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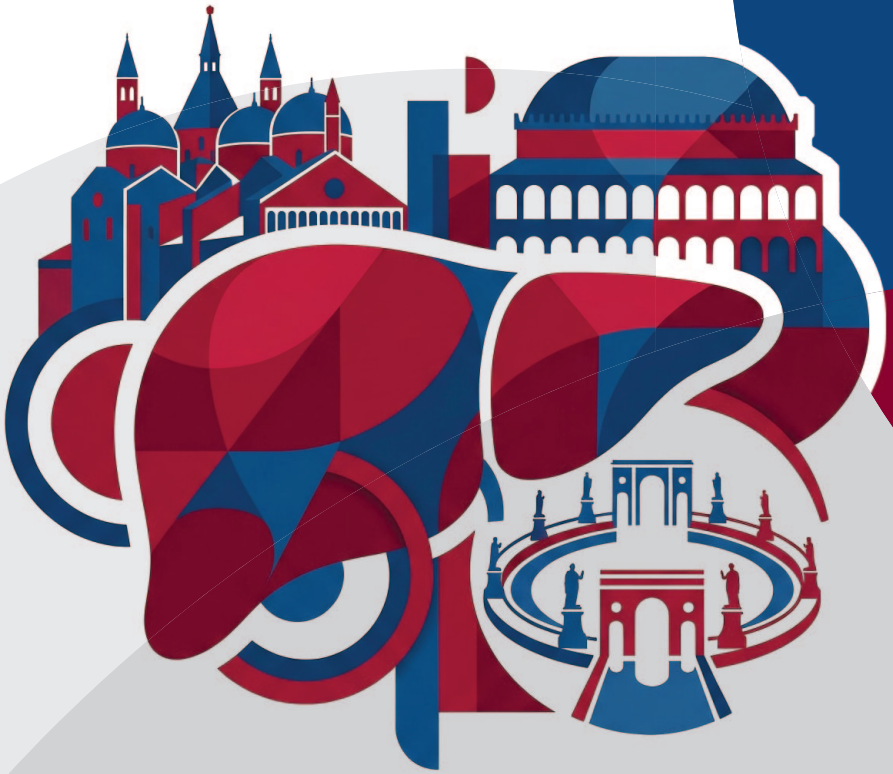
7th HLTP

Hepatologist in a Liver Transplant Program Course



29/30 OCTOBER 2026

PADUA, ITALY

Palazzo della Salute

OBJECTIVE

Liver transplantation has been accepted as the sole therapy for acute and chronic liver failure from dif-ferent etiologies and several types of liver cancer, with excellent results and rates of survival un the long-term. The increasing success on this issue is attributable to the progress achieved over time with new immunosuppressive drugs and storage grafts solutions, hepatology and liver surgery, intensive care and infectious disease transplant specialists. Early diagnosis and the correct management of complications represent these crucial steps. The improvement of knowledge in this area involves constant updating as well as thorough medical, cultural and ethical preparation by all the professionals engaged in the liver transplant procedure.

The course has the main objective of expanding the knowledge related to end-stage liver diseases and to liver transplantation, sensitizing the trainers in Transplant Hepatology towards a multidisciplinary approaches, increasing the interest in the field, the ability of an adequate referral of potential liver candidates and satisfactory clinical skills. The course is organised as a two-day meeting. The programme includes a mix of lectures, case discussions and interactive presentations.

The programme of the 7th Edition of HLTP Course will focus mainly on the management of acute and chronic decompensated liver disease, on emerging and challenging indications for liver transplantation, on surgical and innovative techniques implemented to deal with donor shortage and on long-term management of liver transplanted patients.

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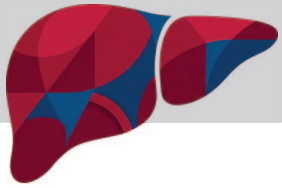
FACULTY



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13.00 **Registrations**

13.45 **Welcome and Introduction**
G. Germani, AISF General Secretary
H. Hartog, ELITA Chair
P. Burra, HLTP Coordinator

SESSION I
CHALLENGING ISSUES
IN CANDIDATE SELECTION
Chairs: *S. Darwish Murad, P. Toniutto*

14.00 **Is prehabilitation needed in all candidates with frailty and sarcopenia?**
A. Zanetto

14.15 **ACLF3: clinical management and indication to liver transplantation**
T. Artzner

14.30 **Acute liver failure: from medical management to candidate selection**
M.C. Morelli

14:45 Discussion with all the attendees

15.15 **LECTURE**
Presenter: *M. Senzolo*
Chronic encephalopathy or cerebral disorders during the liver transplant evaluation
S. Montagnese

15.45 Coffee break

16.15 **Working groups (WG)**

	Tutors	Senior Experts
WG1	*E. Bonaccorsi* *G. Marrone*	*H. Hartog* *C. Morelli*
WG2	*S. Darwish Murad* *A. Zanetto*	*S. Nadalin* *G. Svegliati Baroni*
WG3	*M. Gambato* *V. Giannelli*	*D. Balci* *A. Mrzljak*
WG4	*C. Becchetti* *M. Cortes*	*T. Artzner* *D. Pagano*

17.45 **Wrap-up session**
(10-minute summaries presented by one trainee per working group)

18.30 **Conclusion of the day and summary of the educational objectives**
G. Germani

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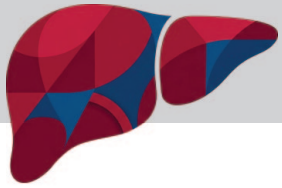

SESSION II
MOST COMMON INDICATIONS TO LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

Chairs: *S. Nadalin, S. Trapani*

08.30 **MASLD/MASH: an increasing entity**
F.P. Russo

08.45 **Assesment of metabolic risk factors associated with MASLD/MASH**
V. Giannelli

09.00 **Alcohol-related liver disease and alcohol use disorder**
A. Louvet

09.15 Discussion with all the attendees

SESSION III
TRANSPLANT ONCOLOGY

Chairs: *U. Cillo, G. Marrone*

09.30 **Hepatocellular carcinoma: from listing criteria to the role of immunotherapy**
S. Bhoori

09.45 **Liver transplantation for cholangiocarcinoma (intra-hepatic and peri-hilar)**
E. Gringeri

10.00 **Liver transplantation for colorectal cancer metastases**
U. Cillo

10.15 Discussion with all the attendees

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 **Working groups (WG)**

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12.30 **Wrap-up session**
(10-minute summaries presented by one trainee per working group)

13.10 Light Lunch

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SESSION IV
CROSS TALK BETWEEN TRANSPLANT SURGEONS AND TRANSPLANT HEPATOLOGISTS

Chairs: *H. Hartog, D. Pagano, G. Svegliati Baroni*

14.00 **Vascular complications after: how to manage?**
D. Balci

14.20 **The Achilles' heel of liver transplantation: biliary complications**
S. Nadalin

14.40 Discussion with all the attendees

15.00 **LECTURE**
Presenter: *P. Burra*
DCD and machine perfusion in liver transplantation: what should the hepatologist know?
D. Ghinolfi

15.30 Coffee break

SESSION V
INNOVATION AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

Chairs: *M. Cortes, G. Germani*

16.00 **Management of new infections after liver transplantation**
P. Grossi

16:15 **The role of HBIg in the prevention of HBV recurrence after liver transplantation**
S. Battistella

16:30 **Strategies of tailoring of immunosuppressive therapy**
A. Mrzljak

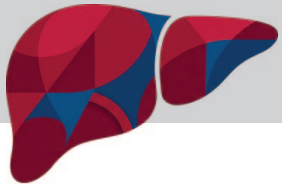
16:45 **Transition to adult care for paediatric liver recipients: when, where and how**
A. Ferrarese

17.00 Discussion with all the attendees

17.30 **E.C.M. questionnaire**

Conclusion
P. Burra

GENERAL INFORMATION



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Course is primarily addressed to specialists or residents in Gastroenterology, Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases and Surgery and limited to 40 participants.
Deadline for registration: **8th October, 2026**

FOR ITALIAN / AISF MEMBERS PARTICIPANTS

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The Italian Association for the Study of the Liver (AISF) will offer **20 grants** to AISF members under 40 years old (with membership fee payment up to date) assigned on a first come, first served basis.
The grant includes:

- access to the scientific sessions and to all course materials
- accommodation in shared double room (1 night: 29th October, 2026)
- refreshments according to the programme
- networking dinner on 29th October, 2026

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A limited number of grants covering only the registration fee will be available to AISF members over 40 years of age (assigned on a first come, first served basis).

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For more information, please contact:
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C.M.E. Activity - Continuing Medical Education

The Event has been accredited for 50 Physicians specialised in the following disciplines: Gastroenterology, Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine, General Surgery, Oncology, Radiotherapy, Radiodiagnostics, General Medicine (family doctors).

Procedure for Certification of Participation and Evaluation

The certification of credits is subject to participation in the entire training programme, verification of learning and completion of the satisfaction questionnaire for the event.
The ECM certificate, detailing the number of credits assigned, will therefore be issued after completion of these checks and will be available online - no earlier than 60 days at the date of the training event in question – at: https://online.aristea.com

Participation Certificates

The certificates of participation will be available at the end of the event at: https://online.aristea.com

FOR INTERNATIONAL ESOT/ELITA MEMBERS PARTICIPANTS

ESOT/ELITA has reserved 20 places for its community. The Organising Secretariat will confirm acceptance of registration by e-mail and send the payment link followed by the invoice.

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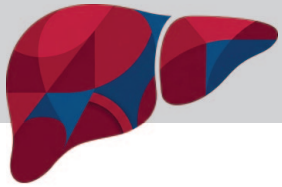

Registration fees

- ESOT/ELITA members
  350 EUR + VAT (22%) - TOT.: 427 EUR
- Non-members
  450 EUR + VAT (22%) - TOT.: 549 EUR

The registration fee includes:

- access to the scientific sessions and to all course materials
- accommodation in shared double room (2 nights: 28th-29th October, 2026)
- refreshments according to the programme
- networking dinner on 29th October

The registration fee does not include additional meals and any other items not listed above.

Cancellation and Refunds

Notification of cancellation and request for refund must be made in writing to Aristea International S.r.l. to the following email address:
trancanella@aristea.com
Cancellation received by Aristea International S.r.l. within 8th October, will be totally refunded minus 10% for administrative charges.
No refund will be given after 8th October.
All refunds will be made after the Event.

For further information please contact the ESOT Secretariat to the following email address:
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