



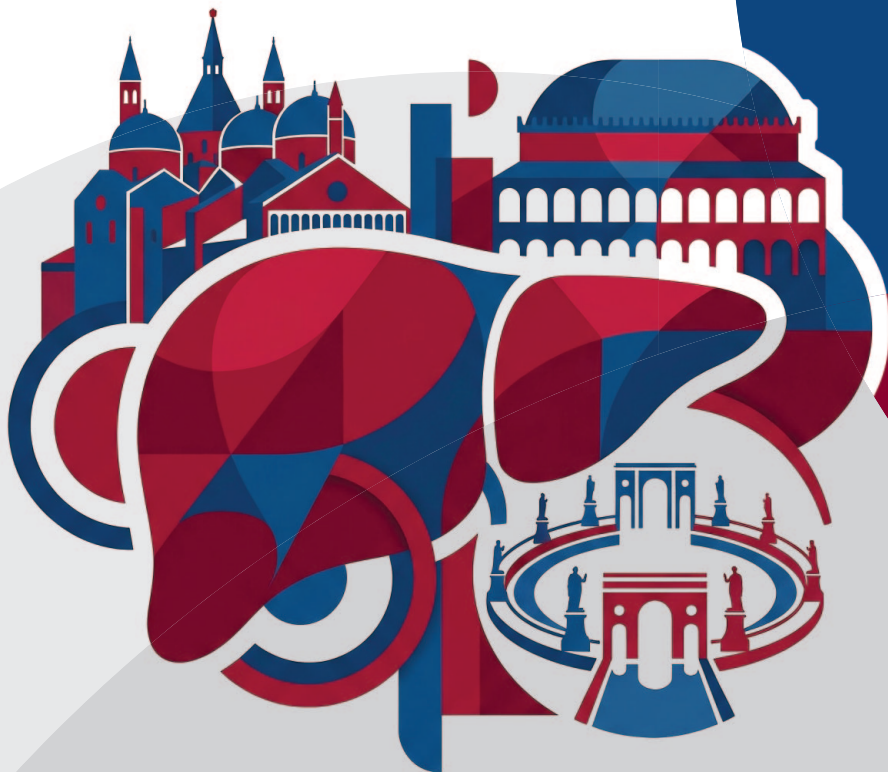
The European  
Liver and Intestine  
Transplant Association

# 7<sup>th</sup> 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 different etiologies and several types of liver cancer, with excellent results and rates of survival on 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## COURSE DIRECTORS

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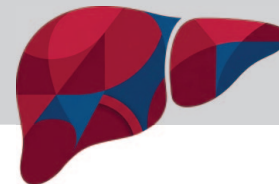
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# PROGRAMME // THURSDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2026

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**

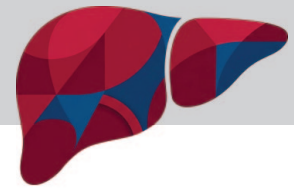
<b>WG1</b>	<i>E. Bonaccorsi</i> <i>G. Marrone</i>	<i>H. Hartog</i> <i>C. Morelli</i>
<b>WG2</b>	<i>S. Darwish Murad</i> <i>A. Zanetto</i>	<i>S. Nadalin</i> <i>G. Svegliati Baroni</i>
<b>WG3</b>	<i>M. Gambato</i> <i>V. Giannelli</i>	<i>D. Balci</i> <i>A. Mrzljak</i>
<b>WG4</b>	<i>C. Becchetti</i> <i>M. Cortes</i>	<i>T. Artzner</i> <i>D. Pagano</i>

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*



## 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**  
*R. Adam*

10.15 Discussion with all the attendees

10.30 **Coffee break**

## 11.00 **Working groups (WG)**

	<b>Tutors</b>	<b>Senior Experts</b>
<b>WG1</b>	<i>E. Bonaccorsi G. Marrone</i>	<i>H. Hartog M.C. Morelli</i>
<b>WG2</b>	<i>S. Darwish Murad A. Zanetto</i>	<i>S. Nadalin G. Svegliati Baroni</i>
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12.30 **Wrap-up session**  
*(10-minute summaries presented by one trainee per working group)*

13.10 **Light Lunch**

# PROGRAMME // FRIDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2026

## 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*
- 14.15 The Achilles' heel of liver transplantation:  
biliary complications  
*S. Nadalin*
- 14.30 DCD: what should the hepatologist know?  
*D. Ghinolfi*
- 14.45 Discussion with all the attendees
- 15.00 **LECTURE**  
Presenter: *P. Burra*  
**Machine perfusion in liver transplantation:  
current evidence and future directions**  
*W. Polak*
- 15.30 **Coffee break**

## SESSION V INNOVATION AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

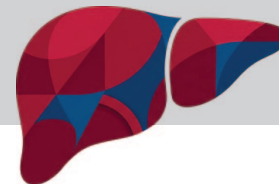
Chairs: *M. Cortes, G. Germani*

- 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



## VENUE

### Palazzo della Salute

Via S. Francesco, 90 · 35121 Padua, Italy

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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: **8<sup>th</sup> 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: 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2026)
- refreshments according to the programme
- networking dinner on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2026

# GENERAL INFORMATION

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For more information, please contact:  
info@webaisf.org

## C.M.E. Provider (ID 1547)

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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, Radio-diagnostics, 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>

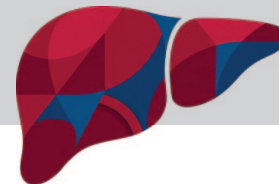
## Participation Certificates

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.

# GENERAL INFORMATION



## 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: 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October, 2026)
- refreshments according to the programme
- networking dinner on 29<sup>th</sup> 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 Aristeia International S.r.l. to the following email address:

[trancanella@aristeia.com](mailto:trancanella@aristeia.com)

Cancellation received by Aristeia International S.r.l. within 8<sup>th</sup> October, will be totally refunded minus 10% for administrative charges.

No refund will be given after 8<sup>th</sup> 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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