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July CHU continuing education July 15, 2019

The clinical hepatology update conference is designed for all medical professionals who manage care for patients with liver disease, including nurse practitioners, physician assistants, RNs, primary care physicians, medical students and GI or hepatology trainees. The conference will provide an update and review of the evolving practices in the clinical management of liver diseases. Learning objectives are: 1) To understand and describe the current standard of care for the diagnosis and management of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease; 2) To manage patients with complications of portal hypertension; and 3) To recognize when decompensated cirrhosis patients are appropriate candidates for palliative care and hospice referral. Target audiences include hepatologists, gastroenterologists, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, transplant coordinators, and fellows/trainees. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aasld.org/events-professional-development/clinical-hepatology-update-0/chu-continuing-education>.

Immune cell therapies for cancer: Successes and challenges of CAR T cells and other forms of adoptive therapy July 19-22, 2019; San Francisco, California, USA

Conference cochairs are Prof. Crystal L. Mackall, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California, and Prof. Patrick Hwu, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas. This AACR special conference on immune cell therapies for cancer will focus on the successes and challenges of utilizing a patient's immune cells to recognize and attack their own cancerous cells. The organizers have designed a meeting that will maximize collaboration between researchers, clinicians, and industry professionals. World-renowned scientists in the field will expand our understanding of targeting solid tumors with CAR T cells, NK and other immune cell therapies, optimization of target antigens for engineered T cells, genetic engineering to enhance immune cell function, and novel approaches for gene delivery. Internationally respected oncologists will provide clinical updates and introduce novel combination strategies. And top industry professionals will brainstorm how to drive down costs of adoptive cell therapies. For more information: please visit: <https://www.aacr.org/Meetings/Pages/MeetingDetail.aspx?EventItemID=178>.

Molecular biology in clinical oncology workshop July 21-28, 2019; Snowmass Village, Colorado, USA

The goal of this workshop is to contribute to the training of aspiring physician-scientists, a cohort of the cancer workforce that truly spans from bench to bedside. This training is accomplished through lectures from the top investigators in the field of translational cancer research and five hands-on laboratory sessions demonstrating current techniques that are essential for a research career. Mentoring, career development, guidance in grant writing, opportunities to network and discuss scientific literature, and "office hours" for one-on-one meetings with faculty members are also featured to round out this unique educational experience. For further information, please contact: Amy Baran, PhD, Senior Program Administrator II, at (215) 446-7192 or amy.baran@aacr.org. Website: <https://www.aacr.org/Meetings/Pages/MeetingDetail.aspx?EventItemID=195>.

ASCO/AACR methods in clinical cancer research workshop July 27-August 2, 2019; Vail, Colorado, USA

This is an intensive workshop in the essentials of effective clinical trial designs of therapeutic interventions in the treatment of cancer for clinical fellow and junior faculty clinical researchers in all oncology subspecialties, including radiation and surgical oncology and radiology. For further information, please contact: Dean A. Post, Director, at 215-446-7178 or dean.post@aacr.org; Website: <https://www.aacr.org/Meetings/Pages/MeetingDetail.aspx?EventItemID=187>.

August 2019 co-located LDN and comprehensive DCD workshops August 26-28, 2019; Houston, Texas, USA

ASTS is co-locating the laparoscopic donor nephrectomy and comprehensive donation after circulatory death workshops in 2019. Learners will be able to choose to attend just one hands-on workshop (LDN Workshop: August 26-27, 2019; Comprehensive DCD Workshop: August 27-28, 2019), or attend both at a reduced registration rate. Both workshops will be held at the Methodist Institute for Technology, Innovation, and Education (MITIE) in Houston, Texas from August 26-28, 2019. The laparoscopic donor

nephrectomy workshop will include surgical video viewings and group discussion, a hands-on cadaver lab, and interactive didactic sessions covering topics such as complications, techniques, donor safety, and patient care. The course will include surgical videos and discussion, didactic lectures from top surgeons in the field, and a hands-on cadaver lab. For more information, please contact: email: ellie.proffitt@asts.org; website: <http://asts.org/events-meetings/co-located-ldn-and-comprehensive-dcd-workshops#.XLWK0ocSHGg>.

September
The 7th biennial congress of the Asian-Pacific Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (2019 A-PHPBA congress)
September 4-7, 2019; Seoul, Korea

Chair of organizing committee is Kyung-Suk Suh. For more information, please contact: A-PHPBA 2019 Secretariat, InSession International Convention Services, Inc., 4Fl. 10, Yeoksam-ro 7-gil, Gangnam-Gu, Seoul, 06244, Korea. +82-2-3452-7245, Fax: +82-2-521-8683; Email: info@aphpba2019.org; <http://www.aphpba2019.org/>.

Pancreatic cancer: Advances in science and clinical care
September 6-9, 2019; Westin Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

This conference will showcase sessions on tumor heterogeneity, immunology, prevention and early detection, and novel treatment combinations, among others. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aacr.org/Meetings/Pages/MeetingDetail.aspx?EventItemID=180>.

Advances in pediatric cancer research
September 17-20, 2019; Montreal, QC, Canada

This special conference will address the unique issues and challenges in investigating the biologic basis of childhood cancers and translating recent findings into new treatment approaches. Presentations will feature the most up-to-date findings on cancer predisposition and surveillance, targeted therapeutics, and immunotherapy. Additionally, the conference will cover advances in our understanding of survivorship, tumor heterogeneity, and oncogenesis in pediatric cancer. This conference will bring together basic, clinical, and translational researchers in the field of pediatric cancer with expertise ranging from the most recent advances in the basic mechanisms of childhood cancers to the application of these findings in the clinical setting. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aacr.org/Meetings/Pages/MeetingDetail.aspx?EventItemID=203>.

Emerging topic conference: The genomics revolution
September 20-21, 2019; The Westin Crystal City, Arlington, USA

Program Chairs are Prof. Richard J. Thompson, MD, PhD and Prof. Kathleen M. Loomes, MD, FAASLD. The conference will focus on genomics and the changing approach to diagnostics, management

and research in adult and pediatric liver diseases. This course will provide a broad overview of genomic technologies and how they may be applied to understand the genetic underpinnings of rare and complex liver disorders. Attendees will develop a better understanding of the true genomic contribution to liver disease, and how this data can lead to personalized approaches to medical therapy. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aasld.org/events-professional-development/emerging-topic-conference-genomics-revolution>.

Fifth CRI-CIMT-EATI-AACR international cancer immunotherapy conference: Translating science into survival
September 25-28, 2019; Espace Grand Arche de la Defense, Paris, France

The fifth international cancer immunotherapy conference is to be held by The Cancer Research Institute (CRI), the Association for Cancer Immunotherapy (CIMT), the European Academy of Tumor Immunology (EATI), and the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). The program will focus on "Translating Science into Survival," and feature talks from more than 50 leaders in the field covering all areas of inquiry in cancer immunology and immunotherapy, including: regulating T cells and their response to cancer, tumor microenvironment, genetically engineered T cells, maintenance of immune balance, novel vaccine platforms and combinations, mutational analysis and predicting response to immunotherapy, convergence of technology and cancer immunotherapy, microbiome, and metabolism. This meeting will provide an unparalleled opportunity for teaching, learning, and networking among all stakeholders in the field: scientists, clinicians, regulators, drug developers, and patient advocates. For more information, please visit: <http://www.cancerimmunotherapyconference.org/>.

Latin American congress of HPB surgery 2019
September 25-27, 2019; Lima, Peru

The IV Latin American congress of HPB surgery is organized by the Peruvian Chapter of the International Hepatopancreatobiliary. Posters and videos about surgical experience will be displayed and research and innovation surgical in the hepatobiliary and pancreatic field will be encouraged. For more information, please visit: <http://www.hpblima2019.com/bienvenido/>.

October
AASLD / EASL ALD conference
October 4, 2019; Chicago, USA

Program chairs are Prof. Michael Lucey, MD, FAASLD, Prof. Philippe Mathurin, MD, PhD, Prof. Gyongyi Szabo, MD, PhD, FAASLD, and Prof. Mark Thursz, MD. Leading experts in the field of alcoholic liver disease (ALD) research and therapy will explore multiple aspects of managing patients. The improving outcomes in alcohol-associated liver disease through robust basic and translational research meeting will bridge critical gaps in ALD diagnosis, management and clinical trial design. Speakers will present evidence-based knowledge on ALD's potential triggers, the role of alcohol dependence in management, various stages of disease, gender differences, and potential biomarkers for diagnosis, disease severity and prognosis. The program will include practical guidance on ways to create effective multidisciplinary teams to manage ALD

patients, where hepatologists, addiction specialists, social workers, nurses and a patient's family members work together as a team. Learning objectives of this meeting are: 1) Define the various stages and presentations of alcoholic liver disease and alcoholic hepatitis; 2) Present improved management and treatment options to patients with ALD based on expert recommendations; 3) Review challenges in clinical trial design, patient enrollment and outcomes in ALD. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aasld.org/events-professional-development/aasld-easl-ald-conference>.

**Cancer research UK-AACR joint conference:
Engineering and physical sciences in oncology
October 15-17, 2019; Radisson Blu Portman, London,
England**

This conference is being developed not only to gather leaders in these fields to discuss applications of their research to cancer, but also to bridge the divide between these fields to develop networks and start collaborations that can address cancer research and medicine from a physical sciences perspective. The core aim of this conference is to develop an interactive and collaborative event, with a broad-ranging scientific focus that brings together basic, translational, and clinical scientists from across cancer research with researchers from engineering, mathematics, physics, and chemistry. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aacr.org/Meetings/Pages/MeetingDetail.aspx?EventItemID=210>.

**Chinese surgical week (CSW) 2019
October 18-20, 2019; Chengdu, China**

Organized by Chinese Medical Association, Chinese Society of Surgery, co-organized by Sichuan Medical Association and West China Hospital, Sichuan University, Chinese surgical week 2019 will be held at Chengdu Century City International Convention Center, Chengdu, China on October 18-20, 2019. The meeting includes continuing education, keynote reports, special reports, case discussions, debates, the international exchanges and communication, and youth BBS. Further the meeting will be the first time to set up nursing BBS, for in-depth exchange in surgical nursing thus to promote the surgical nursing continued development in China. Topics mainly emphasizes in: 1) the latest clinical research progress and achievements in the field of general surgery; 2) the application experience and related research of new techniques and methods in general surgery; and 3) experimental research in various fields of general surgery, which include the fields of minimally invasive transplantation, gastrointestinal, colorectal, liver, bile duct, pancreas, splenic and portal hypertension, blood vessels, nutrition and infection, thyroid, metabolic surgery, hernia, breast,

nutrition support, and basic research. Experts from domestic and abroad will gather together to share the latest achievements and development trend of general surgery in an all-round way. The Surgery Branch of the Chinese Medical Association will stick to the spirit of "inheritance, innovation, standardization and improvement", unite the general surgeons across the country, strive to improve the level of surgical diagnosis and treatment across the country through this academic exchange and conference, and create a better future for the surgery of China. For more information, please contact: Peking Union Medical College Hospital (academic), # 1 shuaifuyuan, Dongcheng District, Beijing, China. Tel: +86-10-6915 6016; Email: elizabethxuan@qq.com; Or Academic Conference Department, Chinese Medical Association (conference), Office 226, 42 Dongsu West Street, Beijing 100710, China. Tel: +86-10-8515 8150; Fax: 86-10-6512 3754; Email: cmacss@126.com. Website: www.cmacsw.org.

**November
The liver meeting® 2019
November 8-12, 2019; Boston, USA**

During The Liver Meeting® 2019, more than 9500 hepatologists and hepatology health professionals from across the nation and around the world will gather in Boston, MA to exchange the latest liver disease research, discuss treatment outcomes, and interact with colleagues at the annual, must-attend event in the science and practice of hepatology. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aasld.org/events-professional-development/liver-meeting>.

**December
EASL-AASLD Masterclass
December 5-7, 2019; Amsterdam, Netherlands**

The 2019 EASL-AASLD Masterclass provides a unique educational collaboration of clinical scientists from leading academic medical institutions from both sides of the Atlantic. Participants will attend a two-day intensive training session in Amsterdam, Netherlands designed for future leaders in academic hepatology. The program will consist of academic lectures, interactive break-out sessions, abstract presentations, a poster session, and social events to give early-stage investigators (MD, PhD, or MD/PhD, or equivalent) the opportunity to network with world leaders in hepatology. AASLD/EASL will provide complimentary registration, travel and accommodation expenses for up to 10 early career investigators who are AASLD members. To learn more, please visit: <https://easl.eu/event/easl-aasld-masterclass-2/>.

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