



6th California DDRCC Network

Symposium

Friday, December 5, 2025

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM



Zoom Information

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Meeting ID: 970 2554 8769, Password: 057777

1:00 – 1:05 PM **Welcome**

Holger Willenbring, MD, PhD, Director, UCSF Liver Center

Basic/Experimental Session

Moderated By TBD

1:05 – 1:25 PM **Jillian Jespersen, PhD**, Professional Researcher, Medicine, UCSF

Clinical cure of chronic hepatitis B is driven by robust intrahepatic CD4⁺ T cell activation

1:25 – 1:45 PM **Mariana Acuna-Aravena, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Medicine, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Acot12-mediated control of hepatic nutrient metabolism

1:45 – 2:05 PM **Jihane Benhammou, MD, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Medicine, UCLA

Hepatic stellate cell subpopulations in human MASLD-related hepatocellular carcinoma upregulate YAP via geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate

2:05 – 2:25 PM **Cynthia Hsu, MD, PhD**, Assistant Adjunct Professor, Medicine, UCSD

Gut microbiome modulation of alcohol use disorder and neuroinflammation

2:25 – 2:35 PM **Break**

Clinical/Translational Session

Moderated By Mandana Khalili, MD, UCSF

2:35 – 2:55 PM **Monica Tincopa, MD, MS**, Assistant Clinical Professor, Medicine, UCSD

Towards precision medicine in MASLD: tailoring screening and risk stratification

2:55 – 3:15 PM **Hyunseok Kim, MD, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Medicine, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Integrating imaging biomarkers with clinical parameters to enhance risk stratification in alcoholic hepatitis

3:15 – 3:35 PM **Arpan Patel, MD, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Medicine, UCLA

Building a learning health system for adults with chronic liver disease

3:35 – 3:55 PM **Sharad Wadhvani, MD, MPH**, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, UCSF

Addressing social adversity to improve outcomes for children after liver transplant

3:55 – 4:00 PM **Closing Remarks**

Career Development/Networking Workshop

4:00- 4:45 PM Parallel Breakout Sessions:

Room 1: Q&A with study section members

Christina Llorente (UCSD), Ekihiro Seki (Cedars), Aras Mattis (UCSF), Jennifer Chen (UCSF)

Room 2: Q&A with journal editors

David Cohen (Cedars-Sinai), Bernd Schnabl (UCSD), Jackie Maher (UCSF), Jennifer Lai (UCSF)



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