



CURRENT CHALLENGES IN PEDIATRIC LIVER & INTESTINAL TRANSPLANTATION

Conference Program

Date: October 31, 2026

Time: 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Location: Gaston Hall, Georgetown University Hospital

At-a-Glance Agenda

Time	Session
7:30 AM	Registration
7:55 AM	Welcome Remarks - Dr. Nada Yazigi
8:00 AM	Session 1: Classical Challenges in Pediatric Liver Transplant
9:00 AM	<i>Break</i>
9:10 AM	Session 2: Evolving Indications for Pediatric Liver Transplantation
10:15 AM	<i>Break</i>
10:25 AM	Session 3: Pediatric Intestinal Failure & Transplantation
12:00 PM	Patient & Family Celebration Lunch
1:30 PM	Session 4: Transplant Oncology
2:35 PM	<i>Break</i>
2:45 PM	Session 5: From Referral to Post-Transplant Care
4:00 PM	Closing Remarks—Dr. Gabriel Gondolessi

Organizing Committee

- Gabriel Gondolessi, MD
- Cal Matsumoto, MD
- Nada Yazigi, MD
- Carolina Rumbo, MD
- Udeme Ekong, MBSS MD
- Khalid Khan, MD
- Darielle Morse
- Delaney Wickman, MSN, RN
- Johanna McCabe, MS, RD, LDN

Session 1: Classical Challenges in Pediatric Liver Transplant (8:00–9:00 AM)

Moderators: Udeme Ekong, MD & David Walls, MD

- Narendra Vadlamudi, MD (VCU)
- Runa Watkins, MD (UMD)
- Panel Discussion
- Expert – Gabriel Gondolesi, MD

Multidisciplinary Panel:

- Rakesh Sindhi, MD (UPMC)
- Manuel Torres, MD (CNMC)
- Katayoun Eslami, MD (CNMC)
- Emmaline Harris, MSN, APRN, CPNP-AC, CCRN-P, CNL
- Morgan Emo –Family Representative

Refreshment Break (9:00-9:10AM)

Session 2: Evolving Indications for Pediatric Liver Transplantation (0910-10:15AM)

Moderators: Khalid Khan, MD & Oswald Aguirre, MD

- Christina Grant, MD
- Khalid Khan, MD
- Panel Discussion
- Expert – Nada Yazigi, MD

Multidisciplinary Panel:

- Danielle Starin, RD (Metabolic RD CNMC)
- Juan Francisco Guerra, MD
- Sofia Saenz-Ayala, MD (UMD)
- Jessica Chang, MD
- Katie Thomas-Family Representative

Refreshment Break (10:15-10:25)

Session 3: Pediatric Intestinal Failure & Transplantation (10:25 AM–11:30 AM)

Moderators: Carolina Rumbo, MD & Alex Kroemer, MD

- Flora Szabo, MD (VCU)
- Shakar Gogna, MD
- Panel Discussion
- Expert – Cal Matsumoto, MD

Multidisciplinary Panel:

- Christina Bales, MD (CHOP)
- Carola Cerezo Allen, BSN, RN (CNMC)
- Clarivet Torres, MD (CNMC)
- Angela Tyson-Family Representative

Patient & Family Celebration (12:00pm-1:30pm)

Open to transplant families 11am-2pm

Session 4: Transplant Oncology (1:30–2:35 PM)

Moderators: Anthony Sandler, MD

- Rafi Melikian, MD
- Piyush Gupta, MD
- Panel Discussion
- Expert – Thomas Fishbein, MD

Multidisciplinary Panel:

- Brian Nguyen, MD
- Kaleigh Pudela, MD
- Kate Sanchez-Family Representative

Refreshment Break (2:35pm-2:45pm)

Session 5: From Referral to Post-Transplant Care (2:45–3:45 PM)

Moderators: David Zwierski & Emily Dietle, MD

- Erica Chen (GU Medical Student)
- Kieranjeet Nijhar, MD
- Madelyn Flickinger presentation
- Make a Wish presentation
- Panel Discussion

Multidisciplinary Panel:

- Adam Manning, MSW, LIC SW, LMSW
- Fatou Njie
- Emma Long –Family Representative
- Stephen Coffee –Family Representative
- Raafe Ghouse, MD (Kaiser)
- Kaitlyn Liu, CPNP-AC
- Amanda Lee, BSN, RN

Closing Remarks (4pm)

Gabriel Gondolessi, MD