

WILSON DISEASE 2026: ADVANCES IN DIAGNOSIS, CARE & RESEARCH

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
7:30 AM TO 3:30 PM**

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Third Floor, Pritzker Auditorium
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This CME activity is designed to address persistent knowledge and practice gaps in the diagnosis and management of Wilson disease, a rare but treatable disorder that remains frequently underrecognized in clinical practice. Clinicians across multiple specialties—including hepatology, neurology, psychiatry, genetics, and primary care—face ongoing challenges related to delayed diagnosis, atypical and extrahepatic presentations and variability in treatment selection and long-term monitoring. This activity will provide a structured, evidence-based approach to the use of clinical, biochemical and genetic tools to support timely and accurate diagnosis, as well as guidance on determining indications for liver transplantation and implementing appropriate hepatic surveillance strategies.

Northwestern Medicine, recognized as one of only 11 Wilson Disease Centers of Excellence in the United States and 15 worldwide, convenes expert faculty alongside distinguished local and national guest speakers to deliver this multidisciplinary program. Through expert-led sessions and case-based discussions, participants will enhance their ability to select and monitor chelation and zinc therapies, manage neurologic and psychiatric manifestations using pharmacologic and rehabilitative approaches, evaluate emerging therapies such as novel chelators and gene-based treatments, and implement coor-

dated, multidisciplinary care strategies for diverse patient populations, including pediatric transition, pregnancy and those with complex extrahepatic disease.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

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

1. Apply a systematic diagnostic approach to Wilson disease using clinical, biochemical and genetic tools.
2. Select and monitor chelation and zinc therapies based on disease phenotype, stage and patient factors.
3. Manage neurologic and psychiatric manifestations with pharmacotherapy, botulinum toxin and rehabilitation.
4. Determine indications for liver transplant and implement hepatic surveillance protocols.
5. Evaluate emerging therapies including novel chelators, gene therapy and gene editing approaches.
6. Implement multidisciplinary care for special populations including pediatric transition, pregnancy and extrahepatic complications.

**For more information, please contact
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Agenda

Saturday, September 26

7:30 am	Registration, Breakfast and Industry Networking
8:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Amanda C. Cheung, MD</i>
8:10 am	WDA Patient Stories
8:30 am	The Copper Highway Gone Wrong: Pathophysiology and the Diagnostic Pursuit <i>Richard M. Green, MD</i>
9:00 am	The Neurologic Wilson Disease Playbook: Phenotyping, Imaging and Taming the Symptoms <i>Danny Bega, MD</i>
9:30 am	The Mind Behind the Metal: Psychiatric Manifestations and Psychotropic Navigation <i>Reuben J. Heyman-Kantor, MD</i>
10:00 am	Break & Industry Networking
10:15 am	Are We There Yet? Biomarkers and the Evolving Art of Monitoring Wilson Disease <i>James Hamilton, MD</i>
10:45 am	The Treatment Arsenal: Chelation, Zinc and Emerging Agents in Wilson Disease <i>Frederick K. Askari, MD, PhD</i>
11:15 am	Walking the Tightrope: Side Effects, Safety Signals and Surveillance on Therapy <i>Peter Hedera, MD, PhD</i>
11:45 am	Lunch & Industry Networking
12:15 pm	The Liver Under Siege: From Silent Steatosis to Transplant and Everything in Between <i>Amanda C. Cheung, MD</i>

12:45 pm	Reading the Blueprint: Genetic Testing, Variant Interpretation and Cascade Screening <i>Lisa M. Kinsley, MS, CGC</i>
1:15 pm	Rewriting the Code: Gene Therapy, Gene Editing and the Road to a Functional Cure <i>Valentina Medici, MD</i>
1:45 pm	Break & Industry Networking
2:00 pm	From Patient Story to System Innovation: Advancing Rare Disease Care in Practice <i>Alpana Kharkar, MD</i>
2:30 pm	Copper Control in the Real World: Adherence, Access and Health Equity in Wilson Disease <i>Rima Fawaz, MD</i>
3:00 pm	From Bench to Bedside: Translational Research and Unanswered Questions in Wilson Disease <i>Svetlana Lutsenko, PhD</i>
3:30 pm	Closing Remarks & Adjournment

Program Faculty

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Program Location

The program will be held at **Northwestern Memorial Hospital**, 251 East Huron Street, Feinberg Pavilion, Third Floor, Pritzker Auditorium, Chicago, IL.

Directions and Parking

Please visit our **website** for directions to the conference. We offer discounted parking in the garage just north of the conference at 222 East Huron Street.

Lodging

The Hyatt Centric Magnificent Mile, conveniently located on Northwestern's campus, is offering a discounted rate for conference attendees. A promo code is included in the reservation **link**. We encourage you to book early, as availability is limited.

Audience

This activity is intended for healthcare professionals involved in the diagnosis and management of patients with Wilson disease or related conditions. The target audience includes hepatologists, neurologists, psychiatrists, geneticists, primary care physicians, gastroenterologists, pediatricians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other allied healthcare professionals.

Registration Fees

Early Bird (through August 15)

Attending Physician: \$65
Nurse or Allied Health: \$30
Trainee or Student: N/A

Beginning August 16

Attending Physician: \$85
Nurse or Allied Health: \$45
Trainee or Student: N/A

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