

DR. ALFRED BAKER 29TH ANNUAL LIVER SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

A photograph of the Chicago skyline, including the Willis Tower, viewed from a park with trees in autumn foliage. A purple diagonal overlay covers the left side of the image.

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3500 Midwest Road
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The Dr. Alfred Baker 29th Annual Liver Symposium is a comprehensive, evidence-based CME activity designed to provide clinicians with the latest advances in the diagnosis and management of chronic liver disease. This one-day, in-person program brings together leading experts in hepatology, transplant surgery, and multidisciplinary care to address evolving challenges and emerging best practices in the field.

Through a combination of expert-led lectures, case-based discussions, and panel dialogue, the symposium will explore key topics including cirrhosis and its complications, portal hypertension, liver transplantation, liver oncology, and liver-related emergencies. Attendees will gain practical insights into current clinical guidelines, innovative treatment strategies, and real-world approaches to complex patient care scenarios.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

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

1. Apply current evidence-based strategies to improve the management of patients with primary biliary cholangitis (PBC).
2. Describe contemporary surgical approaches and multidisciplinary considerations in liver transplantation.
3. Evaluate hemostasis disorders in cirrhosis and implement appropriate management of thrombosis.
4. Identify and manage common liver-related emergencies using current clinical guidelines.
5. Integrate advanced treatment approaches in the management of autoimmune hepatitis.
6. Assess challenges and interventional radiology options for managing gallbladder disease in patients with cirrhosis.
7. Implement best practices for liver cancer surveillance and apply current treatment strategies.
8. Apply updated approaches to the diagnosis and management of portal hypertension.

Saturday, October 3

7:00 am	Breakfast and Registration
8:00 am	Welcome <i>Andres Duarte-Rojo, MD, MS, and Sean W. P. Koppe, MD</i>
8:05 am	Primary Biliary Cholangitis (PBC) in 2026 <i>Richard M. Green, MD</i>
8:35 am	Between a Clot and a Hard Place: Splanchnic Vein Thrombosis and Hemostasis in Cirrhosis <i>Sarang B. Thaker, MD</i>
9:05 am	The Gallbladder Nobody Wants to Touch: Approaches for Non-Surgical Management <i>Ahsun Riaz, MBBS, FSIR</i>
9:35 am	Surgical Advances in Transplantation <i>Daniel Borja-Cacho, MD</i>
10:05 am	Liver Transplant Program Overview
10:20 am	Break
10:35 am	Liver 911 – Acute Liver Failure and the Pregnant Patient with Liver Issues <i>Saad R. Saffo, MD</i>
11:05 am	Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC): Screening, Diagnosis, Therapy <i>Laura M. Kulik, MD</i>
11:35 am	Baveno 2026 – Updates on Portal Hypertension Management <i>Justin R. Boike, MD, MPH</i>
12:15 pm	Panel Discussion: Autoimmune Hepatitis: Insights on Diagnosis and Management
12:35 pm	Working Lunch
1:00 pm	Adjournment

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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. Continental breakfast, refreshments and a light lunch are provided. **Space is limited.** No refunds will be issued after **September 18.**

Registration Procedure

To register online, please visit this [link](#). If paying by check, complete the registration form and mail it with your check made payable to **Northwestern Memorial Hospital (CME)** to the address listed below, prior to **September 23.**

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Accreditation Statement

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