4th Annual
UCLA Solid Organ Transplant Symposium
Pushing the Boundaries & Equalizing Access
An In-Person and Live Virtual Education Conference

“Transplant for All!”

Friday, June 30, 2023
Iris Cantor Auditorium
Geffen Hall, UCLA Campus
885 Tiverton Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90095
Course Description
The UCLA Solid Organ Transplant Symposium is an in-person and live virtual 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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| 8:00  | Key Note Address                                  | *Closing the Gap – Disparities in Healthcare and Solid Organ Transplant, Advanced Lung Disease and Lung Transplant*
|       |                                                   | *Olawale Amubiya, MD, PhD*                                                 |
| 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                                             |                                                                           |
| 1:00  | Cholangiocarcinoma: Intraheptic and Hilar         | *Jasleen Singh, MD*                                                       |
|       | 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        | *Gina Choi, MD*                                                           |
|       | Moderator: *Gina Choi, MD*                        | *Akshay Shetty, MD, Julio Meza, MD & Stephanie Aguirre, LCSW*             |
| 2:45  | Question & Answer Session                         |                                                                           |
| 3:00  | Break                                             |                                                                           |
| 3:15  | Post-Transplant Caregivers                        | *Anjay Rastogi, MD, PhD*                                                  |
|       | 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! |                                                                           |

**SESSION III: PATIENT JOURNEYS**

**SESSION IV**

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

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Students: $30

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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.

The 4th Annual UCLA Solid Organ Transplant Symposium will also be available through a live virtual meeting web platform.

• Attendees who choose to attend the virtual activity will receive a virtual meeting link and password to access the live virtual conference.
• All registrants (live or virtual) will be provided the opportunity to review recorded sessions up to 3 weeks following the conference.
• Attendees will be awarded CME credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the live activity (either in-person or virtual). The recorded sessions are not certified for CME credit.

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.

In-Person attendees will be provided breakfast, lunch and refreshments at the conference. All 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

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**Questions**

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