

TRANSPLANT SURGERY 2025 SYMPOSIUM

**Managing Organ Failure from Community
Care to Kidney Transplantation**



**End- Stage Liver Disease: Turning Back the
Clock from Transplant**

Saturday, April 5, 2025 | 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM

BROOKFIELD CONFERENCE CENTER

325 South Moorland Rd.

Brookfield, WI 53005

Continuing Medical Education & Continuing Education credits offered

PROGRAM INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Medical College of Wisconsin 2025 Solid Organ Transplant Symposium will be held on April 5, 2025, at the Brookfield Conference Center, located at 325 South Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI 53005.

PARKING: Surface parking lot is available right outside of the Brookfield Conference Center.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Gastroenterologists, nephrologists, advanced practice providers, nurses, social workers, dietitians, dialysis technicians.

PURPOSE: This day-long CME educational activity is designed with two parallel tracks for a diverse audience. The symposium will highlight best practices, access, and innovation in kidney and pancreas transplantation, and optimal strategies and approaches to minimize complications of chronic liver diseases and improve patient care. Invited speakers include distinguished academic providers who can provide up-to-date summaries of the topics.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of the course, attendees will be able to:

- Explain the current listing criteria for kidney and pancreas transplantation, and the new options that increase access to organ offers.
- Counsel patients on the available options for organ matching and utilize available resources that remove disincentives to donation.
- Identify the benefits and limitations of current emerging technologies in the field of kidney & pancreas donation and transplantation and machine preservation technologies.
- Discuss the efficacy, safety, and anticipated outcomes for treatment therapies for HCC management, including neoadjuvant regimens, surgical resection, liver transplant, and palliative care.
- Incorporate best practice medical management of liver cirrhosis, portal hypertension and acute-on-chronic liver failure.
- Able to identify frailty in patients with liver disease.
- Identify the benefits and limitations of current emerging treatments and technologies in the field of liver disease.

EDUCATIONAL METHOD: The format will include lectures from leaders in each field, panel discussions, and case presentations led by moderators. There will be ample opportunity for questions and discussion.

COURSE DIRECTORS:

Matthew Cooper, MD
Raj Prasad, MD

EXHIBITORS: If you would like to exhibit at the symposium, please contact Vivian Gonring at vgonring@mcw.edu. The Medical College of Wisconsin appreciates the support provided by our exhibitors.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Rooms are available at a rate of \$139/night as part of the MCW Transplant Symposium Group block at the Hilton Garden Inn Brookfield, 265 S Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI 53005. Please call the hotel directly at 262-330-0800 for reservations. Reservations for the room block must be made by March 12, 2025.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE: Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all Medical College of Wisconsin sponsored events. If you require special accommodations in order to attend this event, please contact Becki Lucchesi at rlucchesi@mcw.edu

FACULTY DISCLOSURE/ DISCLAIMER:

Everyone who is in a position to control the extent of educational activity must disclose all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interests. They will disclose any unlabeled use or investigational use of pharmaceutical and medical device products. Determination of educational content for this program and the selection of speakers were solely the responsibility of the planning committee. Firms providing financial support did not have input in these areas. Agendas are subject to change, as necessitated by illness and/or scheduling conflicts.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please contact Becki Lucchesi at rlucchesi@mcw.edu.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

ACCME ACCREDITATION STATEMENT:

The Medical College of Wisconsin is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA CREDIT DESIGNATION STATEMENT:

The Medical College of Wisconsin designates this live activity for a maximum of 6 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

HOURS OF PARTICIPATION FOR ALLIED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS:

The Medical College of Wisconsin designates this activity for up to 6 hours of participation for continuing education for allied health professionals.

CONTINUING NURSING EDUCATION:

Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin is approved with distinction as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the Wisconsin Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. 6 Nursing Contact Hours are available. Successful completion of the activity will require attendance at the entire activity and completion of an evaluation form.

DIETITIAN CREDIT STATEMENT:

AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™ are accepted as continuing education units (CEU) for the North American Transplant Coordinators Organization (NATCO) Certified Clinical Transplant Dietitian (CCTD) certification, given that the topics are solid organ transplant specific. Please check the NATCO website for further details.

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ABS REPORTING: Learners who have completed the attestation statement and claimed credit within 15 days of the activity will have their credit reported to the ABS.

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION: Online registration is required to attend this symposium. CE credit can be claimed via the online platform. Please note that Google Chrome is the preferred browser.

1. Register at <https://ocpe.mcw.edu>. Select Login in the upper-right corner.
2. Sign into your existing account or select Create New Non-MCW Account to create a new account.
3. After creating your account or logging in, select 2025 Solid Organ Transplant Symposium under Featured Courses.
4. Select Register and follow the prompts. You will be asked to select one primary track (Kidney & Pancreas or Liver) during registration, however, attendees are welcome to move between sessions as desired.

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FEES: Fees include registration, meals, and CE certification. All registrations will be assessed a \$3.00 non-refundable processing fee.

	Registration Fee
Physician	\$75
Advanced Practice Providers	\$50
Dialysis Technician, Dietitian, Nurse, Social Worker, or other Allied Health Professional	\$25
Patient or Trainee (Fellow, Resident, or Student)	\$0



***PATIENT OR TRAINEE REGISTRATION:** Please contact Becki Lucchesi at rlucchesi@mcw.edu for complimentary registration.

REFUND POLICY: Cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations postmarked March 21st and earlier will be fully refunded. No refunds are available for cancellations postmarked after March 21, 2025.

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MANAGING ORGAN FAILURE FROM COMMUNITY CARE TO KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION

This symposium features two concurrent tracks on April 5, 2025. While attendees will be asked to select a primary track at the time of registration, they are encouraged to move between rooms as desired. The keynote lecture and lunch are held jointly.

7:00 AM	Registration, breakfast, exhibitor booths	
7:45 AM	Welcome Remarks & Initiation	
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Keynote Address: Transplant Oncology	E. Steve Woodle, MD
SESSION I: Transplant Readiness		Chair: Beje Thomas, MD
9:00 AM	Planning for Your (Living Donor) Kidney Transplant	Alyssa August, RN
9:25 AM	Psychosocial Readiness	Abby Lukas, MSW, CAPSW
9:50 AM	Preparing the Candidate with a History of Addiction	Allison Stephans, LCSW
10:15 AM	Refreshment Break & Exhibitions	
10:35 AM	Transplant Options for Insulin Dependent Diabetics	Emre Arpali, MD, PhD
11:05 AM	Life After Transplant – Patient Panel	Beje Thomas, MD (Moderator) & Abby Lukas, MSW, CAPSW (Facilitator)
12:00 PM	Lunch & Exhibitions	
SESSION II: Breaking Down Barriers		Chair: Ty Dunn, MD, MS
1:00 PM	Health Disparities in Kidney Transplant	Jenessa Price, PhD
1:20 PM	Dispelling the Myths: The Role of Bariatric Surgery in Transplant Patients	Rana Higgins, MD
1:40 PM	Frailty Assessment in Renal Transplant Candidates	Angela Beckert, MD
2:00 PM	Refreshment Break & Exhibitions	
2:20 PM	Case Studies in Organ Allocation	Ty Dunn, MD, MS
2:50 PM	Myths in Transplant	Matthew Cooper, MD
3:15 PM	Discussion	

END-STAGE LIVER DISEASE: TURNING BACK THE CLOCK FROM TRANSPLANT

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SESSION I: Improving Outcomes in Managing Cirrhosis & Portal Hypertension		Chairs: Kia Saeian, MD, MSc, EPI & Achuthan Souria, MD
9:00 AM	Identifying at Risk Patients	Kristin Granlund, PA-C
9:20 AM	Preventing Progression of Fibrosis	Juan Trivella, MD
9:40 AM	Prevention of Portal Hypertensive Related Bleeding	Kia Saeian, MD, MSc EPI
10:10 AM	Q & A	
10:30 AM	Refreshment Break & Exhibitions	
10:50 AM	Strategies to Reduce Frailty & Optimize Nutrition in Liver Disease	Phaedra Tachtatzis, MD, MRCP, MBChB Jonathan Yee, C.D., CD
11:30 AM	Preventing Complications when Managing Ascites	Veronica Loy, DO
11:50 AM	Q & A	
12:00 PM	Lunch & Exhibitions	
SESSION II: Case Study / Debates		Chairs: Veronica Loy, DO & Phaedra Tachtatzis, MD, MRCP, MBChB
1:00 PM	Debate #1: Should We Treat All HBV Patients with Viremia	MCW Fellows with Mentors: Thomas Wagner, MD Keely Browning, MD
1:45 PM	Case Study: Index Presentation of Variceal Bleed	Kia Saeian, MD, MSc EPI Eric Hohenwalter, MD FSIR Raj Prasad, MD
2:30 PM	Current Practices and Controversies in biliary strictures with PSC: A. Diagnosis of biliary cancer B. Endoscopic Management of cholangitis	Kulwinder Dua, MD Nalini Guda, MD
3:15 PM	Discussion	

SPEAKERS



E. Steve Woodle, MD, FACS

William A. Altemeier Chair in Surgery
Professor of Surgery with Tenure
Director, Israel Penn Center
for Transplant Oncology
Department of Surgery
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Co-Director, Center for Transplant Immunology
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
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KEYNOTE:

E. Steve Woodle, MD, FACS, is a Professor of Surgery with Tenure at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Dr. Woodle received his medical degree at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. He completed fellowships in kidney and pancreas transplantation, and liver transplantation and hepatobiliary surgery at the University of Chicago. He has been the recipient of NIH basic research grants in immunobiology and has received a clinician Scientist Research Award from the American Heart Association. Dr. Woodle has led a long-standing effort to eliminate the substantial corticosteroid-related morbidity in transplant. Dr. Woodle has also been a leader in developing new rejection therapies and strategies. He published a series of papers establishing the scientific and ethical principles of kidney exchange procedures, thereby enabling the establishment of kidney exchange programs.

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TRANSPLANT SURGERY

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*Tenured Professor of Surgery, Chief of Transplantation
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Angela Beckert, MD

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Kia Saeian, MD, MSc, EPI

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Kristin Granlund, PA-C

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Beje Thomas, MD

*Associate Professor of Medicine, Medical Director
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BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

Jenessa Price, PhD

Associate Professor

BARIATRIC SURGERY

Rana Higgins, MD

Associate Professor

CLAIMING CE CREDIT

CLAIMING NURSE CONTACT HOURS: Nurses wishing to claim Nursing Contact Hours are required to attend the entire activity and complete and submit an evaluation form at the conclusion of the event. Please see the nurse planners at the registration table for additional information. Please contact Cathy Jahnke at catherine.jahnke@froedtert.com or Jaime Uecker at jaime.uecker@froedtert.com with questions.

CLAIMING AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ AND HOURS OF PARTICIPATION:

Please complete the steps below by July 5, 2025, to claim CE credit. Requests for CE credit after July 5th will be subject to a \$25 late fee.

1. Sign into your Ethos account at <https://ocpe.mcw.edu>.
2. Click on the Home tab. Select My past courses to claim credit in the left column, then select Pending Activities.
3. Select 2025 Solid Organ Transplant Symposium.
4. Select the Take Course tab and click the green Take Course button.
5. Click through the Course Progress steps in the left column. The Payment and Attendance steps will be automatically completed.
6. The Medical College of Wisconsin designates this live activity for a maximum of 6 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
7. Download a copy of your CME certificate for your records.
8. Notice: American Board of Surgery (ABS) Reporting- You must fill out the below attestation form to provide consent for MCW to report your CME credit directly to the ABS. This form must be completed annually.

QUESTIONS? Email rlucchesi@mcw.edu or call 414-805-6002.

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