From Medical Treatment to Liver Transplantation
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Objectives

This conference will provide a detailed overview of the current challenges and advances in prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of NAFLD/NASH. It will focus on various issues concerning both adult and pediatric populations, including lifestyle, new drugs, and surgery, from mild liver disease to advanced chronic liver disease, and including candidates both during liver transplant and in the post-transplant setting.

International experts will convene to focus on NAFLD/NASH management strategies and best practices in a consensus conference format. The consensus conference proceedings will be used to generate a Practice Guidelines manuscript for publication in Transplantation. The conference will focus on six separate areas:

1. Epidemiology and prevention
2. Medical treatment: lifestyle changes and pharmacological therapy
3. Risk of hepatocellular carcinoma: surveillance and management
4. End-stage liver disease and liver transplantation
5. Management of recurrent and de novo NAFLD/NASH after liver transplantation
6. Pediatric population
Educational Goals

The overall goal of this course is to discuss the increasing incidence of NAFLD and NASH and metabolic syndrome in the U.S., Europe and Asia and how NAFLD/NASH represents an increasing indication to liver transplantation.

It will focus on the most recent advances and discuss the potential of new drugs to prevent the progression of steatosis to fibrosis and the role of liver transplantation for advanced liver disease.

Learning objectives

Understand who are the groups at risk of developing NAFLD/NASH.

Identify strategies for preventive interventions.

Understand how to manage patients at risk to develop hepatic steatosis and steato-fibrosis.

Understand how new drugs can be used in patients with steatosis.

Understand how to perform surveillance for hepatocellular carcinoma in this special populations at higher risk to develop tumors.

Evaluate how co-morbidities (cardiovascular, hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia, obesity, renal dysfunction…) should be assessed and treated in the candidate to liver transplantation.

Understand what are the modifiable risk factors for recurrent and de novo NAFLD/NASH after liver transplantation.

Learn the utility of targeted immunosuppression therapy in patients at risk to develop NAFLD/NASH after transplantation.

Understand the different management of risk factors of NAFLD/NASH development in pediatric population and if medical treatment differs from the adult population.
Introductory Lectures

**CHAIR**
Patrizia Burra, Padova, Italy

**08:30**  
**Why NASH? Because HCV is disappearing?**  
Alfredo Alberti, Padova, Italy

**09:00**  
**Are we also eliminating HCV in special populations?**  
Felice Nava, Padova, Italy

Consensus Conference Lectures

**CHAIRS**  
Patrizia Burra, Padova, Italy  
Marina Berenguer, Valencia, Spain

**09:30**  
1. **Epidemiology and prevention**  
Zobair M. Younoussi, Falls Church, USA

**10:00**  
2. **Medical treatment: lifestyle changes and pharmacological therapy**  
Vlad Ratziu, Paris, France

**10:30**  
3. **Risk of hepatocellular carcinoma: surveillance and management**  
Christian Toso, Geneva, Switzerland

**11:00-11:30** Coffee break

**11:30**  
4. **End-stage liver disease and liver transplantation**  
Marina Berenguer, Valencia, Spain

**12:00**  
5. **Management of recurrent and de novo NAFLD/NASH after liver transplantation**  
Kymberly D. Watt, Rochester, USA

**12:30**  
6. **Pediatric population**  
Anil Dhawan, London, United Kingdom

**13:00**  
**Discussion**

**13:30-14:00** Lunch break
Afternoon Working Groups
14:00-15:30

1. Epidemiology and prevention

CHAIRS
Zobair M. Younoussi, Falls Church, USA
Salvatore Petta, Palermo, Italy

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS
Helena Cortez-Pinto, Lisbon, Portugal
Giulio Marchesini, Bologna, Italy

1a. Who are the groups at risk of developing NAFLD/NASH? Should these groups be the target of preventive interventions?
1b. How can NAFLD/NASH be prevented in the general population?
1c. Extra-hepatic manifestations of NAFLD/NASH: their potential impact on liver transplantation
1d. NASH-ASH as an indication for liver transplantation: how frequent is it? Is it different from NASH or ASH alone?

2. Medical treatment: lifestyle changes and pharmacological therapy

CHAIRS
Vlad Ratziu, Paris, France
Gianluca Svegliati Baroni, Ancona, Italy

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS
Marwan Ghabril, Indianapolis, USA
Manuel Romero-Gómez, Seville, Spain

2a. Which lifestyle modifications should be recommended in patients with NAFLD/NASH?
2b. Which pharmacological treatment should be used in patients with NAFLD/NASH?
3. Risk of hepatocellular carcinoma: surveillance and management

CHAIRS
Christian Toso, Geneva, Switzerland
Maria Reig, Barcelona, Spain

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS
Martina Gambato, Padova, Italy
David Victor, Houston, USA
John P Roberts, San Francisco, USA
Nancy Kwan Man, Hong Kong, Hong Kong

3a. Should patients with NAFLD/NASH be surveyed for HCC following a specific protocol?

4. End-stage liver disease and liver transplantation

CHAIRS
Marina Berenguer, Valencia, Spain
Emmanuel Tsochatzis, London, UK

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS
Audrey Coilly, Paris, France
Silvio Nadalin, Tübingen, Germany
Yaman Tokat, Istanbul, Turkey
Josh Levitsky, Chicago, USA
Mark Ghobrial, Houston, USA

4a. How should co-morbidities (cardiovascular, hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia, obesity, renal dysfunction, etc.) be assessed in the candidate for liver transplantation? Should the assessment differ from that done in other etiologies?

4b. How should co-morbidities (cardiovascular, hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia, obesity, renal dysfunction, etc.) be treated in the candidate for liver transplantation? Should treatment and monitoring of these comorbidities differ from that applied in other etiologies?

4c. Is the natural history of NASH-related cirrhosis different from other etiologies of end-stage liver disease?

4d. Is the outcome after liver transplantation similar to other etiologies of liver disease?

4e. Is there any circumstance where obesity should contraindicate liver transplantation?

4f. What are the therapeutic strategies recommended to improve the cardiovascular and nutritional status of a NASH patient in the WL for liver transplantation?

4g. Optimal time for bariatric surgery: before, during, or after liver transplantation?
5. Management of recurrent and de novo NAFLD/NASH after liver transplantation

CHAIRS
Kymberly D. Watt, Rochester, USA
Giacomo Germani, Padova, Italy

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS
Laura Rubbia-Brandt, Geneva, Switzerland
Marie Laryea, Rochester, USA
Hiroto Egawa, Tokyo, Japan
John O’Grady, London, UK

5a. Histologic findings in recurrent or de novo NAFLD/NASH: different from those observed in the immune competent patient?

5b. Is recurrent NAFLD/NASH different from de novo NAFLD/NASH?

5c. What are the modifiable risk factors for recurrent and de novo NAFLD/NASH?

5d. What is the best diagnostic tool? Non-invasive tests or still liver biopsy?

5e. How should co-morbidities (cardiovascular, hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia, obesity, renal dysfunction, etc.) be assessed in a liver transplant recipient? Should the assessment differ from that done in other etiologies?

5f. How should comorbidities (cardiovascular, hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia, obesity, renal dysfunction, etc.) be treated in a liver transplant recipient? Should treatment and monitoring of these comorbidities differ from those applied in other etiologies?

5g. Should immunosuppression be targeted?

5h. Does recurrent and/or de novo NAFLD/NASH after liver transplantation negatively affect patient and graft survival?

5i. Which lifestyle modifications should be recommended in patients with recurrent and/or de novo NAFLD/NASH?

5j. Which pharmacological treatments should be used in patients with recurrent and/or de novo NAFLD/NASH?
6. **Pediatric population**

**CHAIRS**
Anil Dhawan, London, UK
Mohamed Rela, Chennai, India

**WORKING GROUP MEMBERS**
Pietro Vajro, Naples, Italy
Mara Cananzi, Padova, Italy

6a. Management of risk factors of NAFLD/NASH development: different from the adult population?
6b. Does medical treatment differ from the adult population?
6c. Is the natural history of NAFLD/NASH different in the pediatric compared to the adult population?
6d. When is liver transplantation indicated?
6e. Is the outcome after liver transplantation acceptable?

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00 **Working Group presentations with statements**

18:00 **Summary**
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