



The Gastroenterology Foundation of Sub Saharan Africa presents
AASLD Hepatology Connect Program 2019

to be held at **SAGES 2019:**
Cape Town International Convention Centre
 in association with **IAP HPBASA ASSA SAGES**

Friday, 16 August 2019 | 08:30 – 17:30

The Gastroenterology Foundation welcomes you to attend the AASLD Hepatology Connect Program 2019, register at www.iap2019.co.za

Topics

- Management of cirrhosis complications
- Management of liver mass(es)
- HBV reactivation in patients receiving immunosuppressive therapy
- Acute liver failure
- Jaundice
- Treatment of HCC outside of Milan Criteria
- Curative therapies for HBV and HCV and their impact on HCC in SSA
- HCC: Resection vs transplant vs local ablation
- The dominant stricture in PSC disease
- Cholangiocarcinoma – new management frontiers
- Transplantation for malignancies other than HCC
- Panel discussions
- Meet the Professor Sessions

International Guest Speakers



Dr Lewis Roberts

Dr. Lewis R. Roberts is the Peter and Frances Georgeson Professor in Gastroenterology Cancer Research at the Mayo Clinic, where he Directs the Hepatobiliary Neoplasia Clinic, is Associate Director of Pre-Doctoral Programs in the Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences, and Director for Research at Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine. He earned his medical degree from the University of Ghana Medical School, a PhD in Physiology and Biophysics from The University of Iowa, and completed postgraduate training in Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, and Cancer Genetics at Mayo Clinic.

Dr. Roberts clinical practice is focused on liver and bile duct cancers. He has authored over 200 publications. Dr. Roberts currently serves as Deputy Editor of *Hepatology* and is on the Editorial Boards of *Liver Cancer* and *Hepatic Oncology*. He also serves as President of Africa Partners Medical, a non-profit organisation focused on improving health in Africa.



Dr W Ray Kim

W. Ray Kim, MD, MBA, FAASLD, currently serves as Professor of Medicine and Chief, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology in the Department of Medicine at Stanford University. Dr. Kim received his MD degree from Seoul National University and his MBA from the University of Pennsylvania. He did his residency in internal medicine at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock followed by a fellowship in gastroenterology and advanced training in hepatology/liver transplantation at Mayo Clinic.

Following his training, Ray joined the staff at Mayo Clinic and the faculty of the Mayo College of Medicine. He rose to the level of Professor of Medicine while building a leading clinical research group making seminal observations in liver transplantation, especially concerning public policy around organ allocation. His research has been funded through NIH for many years.



Dr Kymberly Watt

Dr Kymberly Watt trained in Winnipeg, Manitoba 1997-2002 and previously worked in Dalhousie University in Hepatology and helped re-establish a Liver Transplant Program in Atlantic Canada from 2004-6.

She was recruited to Mayo Clinic in late 2006. She is the current Medical Director of Liver Transplantation at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, Associate Professor of Medicine and clinician in a very busy hepatology practice and liver transplant program. Her clinical research interests center around long term outcomes after liver transplantation as well as NASH both in the transplant and non-transplant patients.



Dr Gyongyi Szabo

Gyongyi Szabo, MD, PhD is the Worcester Foundation for Biomedical Research Endowed Chair, Professor and Associate Provost at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Dr. Szabo is an internationally recognized leader in the field of liver immunology and inflammation. Her clinical investigations focus on alcoholic hepatitis, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and viral hepatitis. She is the lead investigator on an NIH-supported multicenter clinical trial in alcoholic hepatitis. Her laboratory studies the cellular and molecular mechanisms of inflammation and innate immunity in liver injury to identify therapeutic targets in liver diseases including non-alcoholic liver disease and NASH. Her investigations recently revealed the importance of micro-RNAs and extracellular vesicles in liver diseases. Dr. Szabo has received honorary degree from the Semmelweis University and she is an elected member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Dr. Szabo is Past President of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) and the inaugural Editor-in-Chief of Hepatology Communications.

