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David Geffen School of Medicine

4th Annual UCLA Solid Organ Transplant Symposium

Pushing the Boundaries & Equalizing Access

A Live In-Person Conference



Friday, June 30, 2023
Iris Cantor Auditorium
Geffen Hall, UCLA Campus
885 Tiverton Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90095

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Course Description

The UCLA Solid Organ Transplant Symposium is an in-person education conference coordinated through UCLA Health Department of Transplant Services; the UCLA Center for Continuing Professional Development and the UCLA Transplant Multi-Disciplinary teams. The goal of this program is to provide a forum for UCLA Transplant multidisciplinary team experts to discuss challenges faced by solid organ transplant teams during pre- and post-transplant patient management and how we are addressing the challenges of equal access in the face of the ever growing organ shortage and our desire to provide transplant for all in need.

Target Audience

The target audience for this symposium is health care professionals who provide care for patients pre- and post-transplant including: Heart, Lung, Liver, Kidney, Pancreas and Intestinal/Multivisceral transplantation. The symposium content is designed for local community physicians, transplant nurses, transplant nurse coordinators, administrators, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, social workers, dietitians and all members of the transplant team to guide and improve their clinical practice and patient management during all phases of transplantation.

Course Objectives:

Following completion of the course, attendees should be able to:

- Identify areas of inequity in solid organ transplantation
- Provide strategies through policy, education and research to address equity issues and access to quality health care for all transplant patients
- Identify 2 barriers to solid organ transplantation
- Identify the significance and clinical application of cell-free DNA testing (cfDNA) in kidney transplant recipients
- Discuss patient journeys with history of cholangiocarcinoma (including state of the art treatment, surgical options, and UNOS MELD exception rules) and identify barriers to treatment and areas in need of future research
- Define alcohol hepatitis as an indication for liver transplantation and identify the evaluation and management: patient outcomes as well as resources available
- Describe the impact the Opioid Epidemic has on transplant patients
- Identify strategies for weight management to optimize post-transplant outcomes
- Describe the importance of the caregiver role in post-transplant success

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7:00 Registration & Breakfast

7:50 **Welcome & Introduction**
Ronald W. Busuttii, MD, PhD

8:00 **Key Note Address**
Closing the Gap – Disparities in Healthcare and Solid Organ Transplant, Advanced Lung Disease and Lung Transplant
Olawale Amubieya, MD, PhD

SESSION I

Moderator: *Erik Lum, MD, FASN, FNKF*

8:45 **Changes to eGFR Calculations**
Susanne B. Nicholas, MD, MPH, PhD
Understanding the UNOS eGFR Policy
Bethany Hale-Durbin, MSN, RN, CPTC, CCTC

9:15 **Pediatric Transplant / Access to Care/ JEDI**
Juan C. Alejos, MD

9:45 **Role of Newer DNA Testing in Kidney Transplantation: Can it Add Clarity to Patient Care?**
Elizabeth Kendrick, MD

10:15 **Break**

SESSION II

Moderator: *TBD*

10:30 **Nutrition: Weight Management**
Alicia Trocker, MS, RDN, IFNCP

11:00 **The Impact of the Opioid Epidemic and Liver Transplantation**
Ted Sievers, PharmD

11:30 **Adherence to Immunosuppressive Medications in Pediatric and Adolescent Transplant Recipients**
Meghan H. Pearl, MD, MS

12:00 **Lunch Break**

SESSION III: PATIENT JOURNEYS

1:00 **Cholangiocarcinoma: Intrahepatic and Hilar**
Moderator: *Jasleen Singh, MD*
Vatche Agopian, MD, Saeed Sadeghi, MD, & Mia Cam Cam, MSN, NP, CCTC

1:45 **Question & Answer Session**

2:00 **Alcohol Hepatitis: The Hospital and Beyond**
Moderator: *Gina Choi, MD*
Akshay Shetty, MD, Julio Meza, MD & Stephanie Aguirre, LCSW

2:45 **Question & Answer Session**

3:00 **Break**

SESSION IV

Moderator: *Anjay Rastogi, MD, PhD*

3:15 **Post-Transplant Caregivers The Unsung Heroes (caregiver case studies from each organ)**
Eboni Moran, MSW, ACSW, Stephanie Aguirre, LCSW, Jenny Tien, LCSW, Yoana Rivas, LCSW

3:45 **Patient Experience & Musical Performance**
Jernej Copic

4:00 **Transplant Tourism and Organ Trafficking: How Are We Protecting Vulnerable Populations?**
Gabriel M. Danovitch, MD, FRCP(Hon)

4:30 **Final Questions & Closing Remarks**

4:45 **Adjourn – All attendees are welcome to attend our networking reception!**

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Course Fee

In-Person Registration: \$75

Location

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Parking and Directions

From the 405 freeway, exit Wilshire Blvd., East toward Westwood. Turn left on Westwood Blvd. and turn right on Le Conte Ave. Then, turn left on Tiverton Ave. Once you turn in on Tiverton, go straight into the Geffen Hall parking structure labeled "Visitor Parking 18 & 27". Proceed left to "Visitor Parking 18". Please park in the "Visitor Parking 18" Lot. Please use the pay-by-plate station to purchase your parking permit. Participants are responsible for their own parking charges at a rate of \$15 per vehicle. The Geffen Hall Auditorium is located at the intersection of Le Conte Ave. and Tiverton Ave.

Refunds

Cancellations must be received by June 9, 2023. No refunds will be granted after that date. If, for any reason, the course must be cancelled, discontinued, or rescheduled, a full refund will be provided.

Attendees will be provided breakfast, lunch and refreshments at the conference. All attendees are welcome to attend our reception held following the conference.

Enrollment

Online: Go to https://events.medschool.ucla.edu/continuing_professional_development and click on UCLA Solid Organ Transplant Symposium 2023.

We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover credit cards, and ACH/electronic transfer.

Any questions, please email the UCLA CCPD Office at ccpd@mednet.ucla.edu, or call 310-794-2620

Early registration is recommended, as space is limited.

Please visit our website for other conference offerings at <https://medschool.ucla.edu/education/center-for-continuing-professional-development>

Accreditation Statement

The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The California State Board of Registered Nursing accepts courses approved by the *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* as meeting the continuing education requirements for license renewal. Nurses from states other than California should inquire with their local State Board for specific continuing education policies.

The American Board for Transplant Certification (ABTC) has approved this educational offering for up to 7.25 Category One Continuing Education Points for Transplant Certification (CEPTCs).

Disclosure Statement

The FDA has issued a concept paper that classifies commercial support of scientific and educational programs as promotional unless it can be affirmed that the program is truly independent and free of commercial influence. In addition to independence, the FDA requires that non-promotional, commercially supported education be objective, balanced and scientifically rigorous. The policy further states that all potential conflicts of interest of the CME staff and faculty be fully disclosed to the program's participants. In addition, Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education policy mandates that the provider adequately manage all identified potential conflicts of interest prior to the program. UCLA fully endorses the letter and spirit of these concepts.

Course Title and Number

**4th Annual UCLA Solid Organ Transplant Symposium
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(Proof of vaccination and mask will be required to attend the in-person meeting)

In-Person Registration: \$75

Transplant Networking Event: \$0

Please join us at the conclusion of the symposium for our transplant networking event. Capacity is limited.

We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit cards.

To register using a credit card or ACH/electronic transfer, please visit https://events.medschool.ucla.edu/continuing_professional_development and click on **UCLA Solid Organ Transplant Symposium**.

**Credit card and check payments via phone, fax, or mail are no longer accepted.*

Questions

If you have questions about enrollment, please call (310) 794-2620 or email: ccpd@mednet.ucla.edu.

For quickest registration processing, please register online at <https://events.medschool.ucla.edu/event/solidorgan23>.