

DR. ALFRED BAKER 28TH ANNUAL LIVER SYMPOSIUM

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025
7:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort &
Conference Center
3500 Midwest Road
DuPage Amphitheater
Oak Brook, Illinois 60523

Sponsored by Northwestern Medicine

Dr. Alfred Baker 28TH Annual Liver Symposium

COURSE DIRECTORS: Andres Duarte-Rojo, MD, PhD, MS, and Sean W.P. Koppe, MD

As advances in liver disease management accelerate, many community providers face challenges keeping up with evolving guidelines and new clinical data. This symposium offers a focused update on the latest developments in hepatology, including diagnostic strategies, treatment innovations, and interdisciplinary care considerations.

With expert-led sessions and practical insights, this event is designed to help clinicians integrate cutting-edge knowledge into everyday practice enhancing care for patients with complex liver conditions

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

After attending this educational activity, participants should be able to:

1. Enhance the care of patients with liver disease in the ICU.
2. Identify coagulopathy in patients with chronic liver disease.
3. Recall the scenarios in which transplant might be considered for patients with cancer.
4. Identify how to work up and assess patients with liver lesions.
5. Improve management of patients with hepatic encephalopathy.
6. Recognize the role of TIPS for patients with cirrhosis.
7. Discuss supplement use in patients with chronic liver disease.
8. Compare and contrast treatment options for patients with metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis (MASH).



Program Course Directors

Andres Duarte-Rojo, MD, PhD, MS

*Medical Director, Liver Transplant
Medical Director, Living Liver Donor
Professor of Medicine
Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine*

Sean W.P. Koppe, MD

*Network Director of Transplant Hepatology
Associate Professor of Medicine
Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine*

Program Faculty

Justin R. Boike, MD, MPH

*Assistant Professor of Medicine,
Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine*

Daniel Borja-Cacho, MD

*Associate Professor of Surgery,
Organ Transplantation
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine*

Sheila L. Eswaran, MD, MS

*Transplant Hepatologist
Northwestern Medicine
Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine,
Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine*

Laura M. Kulik, MD

*Clinical Practice Director of Hepatology
Professor of Medicine,
Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Radiology,
and Surgery, Organ Transplantation
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine*

Satish N. Nadig MD, PhD, FACS

*Chief, Division of Abdominal Organ Transplantation
Edward G. Elcock Professor
Surgery, Microbiology/Immunology, and Pediatrics
Vice Chair of Faculty Development, Dept. of Surgery
Director, Comprehensive Transplant Center
Ann & Robert H. Lurie
Children's Hospital of Chicago
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine*

Saad R. Saffo, MD

*Assistant Professor of Medicine,
Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine*

Sarang B. Thaker, MD, MS

*Assistant Professor of Medicine,
Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine*

Agenda

Saturday, October 4, 2025

7:00 am Breakfast and Registration

8:00 am **Welcome**
Andres Duarte-Rojo, MD, PhD, MS, and Sean W. P. Koppe, MD

8:05 am **Procedures and Bleeding Risk in Cirrhosis: What's New?**
Sarang B. Thaker, MD, MS

8:35 am **Transplant Oncology - Update on Options for Patients with Colon Cancer, Cholangiocarcinoma and Hepatocellular Carcinoma**
Daniel Borja-Cacho, MD

9:05 am **The Liver ICU: How Can We Better Care for Cirrhosis?**
Saad R. Saffo, MD

9:35 am **Benign Liver Lesions: Diagnostic Approach and Surveillance**
Laura M. Kulik, MD

10:05 am **Break**

10:20 am **Overview of LT Program**
Satish N. Nadig, MD, PhD, FACS

10:35 am **Controversies in TIPS: Primum Non Nocere**
Justin R. Boike, MD, MPH

11:05 am **Comprehensive Care of Hepatic Encephalopathy**
Andres Duarte-Rojo, MD, PhD, MS

11:35 am **Supplements in Liver Disease: What Might Actually Help?**
Sean W.P. Koppe, MD

11:55 am **Resmetirom & GLP-1 for MASH**
Sheila L. Eswaran, MD, MS

12:20 pm **Working Lunch**

1:00 pm **Adjournment**



Program Location

The program will be held at the **Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center** at 3500 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

Audience

The content of the program is appropriate for gastroenterologists, hepatologists and other healthcare providers caring for patients with liver disease.

Registration Fees

The fee is \$50 for attending physicians and is waived for trainees, nurses and other healthcare professionals. Breakfast, refreshments and lunch are provided. Space is limited. No refunds will be issued after **September 19**.

Registration Procedure

To register online, please visit <https://northwestern.cloud-cme.com/liver2025>. If paying with check, please mail your check, made payable to **Northwestern Memorial Hospital (CME)**, to the address listed below, **prior to September 24**.

Tiffany McReynolds

C/o Northwestern Memorial HealthCare
541 N. Fairbanks Court, Suite 950
Chicago, IL 60611

American Board of Surgery Continuous Certification Program

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the learner to earn credit toward the CME requirements of the American Board of Surgery's Continuous Certification

program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit learner completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABS credit.

ABS CME credits will be submitted to the boards within 3 months of the conclusion of the activity.

Accreditation Statement

The Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit Designation Statement

The Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of *4.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nurses

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation accept AMA PRA Category 1 Credits[™] from organizations accredited by the ACCME for relicensure & recertification requirements. 1 CME credit is equivalent to 1 contact hour. Your certificate of completion, which includes the number of CME credits awarded, is the only documentation required.

**For more information, please contact
CME Program Manager, Tiffany McReynolds,
tiffany.mcreeynolds@nm.org.**

Dr. Alfred Baker 28th Annual Liver Symposium Registration Form

Saturday,
October 4, 2025
7:00 am to 1:00 pm

Online registration can be found at <https://northwestern.cloud-cme.com/liver2025>.

How to Register

 **ONLINE:** <https://northwestern.cloud-cme.com/liver2025>

 **OR MAIL** with check (payable to Northwestern Memorial Hospital (CME))

Tiffany McReynolds
c/o Northwestern Memorial HealthCare
541 N. Fairbanks Court
Suite 950
Chicago, IL 60611

For Questions:

Email: tiffany.mcreeynolds@nm.org

Phone: 312.695.6929

Please Type or Print

Last Name _____ First Name _____

☐ Attending Physician (\$50) ☐ Trainees, APPs, nurses and other healthcare professionals (\$0)

Title _____

Specialty _____

Subspecialty _____

Institution _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Email (Required) _____

Your registration confirmation will be emailed

Special Dietary Requirements _____

Advance notification required

Disability Accommodations _____

Please advise us of your needs

American Board of Surgery Members (ABS): I provide permission for my CME credits and the information gathered from this survey to be shared and transmitted to the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and the American Board of Surgery. ☐ Yes ☐ No

ABS # _____ Birth Month & Date _____

How did you hear about our program?

☐ Brochure ☐ Email ☐ Website ☐ Word of Mouth ☐ Social Media