

SOLID ORGAN TRANSPLANT 2026 SYMPOSIUM

**It Takes a Village: Partnering with the
Community Before and After
Kidney/Pancreas Transplant**



**Advances in Multi-Disciplinary Care of Liver
Disease Patients**

Friday, April 10, 2026 | 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 2026 Solid Organ Transplant Symposium will be held on April 10, 2026, 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.
- Recognize and incorporate best practice medical management of liver cirrhosis, portal hypertension and acute-on-chronic liver failure.
- Identify the benefits and limitations of current and emerging treatments and technologies in the field of liver disease.
- Recognize early referral options to Liver Transplant for patients with lower MELD scores.

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
Ty Dunn, 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. Reservations for the room block must be made by March 13, 2026. [Click here to book hotel](https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/mcwtransplantsymposium2026/) (<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/mcwtransplantsymposium2026/>)

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please contact Liz Padilla at epadilla@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.

Nursing Contact Hours: 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. 5.6 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.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS & SOCIAL

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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

This symposium features two concurrent tracks on April 10, 2026. 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.

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 2026 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.

DATE: Friday, April 10, 2026 | 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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	\$30
Dialysis Technician, Dietitian, Nurse, Social Worker, or other Allied Health Professional	\$25
Patient or Trainee (Fellow, Resident, or Student)	\$0



QUESTIONS?
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***PATIENT OR TRAINEE REGISTRATION:** Please contact Liz Padilla at epadilla@mcw.edu for complimentary registration.

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE: PARTNERING WITH THE COMMUNITY BEFORE AND AFTER KIDNEY/PANCREAS TRANSPLANT

7:00 AM	Registration, Breakfast, Exhibitor Booths	
7:45 AM	Welcome and Introductions	Matthew Cooper, MD
8:00 AM	Keynote Lecture: Defining Success in Transplantation: Short-term, Long-term, or Something Else Entirely?	Jon J. Snyder, PhD
Session II: Kidney/Pancreas-Approaches to Common Issues		Chair: Ty Dunn, MD
9:00 AM	Patient Education: Timing and Barriers to Transplant Referral	Kaitlyn Casey, RN
9:20 AM	Weight Management	Rima Patel, DO
9:40 AM	Vaccinations and Drug Interactions	Anna Corey, MD
10:00 AM	Diet & Nutrition - Not the Same Thing!	Pam Klossowski, RD
10:20 AM	Break	
10:50 AM	Shared Care Model: Referring Nephrology Practice and the Transplant Center	Beje Thomas, MD
11:20 AM	Post-Transplant Care: Early Warning Signs for Collaboration	Carli Johnson, PA-C
11:40 AM	Navigating Recovery and Wellness After Transplantation	Jenessa Price, PhD, Abby Lukas, CAPSW; Allison Wonser, BS
12:00 PM	Lunch	
Session III: Kidney/Pancreas-Innovation in Transplantation		Chair: Beje Thomas, MD
1:00 PM	Innovations in Organ Preservation	Siavash Raigani, MD
1:20 PM	Organ Allocation: What You Need to Know	Ty Dunn, MD; Matthew Harris, MD
1:40 PM	Robotic Kidney Transplantation	Emre Arpali, MD, PhD
2:00 PM	Break	
2:20 PM	New Approaches to Prevent and Treat Rejection	Winn Cashion, MD, PhD
2:40 PM	Recurrent Diseases and Their Effects on the Transplanted Organ	Emily Joachim, MD
3:00 PM	Patient Panel - "The Gift of Transplant"	Moderated by: Abby Lukas, CAPSW
3:30 PM	Adjourn	

ADVANCES IN MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CARE OF LIVER DISEASE PATIENTS

7:00 AM	Registration, Breakfast, Exhibitor Booths	
7:45 AM	Welcome and Introductions	Matthew Cooper, MD
8:00 AM	Keynote Lecture: Defining Success in Transplantation: Short-term, Long-term, or Something Else Entirely?	Jon J. Snyder, PhD
Session II-Liver-Endo and Vascular Hepatology		Chairs: Raj Prasad, MD, Kia Saeian, MD, Nalini Guda, MD
9:00 AM	Special Invited Lecture: Interface of Multiple Disciplines in Management of Portal Hypertension	Michael Lucey, MD (Univ of WI)
9:45 AM	Measurement of Portal Pressures in Patients with Chronic Liver Disease - Case Presentation & Panel Discussion	Kulwinder Dua, MD, Eric Hohenwalter, MD, FSIR and Achuthan Sourianarayanan MD
10:15 AM	Portosystemic Shunt Interventions for Encephalopathy-Who, When, How?: Endoscopic and IR Approaches	William Rilling, MD, FSIR, and Sahaj Rathi, MD (Virginia Commonwealth Univ)
10:45 AM	Break	
11:00 AM	Management of Complex Variceal Bleeding: EUS & IR Approaches	James Shawn Mallery, MD (Univ of MN) and Kaila Redifer Tremblay, MD
12:00 PM	Lunch	
Session III-Liver-Role of Transplantation for Patients with Low MELD		Chairs: Raj Prasad, MD and Kia Saeian, MD
1:00 PM	Medical Management vs. Transplantation of Patients with MELD <15 and <10	Narendra Battula, MD, and Rituparna Medda, DO
1:45 PM	Access to Transplantation for Low MELD Patients - Extended Criteria Donors & Living Donor Liver Transplant	Siavash Raigani, MD, and Phaedra Tachtatzis, MD
2:30 PM	Break	
2:45 PM	Improving Long Term Outcomes After Liver Transplantation Panel Discussion	Michael Lucey, MD (Univ of WI) and Kia Saeian, MD
3:30 PM	Adjourn	

SPEAKERS



Jon J. Snyder, PhD

**Director of Transplant Epidemiology
Hennepin Healthcare Research
Institute**

KEYNOTE:

Jon J. Snyder, PhD, is the Director of Transplant Epidemiology for the Chronic Disease Research Group of the Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute. He also serves as the Director of the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients. He is a Statistical Editor for the American Journal of Transplantation, an Associate Editor of Transplantation, and he has co-authored more than 190 publications. He is an Associate Professor of Medicine and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Community Health at the University of Minnesota. He is a member of the Clinical Policy Board of LifeSource and is a member of the Board of Directors of Donate Life America and The Alliance. Dr. Snyder is the recipient of the 2014 Executive Director's Award from the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations, the 2023 Research Excellence Award from Hennepin Healthcare and the University of Minnesota Medical School, the 2024 Quiet Giant award from Donate Life America, and the 2025 Transformational Leader Award from The Alliance. Dr. Snyder earned his Doctorate in Epidemiology and his Master's in Biostatistics from the University of Minnesota.

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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 2026 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 attestation form to provide consent for MCW to report your CME credit directly to the ABS. This form must be completed annually.

QUESTIONS? Email epadilla@mcw.edu

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