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UCSF Liver Transplant Conference 2026

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SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 21

1:00 pm

Welcome & Introduction

Francis Yao, MD, Chris Freise, MD

1:15 pm

Frailty and nutritional status in transplant decision-making

Jen Lai, MD

1:45 pm

MASLD: Therapeutic approaches and challenges

Rohit Loomba, MD (Invited Guest speaker)

2:15 pm

Management of hepatocellular carcinoma: Tumor Board; Panel Discussion

*Neil Mehta, MD (Hepatology), Francis Yao, MD (Hepatology),
Pallav Kolli, MD (Interventional Radiology), Shareef Syed (Surgery), MD*

3:00 pm

Break

3:15 pm

Case-based discussion: TIPS versus no TIPS in management of portal hypertension

Pallav Kolli, MD, Bilal Hameed, MD

4:00 pm

Clinical pearls in the management of alcohol use disorder and related liver disease

Courtney Sherman, MD, Treveni Defries, MD

4:30 pm

Update on treatment of hepatitis B and C

Jennifer Price, MD

5:30 pm

Product theater #1

6:15 pm

Reception

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 22

8:00 am

Product theater #2

CASE PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

9:15 am

Acute liver failure and mushroom poisoning cases

Jin Ge, MD, Jessica Rubin, MD

10:00 am

Liver transplant candidacy decision-making

Nghiem Ha, MD, Monika Sarkar, MD, Garrett Roll, MD

10:45 am

Living donor journey and patient experiences

Shareef Syed, MD, John Roberts, MD

11:30 am

Kaiser Case presentations

Varun Saxena, MD