

THE 2024  
**SOLID ORGAN  
TRANSPLANT SYMPOSIUM**



**Access and Innovation in Kidney  
& Pancreas Transplantation**

**Debates and Dilemmas in  
Liver Disease Practice**

**Saturday, April 13, 2024 | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Renaissance Milwaukee West Hotel

2300 N Mayfair Rd, Wauwatosa, WI 53226

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**Continuing Medical Education & Continuing Education  
credits offered; please see page 2 for details.**

# Program Information

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Medical College of Wisconsin 2024 Solid Organ Transplant Symposium will be held on April 13, 2024, at the Renaissance Milwaukee West Hotel, located at 2300 N. Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI 53226.

**PARKING:** Complimentary garage or surface lot parking is available at the Renaissance Milwaukee West Hotel. Valet parking is not available.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Gastroenterologists, nephrologists, advanced practice providers, nurses, social workers, dietitians, dialysis technicians

**PURPOSE:** This educational activity is designed with two parallel tracks for a diverse audience. The symposium will highlight best practices, access, and innovation in pancreas and kidney transplantation, and contemporary issues in liver disease management, to include hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), liver failure, and acute alcoholic hepatitis (AAH). Invited speakers include distinguished academic providers who can provide up-to-date summaries of the topics.

**EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:** Upon completion of the course, attendees will be able to:

- Explain the current listing criteria for kidney and pancreas transplantation, and the new options that increase access to organ offers.
- Counsel patients on the available options for organ matching and utilize available resources that remove disincentives to donation.
- Discuss the efficacy, safety, and anticipated outcomes for treatment therapies for HCC management, including neoadjuvant regimens, surgical resection, liver transplant, and palliative care.
- Incorporate best practice medical management of liver cirrhosis, portal hypertension and acute-on-chronic liver failure.
- Evaluate patients with severe AAH and recent heavy alcohol use for liver transplantation and apply appropriate cognitive, behavioral, and pharmacologic therapies for alcohol use disorder (AUD) patients.

**EDUCATIONAL METHOD:** The format will include lectures from leaders in each field, panel discussions, and case presentations led by moderators. There will be ample opportunity for questions and discussion.

### COURSE DIRECTORS:

Matthew Cooper, MD  
Raj Prasad, MBBS, MS, MCh, FRC

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**ACCREDITATION STATEMENT:** The Medical College of Wisconsin is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

**DESIGNATION OF CREDIT:** The Medical College of Wisconsin designates this live activity for a maximum of 6.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**HOURS OF PARTICIPATION FOR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS:** The Medical College of Wisconsin designates this activity for up to 6.5 hours of participation for continuing education for allied health professionals.

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**DIETITIAN CREDIT STATEMENT:** *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup> are accepted as continuing education units (CEU) for the North American Transplant Coordinators Organization (NATCO) Certified Clinical Transplant Dietitian (CCTD) certification, given that the topics are solid organ transplant specific. Please check the NATCO website for further details.

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# Registration

**REGISTRATION:** Online registration is required to attend this symposium. CE credit can be claimed via the online platform. Please note that Google Chrome is the preferred browser.

1. Register at <https://ocpe.mcw.edu>. Select *Login* in the upper-right corner.
2. Sign into your existing account or select *Create New Non-MCW Account* to create a new account.
3. After creating your account or logging in, select **Transplant Joint Symposium: Access and Innovation in Kidney & Pancreas Transplantation & Debates and Dilemmas in Liver Disease Practice** under *Featured Courses*.
4. Select *Register* and follow the prompts. You will be asked to select one primary track (Kidney & Pancreas or Liver) during registration, however, attendees are welcome to move between sessions as desired.

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## FEES:

Fees include registration, meals, and CE certification. All registrations will be assessed a \$2.00 non-refundable processing fee.

	Registration Fee
Physician	\$75
Advanced Practice Provider	\$50
Dialysis Technician, Dietitian, Nurse, Social Worker, or other Allied Health Professional	\$25
Trainee (Fellow, Resident, or Student)	\$0



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# Access & Innovation in Kidney & Pancreas Transplantation

This symposium features two concurrent tracks on April 13, 2024. While attendees will be asked to select a *primary track* at the time of registration, they are encouraged to move between rooms as desired. The keynote lecture, lunch, and refreshment breaks are held jointly.

7:30 AM Registration, breakfast, exhibitor booths

7:55 AM Welcome Remarks & Initiation

## SESSION I Chair: Matthew Cooper, MD

8:00 AM Basics of Transplant Listing Deborah Cook, RN

8:30 AM Collaboration with the Community in Transplantation Ehab R Saad, MD, FACP, FASN, MA

9:00 AM Understanding the Role and Value of Pancreas Transplantation Ty Dunn, MD, MS

9:30 AM Discussion *Session I speakers*

10:00 AM Refreshment Break & Exhibitions

## SESSION II Chair: Beje Thomas, MD

10:15 AM Benefits of Living Donation and Paired Kidney Exchange Emily Joachim, MD

11:00 AM **Keynote Address:**  
Evolving Paradigms in Liver Transplantation for Alcohol-Associated Hepatitis Alexandre Louvet, MD, PhD

12:00 PM **Lunch & Exhibitions**

01:00 PM The Voice of the Patient - Living Donor Panel Leah Betthausen, MSW

01:30 PM How to Find a Donor Tanya Andersen, RN, BSN

02:00 PM Refreshment Break & Exhibitions

## SESSION III Chair: Ty Dunn, MD, MS

02:15 PM Robotic Kidney Donation and Kidney Transplant Emre Arpali, MD, PhD

02:45 PM The Future is Now: Kidney for Life Matthew Cooper, MD

03:15 PM Into the Future: The Advent of AI, Xenotransplantation, 3-D Printing, and the Artificial Kidney Beje Thomas, MD

03:45 PM Discussion *Session III speakers*

04:00 PM Closing remarks and adjourn

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# Debates and Dilemmas in Liver Disease Practice

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7:55 AM Welcome remarks and initiation

## SESSION I: Debates and Dilemmas in Managing Hepatocellular Carcinoma Chair: Raj Prasad, MBBS, MS, MCh, FRCS

8:00 AM **How Should I Bridge or Downstage Hepatocellular Carcinoma for Liver Transplantation?** The Case for Locoregional Interventional Therapy William S. Rilling, MD, FSIR

8:15 AM **How Should I Bridge or Downstage Hepatocellular Carcinoma for Liver Transplantation?** The Case for Systemic Therapy Ben George, MD

8:30 AM **How Should I Bridge or Downstage Hepatocellular Carcinoma for Liver Transplantation?** The Case for Radiation Therapy William A. Hall, MD

8:45 AM Discussion and audience Q&A with session chair

9:00 AM Liver Resection for HCC Raj Prasad, MBBS, MS, MCh, FRCS

9:15 AM Is Liver Transplantation an Option for HCC with Vascular Invasion? Veronica Loy, DO

9:30 AM When Treating HCC Becomes Futile James Esteban, MD

9:45 AM Discussion and audience Q&A with session chair

10:00 AM Refreshment break and exhibitions

## SESSION II: Liver Transplantation for Alcohol-Associated Hepatitis Chair: Veronica Loy, DO

10:15 AM **Simulated Transplant Selection Meeting:** Discussing patients with severe alcohol-associated hepatitis and recent heavy alcohol use for liver transplantation **Panelists:** Alexandre Louvet, MD, PhD  
Calvin Martin Eriksen, MD  
Kia Saeian, MD, MSc, EPI  
Cynthia Schulzetenberg, PA-C  
Stephanie C Zanowski, PhD

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Evolving Paradigms in Liver Transplantation for Alcohol-Associated Hepatitis Alexandre Louvet, MD, PhD

12:00 PM **Lunch and exhibitions**

1:00 PM Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies for Alcohol Use Disorder Allison Stephans, MSW, LCSW

1:25 PM Pharmacotherapies for Alcohol Use Disorder in Liver Disease and Liver Transplant Ian Steele, MD

1:50 PM Discussion and audience Q&A with session chair

2:00 PM Refreshment break and exhibitions

## SESSION III: Debates and Dilemmas in the Management of Pre-Transplant Patients Chair: Phaedra Tachtatzis, MD, MRCP, MBChB

2:15 PM **Academic Debate:** Assessment of Sarcopenia and Frailty in Liver Transplant Candidates: Blessing or Curse? **Mentors:** James Esteban, MD  
Juan Pablo Trivella, MD  
**Judges:** Joohyun Kim, MD, PhD  
Alexandre Louvet, MD, PhD  
Achuthan Sourianarayanan, MD, MRCP, FOMA

3:00 PM Managing Portal Hypertension in Pre-Transplant Patients Francisco A. Durazo, MD, FACP, FAAS-LD, FASGE

3:25 PM Best Practices in Managing Acute Liver Failure Terra Pearson, MD

3:50 PM Discussion and audience Q&A with session chair

4:00 PM Closing remarks and adjourn

# Speakers

## Keynote

Alexandre Louvet, MD, PhD, is a Professor of Hepatology at the Lille University Hospital in Lille, France. Dr. Louvet received his medical degree from the University of Lille and subsequently completed a PhD at the Mondor Institute for Biomedical Research in Créteil, France. His doctorate research focused on the role of the endocannabinoid system in alcoholic liver disease in mice. Dr. Louvet's clinical research centers on alcoholic hepatitis and its treatment, disease modeling, transplantation and pathophysiology. Dr. Louvet's clinical interests include ALD, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, viral hepatitis, and hepatocellular carcinoma.



**Alexandre Louvet, MD, PhD**  
Professor of Hepatology  
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### MEDICINE

#### Gastroenterology and Hepatology

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**Veronica Loy, DO**  
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Medical Director of Liver Transplantation

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Associate Chief, Director of Clinical Affairs

**Achuthan Sourianarayanan, MD, MRCP, FOMA**  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
Director, Fatty Liver Clinic

**Phaedra Tachtatzis, MD, MRCP, MBChB**  
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**Juan Pablo Trivella, MD**  
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**Ben George, MD**  
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#### Nephrology

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Medical Director of Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Programs

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### PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

**Ian Steele, MD**  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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**William A. Hall, MD**  
Professor of Radiation Oncology and Surgery  
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Clinical Cancer Center

### INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY

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Professor of Radiology and Surgery  
Vice Chair, Clinical Operations

### TRANSPLANT SURGERY

**Tanya Andersen, RN, BSN**  
Transplant Living Donor Nurse Coordinator

**Emre Arpali, MD, PhD**  
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