

BASL 2026

British Association for the Study of the Liver
Incl BLTG Transplant Meeting and BLNA Nurse Meeting

Joint BASL/BLTG Programme THEME - Access to Transplantation

WEDNESDAY 7th October 2026

08:30 – 08:35	Welcome and Introduction Chairs: Ian Rowe and James Ferguson	<i>Meeting room 1F</i>
08:30 – 09:00	Psychological support for liver transplant patients and families Mark Chatterley:	
09:00 – 09:25	Regraft audit presentation Speaker:	
09:25 – 10:10	Williams Calne Lecture – Retransplantation Speaker: Minneke Coenraad	
10:10 – 10:35	<i>Refreshments and Trade Exhibition</i>	
10:35 – 11:00	The Welsh Experience of accessing transplant Speaker: Fidan Yousuf + Patient representative	<i>Meeting room 1F</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Welsh National Liver Plan – with a focus on inequalities and access to liver transplantation Speaker: Andrew Yeoman	
11.30 – 12.30	Improving access to liver transplantation – group discussion Patient Trauma network/stroke/acs Richard Aspinall Andy Yeoman Dai Samuel Fidan Yusuf	
12.40 – 13.45	<i>Lunch and Trade Exhibition</i> <i>Posters</i>	
13:00 – 13:45	Industry Symposium: Ipsen Speakers:	<i>Meeting room 1F</i>

BASL Plenary - Redefining cirrhosis Chairs: Ian Rowe &

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13.45 – 14.10	Review of BASL activities Speaker: Ian Rowe	
14:10 – 14:30	Portal hypertension beyond cirrhosis – rethinking definitions Speaker: Professor Alastair O'Brien, Cleveland Clinic London	Meeting room 1F
14:30 – 14.50	Impact for patients and services Speaker: Dr Louise China, Royal Free Hospital	
14:50– 15:10	Personalised management of CSPH Speaker: Dr Dina Mansour, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gatehead	
15:10 – 15.35	<i>Refreshments and Trade Exhibition</i> <i>Posters</i>	
Chairs: Ian Rowe & A.O'Brien		
15.35 – 16.00	Shunts, plugs and gradients - tailoring IR interventions in PHT Speaker: Dr Stephen Gregory, Kings College Hospital	Meeting room 1F
16.00 – 16:30	Ralph Wright lecture - PHT- from sinusoids to systemic circulation Speaker: Dr Virginia Hernández-Gea, Barcelona	
16:30 – 17.00	Dame Sheila Sherlock Award Lecture Speaker: Dr Laura Pallett	
17.00 – 17:45	Industry Symposium: Madrigal	Meeting room 1F
18:00 – 20:00	Welcome Reception and Moderated Poster Session	Main Hall A
18.00 – 19.00	Trainees' meet & greet session. Opportunity for trainees to network and speak with regional trainee reps – Dr Wenhao Li	Main Hall A
20.00 – 23:00	President's Dinner (by invitation)	

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BASL Plenary

THEME: Rare Disease - Smaller Centres, Bigger Challenges

Chairs: Aftab Ala & Dianne Backhouse

THURSDAY 8th October 2026

08.15 – 09.00	Industry Symposium Sponsored by	<i>Meeting room 1F</i>
09:00 – 09:20	Breath and Beyond: Exploring Liver Disease in CF Speaker: Dr Anna Sayers, University Hospital Llandough	
09:20 – 09:40	Young adults Speaker: Dr Claire Salmon, Sheffield Teaching Hospital	
09:40 – 10:10	Building a team to support rare disease – an MDT approach Speakers: Dr Nicola Burke, St Vincent's University Hospital	
10:10 – 10:30	Liver UK update Speaker: Pam Healy	
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Refreshments and Trade Exhibition</i> <i>Posters</i>	<i>Main Hall A</i>
Chairs: Catherine Williamson		
11:00 -12:15	Liver Disease in Pregnancy MDT Chair Catherine Williamson Speakers: Obstetrician Caroline Ovadia Midwife - Hayley Martin Fiona Thompson Sandra Walsh Liver– Thomas Pembroke	<i>Meeting room 1F</i>
12:15 – 13:40	Lunch and Trade Exhibition Posters	
12:30 – 13:15	Industry Symposium sponsored by Gilead Industry Symposium sponsored by Ipsen	<i>Meeting room 1F</i> <i>Meeting room 1C</i>

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	BASL Plenary THEME: Palliative Hepatology Chair Lucia Macken	BASL Parallel Session Scientific Shakedown Chair: Uppy Gill & Vishal Patel
13.40 – 14.05	Laying the background, what is palliative hepatology Speaker Ben Hudson	Fundamental discovery through to clinical trial delivery in HCC' (or similar) Speaker: Prof Shishir Shetty
14.05 – 14.25	Evidence based palliative interventions in hepatology Speaker: Neil Rajoria	Hepatitis B, global liver health, and epidemiology across both the UK and Africa Speaker: Prof Maud Lemoine
14.25 – 14.45	Multidisciplinary supportive care in ACLD Speaker: Tara Rees (Consultant nurse), Clea Atkinson (Cardiff pall care cons)	Time to Action: A Research Taskforce to Accelerate Research Delivery and Participation in UK Gastroenterology and Hepatology Speaker: Dr Lynsey Corless

Chairs: Tim Cross

14:50 – 15:20	Services and commissioning update Speaker: Richard Aspinall	<i>Meeting room 1F</i>
15.10 – 15.30	Liver UK Lecture 2026 Prove it or lose it! Demonstrating the impact of liver service transformation Speaker: Dr Ryan Buchanan, Southampton	<i>Meeting room 1F</i>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Refreshments and Trade Exhibition Posters</i>	Mian Hall A
16.00 – 16.10	The Ian and Barbara McFarlane Foundation Award Speaker:	

Free Papers

Chairs: Louisa Vine & Tim Cross

16:10 – 17:40	Free Papers: 'Pick of the Best- Session 1' 6 abstracts Rising prevalence, ethnic disparities, and cardiometabolic trajectories over two decades: Real-world evidence of MASLD from the UK primary care Clinical Practice Research Database Speaker: Dr Huei-tyng Huang Machine and deep learning MRI-based radiomic representations of transcriptomic profiles allow for non-invasive prediction of recurrence risk after curative hepatectomy in patients with early-stage hepatocellular carcinoma. Speaker: Dr Mathew Vithayathil	<i>Meeting room 1F</i>
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	The implementation of a novel Multidisciplinary Cirrhosis Rehabilitation Programme improves frailty and quality of life in patients with decompensated cirrhosis. Speaker: <i>Abigail Greenwell</i> Gene-Environment Interactions of PNPLA3-I148M with Body Mass Index (BMI) and Red Meat Intake associated with Cirrhosis in Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease (MASLD) Speaker: <i>Ruthu Manjunatha</i> A multi-centre randomised controlled trial with nested cost-effectiveness evaluation of screening for liver disease in people living with type 2 diabetes in primary care Speaker: <i>Dr Ryan Buchanan</i> Efficacy and safety of volixibat, an IBAT Inhibitor, in patients with primary sclerosing cholangitis and moderate-to-severe pruritus: Results of the VISTAS trial Speaker: <i>Jolan Turner-Rosenthal</i>	
17.40 – 18.25	Industry Symposium	
19:00 – 19.30	BASL, Falk Foundation	<i>Coldra Court Hotel</i>
19:30 – 23.00	BASL Social Dinner 19:30 – Welcome Drink 20:00 - Dinner	<i>Coldra Court Hotel</i>

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08:15 – 08:55	BASL Annual Business Meeting	Meeting room 1C
BASL Plenary THEME: Steatotic liver disease Chairs: Jeremy Cobbold & Yun Kim		
FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER 2026		
08:15 – 09:00	Industry Symposium by	<i>Meeting room 1F</i>
09:00 – 09:30	Alex Mowat Lecture Early disease, lifelong impact: MASLD in YA Speaker: Jake Mann	<i>Meeting room 1F</i>
09:30 – 09:50	Goodbye biopsy, hello innovation Speaker: Michael Pavlides	
09:50 – 10:10	Endo-bariatrics: fancy toys or game changer Speaker: A Dhar – Recorded talk	
10:10 – 10:30	The 'Wild Wild West' of treating MASLD today Speaker: Aimee Francisco	
10:30 – 10:45	BASL Distinguished Service Award and British Liver Trust Award Speaker:	<i>Meeting room 1F</i>
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Refreshments and Trade Exhibition</i>	<i>Main Hall A</i>
	Chairs: Ian Rowe & D Joshi	
11.15 - 12.00	Pick of the Best Abstracts – session 2 CELIA: Cirrhosis Education Learning in Action – A Nurse-Led Educational Programme to Improve Patient Knowledge and Empowerment in Cirrhosis Speaker: Katie Ballesteros Clinically meaningful rates of functional cure in virologically suppressed patients with chronic hepatitis B infection treated with bepirovirsen: B-Well Phase 3 Trials Speaker: Kosh Agarwal	<i>Meeting room 1F</i>



	Selecting patients with MASLD for pharmacotherapy using American or European threshold values of non-invasive fibrosis tests: Implications for workload from an analysis of over 4,000 patients in a UK MASLD clinic Speaker: <i>Arah Akhavan</i> Systemic inflammation reduces hippocampal neurogenesis in patients with depression and alcohol-related cirrhosis Speaker: <i>Dr Victoria Kronsten</i>	
12.00 - 13.00	Rapid Fire Updates - New Therapeutics • <i>HBV – Uppy Gill</i> • <i>IgG4 – Emma Culver ?</i> • <i>PBC – Sarah Cripps</i> • <i>Wilsons disease – Aftab Ala</i>	
13.00 – 13.15	Closing Remarks: Ian Rowe	
13.15 – 13.45	<i>Meeting Close - Lunch</i>	<i>Main Hall A</i>

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