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Alcoholic liver disease represents a wide spectrum of disorders including fatty liver, alcoholic cirrhosis, and alcoholic hepatitis. The mainstay of treatment for many years has been alcohol cessation, however the pathophysiology of alcoholic liver disease, especially alcoholic hepatitis, is becoming better understood, with a clear interplay between the gut-liver axis.

The management of alcohol use disorders and alcoholic liver disease is a multidisciplinary affair involving hepatologists, primary care providers, psychiatrists, substance abuse counselors, dietitians, nurses, and others. This update on the science and treatment of alcoholic liver disease will be invaluable for all of these attendees, providing key information about resources available in the region to help coordinate and improve care for patients at multiple disease stages. Given the controversial role of liver transplantation for acute alcoholic hepatitis, discussion with local liver transplant partners regarding appropriate candidates for liver transplant is sure to be robust.

Course aims include:
• Provide an update on basic and translational research into the physiology of alcoholic liver disease
• Assess potential therapeutic targets to treat alcoholic hepatitis
• Review the role of liver transplantation for alcoholic hepatitis
• Discuss the role of coordinated and multidisciplinary care for patients with alcoholic liver disease

Teaching methods include lecture, case presentation, panel discussions, audience response, and question-and-answer sessions with faculty.

TARGET AUDIENCE: This course is appropriate for primary care and specialty physicians, fellows in training, residents, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and nurses.

OBJECTIVES:
At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Describe current clinical management and therapies and highlight new potential therapeutic targets in alcoholic hepatitis based on preclinical studies
• Review available pharmacologic treatment for severe alcoholic hepatitis
• Recognize early signs and symptoms of liver decompensation
• Utilize effective language when talking with patients about their alcohol use
• Compare and contrast treatment options for patients living with an alcohol use disorder
• Identify malnutrition in a patient with alcoholic liver disease
• Describe novel biomarkers of alcohol use and their role in the evaluation of liver transplant candidates
• Summarize outcomes following liver transplantation in alcoholic patients and discuss factors which contribute to alcohol recidivism
• Review the clinical and ethical history of alcoholic cirrhosis as an indication for liver transplantation
Agenda

7:00 a.m.  Registration opens, breakfast selection available
7:30 a.m.  GRAND ROUNDS PRESENTATION:
            Sixth Fritz Fenster Memorial Lecture: Pathophysiology and Emerging
            Therapeutic Targets of Alcoholic Hepatitis  |  Gyongyi Szabo, MD
8:30 a.m.  Break
8:45 a.m.  Introduction, Overview of Course Objectives  |  Alexander Kuo, MD
9:00 a.m.  Current Treatment of Alcoholic Hepatitis  |  Alexander Kuo, MD
9:30 a.m.  Alcoholic Cirrhosis—Non-invasive Tools for Early Diagnosis
            Asma Siddique, MD
10:00 a.m. Q & A  |  Blaire Burman, MD
10:15 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. Identifying and Treating Alcohol Use Disorders in the Outpatient Setting
            Elenore Bhatraju, MD
11:00 a.m. Exploring the Continuum of Options for Alcohol Use Disorder Treatment
            Megan Bott, MSW
11:30 a.m. Q & A  |  Asma Siddique, MD
11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)
12:45 p.m. Malnutrition: The Importance of Addressing Nutrition in Alcoholic Liver Disease  |  Natasha Mooney, RD
1:15 p.m.  Traditional and Novel Biomarkers for the Detection of Alcohol Use
            Nizar Mukhtar, MD
1:45 p.m.  Case Review with Faculty Panel  |  Blaire Burman, MD
2:15 p.m.  Break
2:30 p.m.  Alcohol Abstinence and Liver Transplant  |  Marquis Hart, MD
3:00 p.m.  From Rene Laennec to Thomas Starzl: The Path of Treatment of
            Alcoholic Liver Disease  |  Jorge Reyes, MD
3:30 p.m.  Closing Remarks

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Determination of credit is pending.

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Medicine’s (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. Participants will earn MOC points equivalent
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Registration

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Friday, March 9, 2018

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