

# MULTIDISCIPLINARY MASH CONFERENCE



Advancing  
Multidisciplinary  
Care Across the  
Disease Spectrum

Aug. 14–15, 2026

Intercontinental Hotel  
& Conference Center  
Cleveland, Ohio

## DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW

The Cleveland Clinic Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatohepatitis “MASH” Conference is the first truly multidisciplinary educational summit dedicated to MASH care. While prior conferences have focused primarily on gastroenterology and hepatology audiences, this event brings together a broad range of specialties – including hepatology, transplant surgery, endocrinology, bariatric surgery, cardiology, and oncology – to address the entire spectrum of disease and the whole patient.

Attendees will gain insights spanning early metabolic dysfunction to advanced liver disease, organ failure, and transplantation, with a focus on collaborative, patient-centered approaches that reflect the future of MASH care.

## FEATURED TOPICS

- MASLD/MASH – Burden, Diagnosis, and Clinical Implications
- Treatment of MASH Across the Disease Spectrum
- Translational Science and Clinical Research in MASH
- Transplant Candidacy, Risk Stratification, and Outcomes in MASH
- Complex and Multi-Organ Transplant Decision-Making in MASH
- MASH and Cancer (HCC, CCA)
- Non-CME Hands On Symposium

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This course is designed for gastroenterologists, hepatologists, bariatric, transplant, and general surgeons, as well as endocrinologists, oncologists, and primary care physicians.

## EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- **Describe current and emerging strategies** for the prevention, screening, diagnosis, and treatment of MASH across the full disease spectrum, from early metabolic dysfunction to cirrhosis, liver transplantation, and post-transplant care.
- **Apply evidence-based approaches** to diagnose and manage coexisting cardiometabolic diseases, including type 2 diabetes, dyslipidemia, and cardiovascular disease with particular attention to reducing major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE), the leading cause of death in patients with MASH.
- **Identify critical knowledge gaps and outline future directions** in MASH research, policy, and clinical practice, emphasizing the need for cross-disciplinary collaboration and innovation.
- **Evaluate integrated care delivery models** that combine medical, surgical, behavioral digital (AI based), and value-based approaches to improve access, equity, and outcomes in MASH—with focused attention to high-risk populations such as living liver donors with obesity and MASLD, patients with severe obesity and decompensated cirrhosis undergoing transplant, individuals requiring combined cardiothoracic and liver transplantation, and those with MASH-HCC beyond conventional transplant criteria.

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**PROPOSED AGENDA** (Eastern Time, subject to change)

**FRIDAY, AUG. 14**

Moderator: **Sobia Laique, MD**

**SESSION 1:  
MASLD/MASH – Burden, Diagnosis,  
and Clinical Implications**

**7:00–8:00 AM**

**Breakfast / Exhibits**

**8:00–8:10 AM**

Introduction to the Course  
*Sobia Laique, MD*

**8:10–8:30 AM**

The Global Burden of MASLD:  
Epidemiology, Outcomes, and  
Health System Impact  
*Zobair Younossi, MD*

**8:30–8:50 AM**

Screening, Risk Stratification,  
and Surveillance: Who Are  
We Missing?  
*Meena Bansal, MD*

**8:50–9:10 AM**

Histopathology of MASH:  
What Still Requires Tissue,  
and Why It Matters  
*Daniela Allende, MD*

**9:10–9:30 AM**

The Growing Burden of MASH  
Cirrhosis: Clinical Outcomes  
and Transplantation

**9:30–10:00 AM**

Panel Discussion: From  
Population Risk to Cirrhosis:  
Where Are We Falling Short in  
MASLD/MASH Care?  
*Moderator: Sobia Laique, MD*  
*Panelists: Daniela Allende, MD;*  
*Meena Bansal, MD;*  
*Zobair Younossi, MD*

**10:00–10:30 AM**

**Break / Exhibits**

**SESSION 2:  
Treatment of MASH Across the  
Disease Spectrum**

**10:30–10:50 AM**

Incretin Therapy in MASH:  
Semaglutide and Related Agents  
*Keren Zhou, MD*

**10:50–11:10 AM**

Disease-Modifying Therapy  
in MASH: Resmetirom and  
Emerging Strategies Across  
Fibrosis and Cirrhosis  
*Naim Alkhouri, MD*

**11:10–11:30 AM**

Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery  
in MASH  
*Ali Aminian, MD*

**11:30–11:50 AM**

Delivering MASH Care at Scale:  
The Multidisciplinary MASLD  
Clinic Model  
*Sobia Laique, MD*

**11:50 AM–12:10 PM**

Cardio-Renal-Metabolic Risk  
in MASH  
*Luke Laffin, MD*

**12:10–12:30 PM**

Sarcopenia and Frailty in  
MASH: Clinical Relevance and  
Management Considerations  
*Srinivasan Dasarathy, MD*

**12:30–1:00 PM**

Panel Discussion: Precision  
Treatment in MASH: Matching  
Therapies to Patient Phenotypes  
*Moderator: Zobair Younossi, MD*  
*Panelists: Naim Alkhouri, MD; Ali*  
*Aminian, MD; Srinivasan Dasarathy,*  
*MD; Luke Laffin, MD; Sobia Laique,*  
*MD; Keren Zhou, MD*

**1:00–2:00 PM**

**Lunch / Exhibits**

**SESSION 3:  
Translational Science and  
Clinical Research in MASH**

**2:00–2:20 PM**

Computational Approaches to  
MASH Pathophysiology and  
Drug Discovery

**2:20–2:40 PM**

Artificial Intelligence in MASH  
and Transplant Research: Risk  
Prediction, Drug Development,  
and Trial Design  
*Chase Wehrle, MD*

**2:40–3:00 PM**

Clinical Trial Design in MASH:  
Endpoints, Populations, and  
Evolving Regulatory Expectations  
*Naim Alkhouri, MD*

**3:00–3:20 PM**

Studying MASH in Cirrhosis:  
Pathobiology, Endpoints, and  
Research Challenges  
*Mary Rinella, MD*

**3:20–3:40 PM**

Big Data and Transplantation:  
A New Age of Donor Assessment  
and Management  
*Kazunari Sasaki, MD*

**3:40–4:00 PM**

Panel Discussion: The Future  
of MASH Research  
*Moderator: Sobia Laique, MD*  
*Panelists: Naim Alkhouri, MD;*  
*Mary Rinella, MD; Kazunari Sasaki,*  
*MD; Chase Wehrle, MD*

**4:00 PM**

**Adjourn**

**4:30–6:30 PM**

Networking Reception  
(Non-CME/Optional)

**PROPOSED AGENDA** (Eastern Time, subject to change)

**SATURDAY, AUG. 15**

Moderator: Ali Aminian, MD

**SESSION 4A:**

**Transplant Candidacy, Risk Stratification, and Outcomes in MASH**

**7:00–7:45 AM**

**Breakfast / Exhibits**

**7:45–8:00 AM**

Welcome

*Ali Aminian, MD*

**8:00–8:20 AM**

Beyond MELD: Transplant Evaluation and Risk Stratification in MASH Cirrhosis

**8:20–8:40 AM**

Acute on Chronic Liver Failure in MASH: Prognosis, Optimization, Transplant Timing

*Christina Lindemeyer, MD*

**8:40–9:00 AM**

Cardiac Risk Assessment in the MASH Transplant Candidate

*Maan Fares, MD*

**9:00–9:20 AM**

Metabolic Surgery and Liver Transplantation

*Matthew Kroh, MD*

**9:20–9:40 AM**

The Role of Living Donor Liver Transplantation in MASH

*Julie Heimbach, MD*

**9:40–10:00 AM**

Panel Discussion: Optimizing Transplant Candidacy and Outcomes in MASH

*Moderators: Ali Aminian, MD and Koji Hashimoto, MD, PhD*

*Panelists: Maan Fares, MD; Julie Heimbach, MD; Matthew Kroh, MD*

**10:00–10:30 AM**

**Break / Exhibits**

**SESSION 4B:**

**Complex and Multi-Organ Transplant Decision-Making in MASH**

**10:30–10:50 AM**

Liver Kidney Transplantation in MASH: Selection Criteria, Outcomes, and Allocation

*Kazunari Sasaki, MD*

**10:50–11:10 AM**

Modern Multi-Organ Transplant: Heart-Lung-Liver

*Kenneth McCurry, MD*

**11:10–11:30 AM**

Organ Preservation Strategies in High-Risk Liver Transplantation: Clinical Decision-Making

*Andrea Schlegel, MD*

**11:30–11:50 AM**

Robotic and Minimally Invasive Liver Transplantation: Current Indications and Outcomes

*Alejandro Pita, MD*

**11:50 AM–12:00 PM**

Panel Questions

*Moderator: Koji Hashimoto, MD, PhD*

*Panelists: Kenneth McCurry, MD;*

*Alejandro Pita, MD; Kazunari*

*Sasaki, MD; Andrea Schlegel, MD*

**12:00–1:00 PM**

**Lunch / Exhibits**

**SESSION 5:**

**MASH and Cancer (HCC, CCA)**

**1:00–1:20 PM**

Early Diagnosis, Staging, and Management of MASH Related Cancers: Hepatocellular Carcinoma and Cholangiocarcinoma

*Shilpa Junna, MD*

**1:20–1:40 PM**

Locoregional and Systemic Treatment Approaches for Liver Cancer

*Suneel Kamath, MD*

**1:40–2:00 PM**

Patient Selection for Liver Transplantation in MASH-Associated Liver Cancer

**2:00–2:20 PM**

Panel Discussion: Multidisciplinary Decision-Making in MASH-Associated Liver Cancer

*Moderators: Mazhar Khalil, MD and Federico Aucejo, MD*

*Panelists: Julie Heimbach, MD;*

*Shilpa Junna, MD;*

*Suneel Kamath, MD*

**2:20 PM**

**Adjourn**

**NON-CME SESSION:**

**HANDS ON SYMPOSIUM**

**2:45–4:15 PM**

**Breakout 1:**

Machine Perfusion in Liver Transplantation: HOPE, Normothermic Perfusion, and Regional Perfusion

*Andrea Schlegel, MD; Koji*

*Hashimoto, MD, PhD; Chase*

*Wehrle, MD*

**Breakout 2:**

Hands-On Fibrosis Assessment and Shared Medical Appointments in MASH

*Sobia Laique, MD; Keren Zhou, MD*

**Breakout 3:**

Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery in Patients with Liver Disease: Patient Selection and Pathways

*Ali Aminian, MD; Salvador*

*Navarrete, MD*

**Breakout 4:**

Hands-On Minimally Invasive and Non-Invasive Therapies for Liver Tumors: Robotic Resection and Histotripsy

*Mazhar Khalil, MD; Federico Aucejo,*

*MD; Alejandro Pita, MD; Jaekeun*

*Kim, MD*

**4:30–5:30 PM**

Networking Reception

(Non-CME/Optional)

## LOCATION

Intercontinental Hotel & Conference Center  
 9801 Carnegie Avenue, Bank of America Amphitheater  
 (3rd Floor)  
 Cleveland, Ohio 44106

## ACCOMMODATIONS

There are multiple hotels for lodging nearby:

### InterContinental Suites Hotel

8800 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106 44122  
 Phone: 216.707.4300

### Holiday Inn Cleveland Clinic

8800 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106  
 Phone: 216.707.4200

### Tudor Arms Hotel Cleveland – a DoubleTree by Hilton

10660 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106  
 Phone: 216.455.1260

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## REGISTRATION

Register online today at [ccfcme.org/MASH2026](http://ccfcme.org/MASH2026)

**Pre-registrations will be accepted online until 2:00 pm ET on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.** For questions about registering online, please email [cmeregistration@ccf.org](mailto:cmeregistration@ccf.org) or call 216.448.8710.

Registration fees for this in-person program include:

- Attendance at educational lectures
- Program booklet and handouts
- Meals: continental breakfast, lunch and refreshment breaks

**Register now to take advantage of early bird savings, available until June 1, 2026!**

Category	FULL	
	On or Before 6/1/26	After 6/1/26
Physician	\$199	\$250
Trainee (Resident/Fellow)	\$150	\$200
Non-physician Healthcare Professionals	\$150	\$200
Corporate Attendees	\$1,000	\$1,100

The per-day rate for Physicians is \$175.

### Registration and Cancellation

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## INFORMATION

For further information about this program, please contact Digestive Disease Institute via email at [coopera1@ccf.org](mailto:coopera1@ccf.org) or [dipierj@ccf.org](mailto:dipierj@ccf.org).