



BASL Rare Liver Disease MASTERCLASS Event

15th-16th June 2025
Science Gallery, King's College London

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Sunday 15th June 2025

Hours

12:00-13:00 Welcome lunch / refreshments in Exhibition Hall

13:00 **Welcome address**
Professor Aftab Ala
Consultant Hepatologist,
Institute of Liver Studies, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation, London

Diagnostic pathways

- **Understanding Genetics in Rare Liver Disease**
Sammi Allouni
Liver Molecular Genetics Lab, Institute of Liver Studies,
King's College Hospital NHS Foundation, London, UK
- **Above and beyond H & E in pathology and Rare Liver Disease**
Dr Rosa Miquel, Consultant Histopathologist
Liver Histopathology Laboratory, Institute of Liver Studies, King's College
Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- **What can we measure that is useful in diagnosing and monitoring
rare liver disease?**
Dr Chris Harrington
Principal Clinical Scientist, SAS Trace Element Laboratory, Berkshire and
Surrey Pathology Services
- **Rare diseases and Genomics in Primary Care**
Dr Imran Rafi
Reader, Primary Care and Genomics, Institute Medical and Biomedical
Education, St George's School of Health and Medical Sciences, London
- **Patient public involvement – unravelling unmet needs**
The British Liver Trust
- Q&A session

15:00 Refreshment break in exhibition hall

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- 15:30 **Optimising therapeutic pathways through clinical trials**
- NIHR and UK Clinical Trials Landscape
 - Letter from America – Clinical Trials on the US landscape
 - Benefits and Challenges of including children in clinical trial development in rare liver diseases
 - Better understanding pharmacokinetics in clinical trials and rare liver diseases
 - Roles and expectations of the CRO
 - Q&A
- 17:30 **Summary and Close of Day 1**
Professor Aftab Ala
- 17:30 Networking reception / welcome buffet

Monday 16th June 2025

- 08:00 Refreshments in exhibition hall
- 08:30 **Cholestatic Liver Disorders**
- **Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis**
Dr Palak Trivedi (virtual attendance)
Department of Immunology and Immunotherapy, Associate Professor and Honorary Consultant Hepatologist, Clinical Research Director for Industry Engagement, NIHR, Birmingham
 - **Primary Biliary Cholangitis**
Professor Kris Kowdley
Director of Liver Institute Northwest and professor at Washington State University, USA
 - **Genetic cholestasis**
Professor Richard Thompson
Professor of Molecular Hepatology, King's College London
 - **Endoscopic endpoints in PSC/Endoscopic trials rare liver disease**
Dr Deepak Joshi
Consultant Hepatologist, Institute of Liver Studies, King's College Hospital and Guthrie Clinic
 - **Pregnancy related liver disease**
Professor Catherine Williamson
Professor of Women's Health, Imperial College London
 - Q&A

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10:00 Refreshment break in exhibition hall

10:30 **Iron related disorders**

- **Introduction/historical perspective**

Dr Adrian Bomford (TBC)

Reader, Institute of Liver Studies, King's College Hospital

- **The natural history of pC282Y homozygosity, lessons from UK Biobank**

Dr Janice Atkins

Senior Research Fellow in the AGE (Ageing & Long-Term Conditions, Genetics, & Epidemiology) Group, Department of Clinical & Biomedical Sciences, University of Exeter

- **Opportunities for early diagnosis (case finding and “screening”)**

Dr Simran Singh

Hepatology Research Fellow, York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

- **Atypical and rare forms of iron overload - phenotypic assessment and extending genetic testing**

Dr Bill Griffiths

Consultant in Hepatology, Addenbrooke's Hospital

- **Current and future treatments**

Dr Jeremy Shearman

Consultant Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist, South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust

- **Response/reflection**

Professor Kris Kowdley

- Q&A

12:30

Lunch

Exhibition hall

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13:30

Wilson's Disease

- **Historical perspective**

Dr James Dooley

University College London Institute for Liver and Digestive Health as an Emeritus Reader in Medicine.

- **Recent development in Diagnostics and Monitoring of Wilson's Disease**

Associate Professor Thomas Sandahl

Consultant, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Medicine – Hepatology and Gastroenterology, University of Aarhus, Denmark

- **Hepatic Wilsons**

Professor Aftab Ala

Consultant Hepatologist, Institute of Liver Studies, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation, London

- **Neurological Wilsons**

Dr Samuel Shribman

Consultant in Movement Disorders and Metabolic Neurology at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery (UCLH) and Atkinson Morley Regional Neuroscience Centre (St George's Hospital).

- **Neuro-psychiatric Wilsons**

Dr Tammy Hedderly/Dr David Okai (TBC)

Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, Honorary Reader, King's College London/

Senior Clinical Lecturer, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience, London

- **New EASL guidelines**

Dr Emmanouil Tsochatzis

Professor of Hepatology and Honorary Consultant, Royal Free London

- **Registries, Standard treatments, Clinical Trials and Future**

Professor Michael Schilsky

Medical Director, Adult Liver Transplant, Yale New Haven Transplantation Centre, USA

- Q&A

15:30

Refreshments in exhibition hall

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16:00

Alpha1-antitrypsin deficiency –

- **Molecular Pathology**

Dr Tamir Rashid

Clinical Associate Professor in Regenerative Medicine and Hepatology,
Imperial College London

- **Diagnosis, Clinical presentations liver**

Professor Nedim (Dino) Hadzic

Professor of Paediatric Hepatology, King's College Hospital, London

- **Clinical presentations lung**

Professor Alice Turner (virtual attendance)

Professor of Respiratory Medicine, School of Health Sciences,
University of Birmingham

- **Clinical Trials and Future Perspectives**

Professor Pavel Strnad

Professor of Translational Gastroenterology and Senior Physician at the
University Hospital Aachen, Germany

- Q&A

Potpourri of topics

- **Transition care to adolescent hepatology for rare adult-child liver disease**

Dr Marianne Samyn

Consultant Paediatric Hepatologist, King's College Hospital

- **Transplantation and inborn errors of metabolism**

Dr Roshni Vara

Consultant in Paediatric Inherited Metabolic Disease, Guy's and St
Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

17:30

Day 2 Conclusion and close

Professor Aftab Ala