024 community conversations** on how to approach difficult conversations with patients & families.