



British Association for the Study of the Liver  
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## Joint BASL/BLTG Programme

### THEMES:

### WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025

08:35 – 08:35	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Chairs: Tim Cross and Matthew Cramp	Hall 1 - A
08:35 – 08.55	<b>Skin cancer post transplant</b> Speaker: Ferina Ismail	
08.55 – 09:15	<b>Solid organ cancer post-transplant</b> Epidemiology of Cancer after solid Organ Transplantation (the EpCOT study) - University of Birmingham Speaker: Prof Adnan Sharif	
09:15 – 09:35	<b>Recurrent PSC post-transplant</b> Speaker: Dr Deepak Joshi	
	<b>Biliary strictures</b>	
09:35 – 09.55	<b>SpR Case presentation:</b> Speaker: Dr Stuart McIlwaine	
09:55 – 10:15	<b>Post-transplant biliary strictures – results of national Audit</b> Speaker: Jess Dyson (The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) and Mohammed Elseragy (Leeds Teaching Hospitals)	
10:15 - 10:35	<b>MDT approach to biliary strictures post-transplant – radiology, endoscopy surgery and hep</b> Speaker: Jon Potts and Belfast team	
10:35 – 11:05	<b>Refreshments and Trade Exhibition</b>	Hall 1 – B & C
11:05 – 11:25	<b>SpR Case presentation – assessing the comorbid patient</b> Speaker: Jennifer Gallacher (Leeds Teaching Hospitals)	
11:25 – 11:55	<b>Assessing and modifying perioperative risk</b> Speaker: Dr Suehana Rahman	
11.55 – 12.40	<b>Williams Calne Lecture – From Survival to Sustainability: Cardiovascular Longevity After Liver Transplant</b> Speaker: Associate Prof Lisa Van Wagner	

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12.40 – 13.45	<p><b>Lunch and Trade Exhibition</b></p> <p><b>Posters</b></p>	Hall 1 – B & C
13:00 – 13:45	<p><b>Industry Symposium: Ipsen</b></p> <p>Working Together on Fatigue in PBC: Practical Multiprofessional Approaches (Ipsen sponsored promotional symposium)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Professor David Jones and Alice Freer Professor David Jones - Honorary Consultant at North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board, Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Freeman Hospital and Alice Freer - Physiotherapist at University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust</p>	Hall 1A
<p><b>Joint ISG, USG, BASL Plenary</b></p> <p><b>Liver disease in IBD</b></p> <p><b>Chairs: Orla Crosbie, Lisa McNeil &amp; Tim Cross</b></p>		
13.50 – 14.00	<p><b>BASL and Frontline gastroenterology – a match made in Hepatology</b></p> <p><i>Speaker: Dr Tim Cross &amp; Phil Smith</i></p>	
14:00 – 14:20	<p><b>Burden of liver disease in IBD</b></p> <p><i>Speaker: Dr Richard Howard, Antrim</i></p>	
14:20 – 14.40	<p><b>Surveillance in IBD and PSC</b></p> <p><i>Speaker: Dr Omar Sherriff, St Vincent's</i></p>	Hall 1 - A
14:40– 15:10	<p><b>Finding an effective treatment for PSC</b></p> <p><i>Speaker: Prof Michael Trauner</i></p>	
15:10 – 15.35	<p><b>Refreshments and Trade Exhibition</b></p> <p><b>Posters</b></p>	
<p><b>Chairs: Ahmed Elsharkawy and Felicity Williams</b></p>		
15.35 – 16.00	<p><b>Optimising nutrition in IBD/PSC</b></p> <p><i>Speaker: Briege McCue, Belfast</i></p>	
16.00 – 16:30	<p><b>Ralph Wright Lecture:</b> <b>New options for patients with IBD and liver disease pre and post liver transplant</b></p> <p><i>Speaker: Prof Glen Doherty</i></p>	Hall 1 - A

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16:30 – 17.00	Dame Sheila sherlock <i>Speaker: Paul Brennan</i>	
17.00 – 17:45	<b><i>Industry Symposium: Gilead – Hall 1 A</i></b>	
17.25 – 18.10	<p><b><i>Industry Symposium: Madrigal</i></b>  <b>"Advancing the Management of MASH: Drivers of Disease, Guidelines, and Clinical Insights"</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Dr. Tessa Cacciottolo, Consultant Hepatologist and Chain Florey TTI Fellow, Imperial College London and Dr. Jeremy Cobbald, Consultant Hepatologist, Oxford University Hospitals</p> <p><b>Learning Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand key pathways driving inflammation and fibrosis in MASH.</li> <li>• Discuss latest guidelines and non-invasive tests for diagnosing and managing MASH.</li> <li>• Share clinical experiences and local pathways in practice.</li> </ul>	<b><i>Meeting Room 3</i></b>
18:00 – 20:00	Welcome Reception and Moderated Poster Session	Hall 1 – B & C
20.00 – 23:00	<b>President's Dinner (by invitation)</b>	

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## THEME: Cancer and the MDT approach to Steatotic liver disease

Chairs: Dianne Backhouse and Orla Crosbie

THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

08.15 – 09.00	<p><b>Satellite Symposium Sponsored by AstraZeneca</b></p> <p>Not an oncologist? Join us to explore how hepatologists can navigate the role of immunotherapy in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) within the multidisciplinary team. Esteemed speakers, Dr James Maurice (Gastroenterology and Hepatology Consultant, North Bristol NHS Trust) and Dr Maria Fernanda Guerra Veloz (Hepatologist Consultant, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation), will explore the evolving treatment landscape of HCC. They will delve into a real-world case study and discuss practical approaches to coordinated patient management within the multidisciplinary team. Don't miss this opportunity to expand your knowledge and expertise in this important area of patient care.</p> <p><i>This is a promotional meeting organised and funded by AstraZeneca UK and is intended for UK healthcare professionals only. AstraZeneca products will be discussed in this meeting. Prescribing information will be available at the meeting.</i></p>	Hall 1 - A
09:00 – 09:20	<p><b>Improving HCC Surveillance in the UK</b></p> <p><i>Speaker: Prof Stuart McPherson, Newcastle</i></p>	
09:20 – 09:40	<p><b>Data and learning from the national HCC programme</b></p> <p><i>Speaker: Michele Bourke, St Vincent's, Dublin</i></p>	
09:40 – 10: 00	<p><b>The Role of Radiotherapy in Primary Liver Cancer</b></p> <p><i>Speaker: Prof Aisling Barry, Cork</i></p>	
10:00 – 10:10	<p><b>British Liver Update</b></p> <p><i>Speaker: Vanessa Hebditch</i></p>	
10:10 – 10:30	<p><b>British Liver Trust Lecture 2025</b></p> <p><b>Inequalities in health care and its impact on liver disease cancer</b></p> <p><i>Speaker: Prof Joanne Morling, University of Nottingham</i></p>	
10:30 – 11:00	<p><i>Refreshments and Trade Exhibition</i></p> <p><i>Posters</i></p>	Hall 1 – B & C

Chairs: Suzanne Norris and Matt Armstrong

11:00 -12:15	<p><i>MDT approach to steatotic liver disease:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Chair: Matthew Armstrong and Suzanne Norris</i></li><li>- <i>Dietetics: Thomas Crame, Newcastle</i></li><li>- <i>Exercise: Dr Kate Hallsworth, Newcastle</i></li><li>- <i>Therapeutics: Dr Robert Elliot Cooke</i></li></ul>	Hall 1 - A
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Metabolic/therapeutic approaches:</i> Prof Jeremy Tomlinson</li> <li>- <i>Psychologist:</i> Prof Leah Avery</li> <li>- <i>Surgery/L:</i> Prof Helen Heneghan</li> <li>- <i>Bariatric CNS:</i> Dr Claire Kearney</li> </ul>	
12:15 – 13:40	<b>Lunch and Trade Exhibition Posters</b>	Hall 1 – B & C
12:30 – 13:15	<p><b>Industry Symposium sponsored by Novo Nordisk</b></p> <p><b>A Metabolic Spotlight on MASH</b></p> <p>Speaker Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor Philip Newsome is the Director of the Roger Williams Institute of Liver Studies at King's College London and runs the metabolic services at the Liver Unit at King's College Hospital in London.</li> <li>- Dr Heather Bell is a GP Principal working in Greenisland Northern Ireland. She has a special interest in diabetes and joined the Primary Care Diabetes Society as a committee member in 2019. She is currently the Co-chair of the PCDS committee for Northern Ireland.</li> <li>- Professor Jeremy Tomlinson is a Professor of Metabolic Endocrinology and Consultant Endocrinologist based in the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism.</li> </ul> <p><i>This is a non-promotional symposium organised and funded by Novo Nordisk</i></p>	Hall 1 - A
<b>BASL Plenary</b> <b>THEME: Autoimmune liver disease</b> <b>Chairs: Deepak Joshi and Palak Trivedi</b>		
13:40 – 14:05	<p><b>Alex Mowat Lecture:</b> The (re)evolution in genetic cholestasis:  <i>Speaker:</i> Prof Richard Thompson</p>	Hall 1 - A
14:05 – 14:25	<p><b>Introducing and delivering new therapies in PBC</b>  <i>Speaker:</i> Arron Jones, Barts Healthcare</p>	
14:25 – 14:55	<p><b>Pruritus – mechanisms and new approaches</b>  <i>Speaker:</i> Dr Maria Londono, Barcelona</p>	
14:55 – 15:20	<p><b>Refractory AIH - thinking outside the box</b>  <i>Speaker:</i> Prof Michael Heneghan, London</p>	
15:20 – 15.30	<p>The Ian and Barbara McFarlane Foundation award</p>	
15:30 – 16:00	<p><b>Refreshments and Trade Exhibition Posters</b></p>	
<p><b>Free Papers</b>  <b>Chairs: Lisa McNeil and Ahmed Elsharkawy</b></p>		
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Free Papers: 'Pick of the Best- Session 1' 6 abstracts</b></p>	Hall 1 - A

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	<p><b>The prevalence of liver cirrhosis and its associated complications among patients with hereditary haemochromatosis in England (PREDISPOSE HEME) – O1</b> <i>Speaker: Dr Prabhsimran Singh</i></p> <p><b>Implementing a nurse-led early discharge clinic for patients with decompensated chronic liver disease to reduce readmission rates and length of hospital stay – O2</b> <i>Speaker: Liliana Goncalves King</i></p> <p><b>Evaluation of the acceptability and effectiveness of assistant psychologist-led Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) within Hillingdon Hospital alcohol pathway – O3</b> <i>Speaker: Miss Ruby Hanshaw</i></p> <p><b>Development and validation of dimethylarginines (DAS) as a novel biomarker to identify pre-ACLF and predict outcomes following acute decompensation of cirrhosis in two prospective multicentre European cohorts – O4</b> <i>Speaker: Dr Kohilan Gananandan</i></p> <p><b>24-month clinical outcomes of a therapeutic stepwise approach involving low-dose systemic thrombolysis for managing acute portomesenteric thrombosis – O5</b> <i>Speaker: Dr Aqib Chowdhury</i></p> <p><b>Differential liver transplant delivery across socioeconomic strata in individuals presenting acutely to hospital with chronic liver disease in England – O6</b> <i>Speaker: Dr Cori Campbell</i></p>	
17.40 – 18.25	<p><b>Industry Symposium by Mirum</b></p> <p>Primary sclerosing Cholangitis: Focusing on Symptom Burden, Emerging Therapies and the Patient Experience</p> <p><b>Summary</b></p> <p><b>Discovery the evolving landscape of primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC)</b></p> <p>Join leading experts and a patient speaker as they explore PSC's symptom burden, highlight critical unmet needs, and discuss the emerging therapies—including IBAT inhibition. Hear a powerful personal story from diagnosis to transplant, offering unique insights into life with PSC</p> <p><b>Speaker Information</b></p>	

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	Dr Emma Culver, MBChB, DPhil, FRCP / Consultant Hepatologist John Radcliffe Hospital Oxford, UK Dr Deepak Joshi, PhD, FRCP, MB, BS / Transplant Hepatologist King's College Hospital, London, UK Mark Chatterley / PSC patient, Liver Transplant Recipient	
19:00 – 19.30	<b>BASL, Falk Foundation, BLT Awards</b>	Titanic Museum
19:30 – 23.00	<b>BASL Annual Dinner</b> <b>19:30 - Drinks Reception</b> <b>20:00 - Dinner</b>	Titanic Museum

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08:15 – 08:55	<b>BASL Annual Business Meeting</b>	Meeting room 3A
<b>THEME: Expanding horizons in hepatology</b> Chairs: D Joshi and Sital Shah		
<b>FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025</b>		
08:15 – 09.00	<b>Industry Symposium by Gilead</b>  <b>Leveraging success in HCV elimination to tackle current challenges in HBV &amp; HDV</b>  Join our expert panel as they share learnings from viral hepatitis elimination so far and discuss how their experience with HCV elimination can be used to address the current unmet needs of those living with hepatitis B and hepatitis delta. This promotional symposium has been organised and funded by Gilead Sciences Limited and is for healthcare professionals only.  <b>Chair:</b> <b>Professor Stephen Ryder</b> , Co-Clinical Director of Research & Innovation at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and Consultant Physician in Hepatology and Gastroenterology  <b>Panel:</b> Rachel Halford, CEO of The Hepatitis C Trust and President of The World Hepatitis Alliance  Professor Stuart McPherson, Consultant Hepatologist, The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  Dr Paul Trembling, Consultant Hepatologist, East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust	Hall 1 - A
09:00 – 09.20	<b>Working smarter in Hepatology</b> <i>Speaker:</i> Dr Ankur Srivastava, Bristol	Hall 1 - A
09:20 – 09:40	<b>New tech = better outcomes?</b> <i>Speaker:</i> Dr Johnny Cash	
09:40 – 10:00	<b>Transplanting more than livers – the role of FMT</b> <i>Speaker:</i> Prof Debbie Shawcross, King's	
10:00 – 10:20	<b>EUS guided portal pressures and biopsy – ready for prime time?</b> <i>Speaker:</i> Dr Martin James, Nottingham	

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10.20 – 10.35	<b>Distinguished service award</b>	
10.35 – 10.45	<b>British Liver Award</b>	
10.45 – 11.10	Trainees' meet & greet session. Opportunity for trainees to network and speak with regional trainee reps – Dr Wenhao Li	Meeting room 3
10.45 – 11:10	<i>Refreshments and Trade Exhibition</i>	Hall 1 – B & C
	<b>Rapid Fire Updates</b> <b>Chairs: Tim Cross and Ian Rowe</b>	
11.10 - 12.00	Pick of the Best Abstracts – session 2 4 abstracts  <b>A nurse-led, one-stop-shop approach to MASLD assessment, risk stratification and patient education: the Belfast experience – O7</b> <i>Speaker: Leanne Stratton</i>  <b>Linerixibat significantly improves cholestatic pruritus in primary biliary cholangitis (PBC): results of the pivotal Phase 3 GLISTEN trial – O8</b> <i>Speaker: Rhys Gallagher</i>  <b>Efficacy and Safety of Third-Line Therapies in Autoimmune Hepatitis: Short- and Long-Term Outcomes from a Real-World Cohort – O9</b> <i>Speaker: Dr Ilkay Ergenc</i>  <b>Multimodal liver assessment with Endoscopic Ultrasound-guided Portosystemic Pressure Gradient (EUS-PPG), EUS-liver biopsy &amp; variceal screening: A single centre experience – O10</b> <i>Speaker: Dr Martin James</i>	Hall 1 - A
12.00 - 13.00	<b>Rapid Fire Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Haemochromatosis</b> <i>Speaker: Prof John Ryan, Beaumont</i></li> <li>• <b>Liver disease in cystic fibrosis</b> <i>Speaker: Dr Emer Fitzpatrick, Dublin</i></li> <li>• <b>Vascular liver diseases</b> <i>Speaker: Dr David Patch, RFH</i></li> <li>• <b>Prehabilitation in patients with liver disease</b> <i>Speaker: Suzanne Lester, Belfast</i></li> </ul>	
13.00 – 13.15	<b>Closing Remarks: Tim Cross</b>	
13.15 – 13.45	<i>Meeting Close - Lunch</i>	

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