**Learning Objectives**

- Discuss the current screening strategies, staging mechanisms and treatment options for patients with liver diseases and cirrhosis.
- Identify the indications and contraindications for liver transplant with the goal of increasing patient access and improving outcomes.
- Recognize the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to evaluation and management of patients with liver diseases.
- Identify the latest treatment recommendations of patients with Hepatitis C.

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**Agenda**

7:15 AM  Registration and Continental Breakfast

Session I  Moderator: Rohit S. Satoskar, MD

8:00 AM  Introduction
Rohit S. Satoskar, MD

8:15 AM  HCV: Hard to Treat Populations
Coleman J. Smith, MD

8:45 AM  Can HBV Be Cured?
John Luke, MD

9:15 AM  NAFLD: New Therapies on the Horizon
Alexander T. Lalos, MD

9:45 AM  Anticoagulation in Cirrhosis
Arul M. Thomas, MD

10:15 AM  Break and Visit the Exhibits

Session II  Moderator: Thomas W. Faust, MD, MBE

10:30 AM  Surgical Risk in Cirrhosis
Jason S. Hawkeworth, MD

11:00 AM  Renal Issues in Liver Disease
Alexander J. Gilbert, MD

11:30 AM  Liver Jeopardy
Moderator: Rohit S. Satoskar, MD

12:00 PM  Lunch and Visit the Exhibits

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1:30 PM  Who is a Candidate for Liver Transplant?
Rohit S. Satoskar, MD

2:00 PM  Expanding the Donor Pool
Alexander T. Lalos, MD

2:30 PM  Long Term Post Transplant Management
Thomas W. Faust, MD, MBE

3:00 PM  Common Clinical Questions:
Case Based
Ammol Rangnekar, MD

3:30 PM  Question and Answer
Thomas W. Faust, MD, MBE
Rohit S. Satoskar, MD

4:00 PM  Closing Remarks
Thomas W. Faust, MD, MBE

4:15 PM  Adjourn

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