

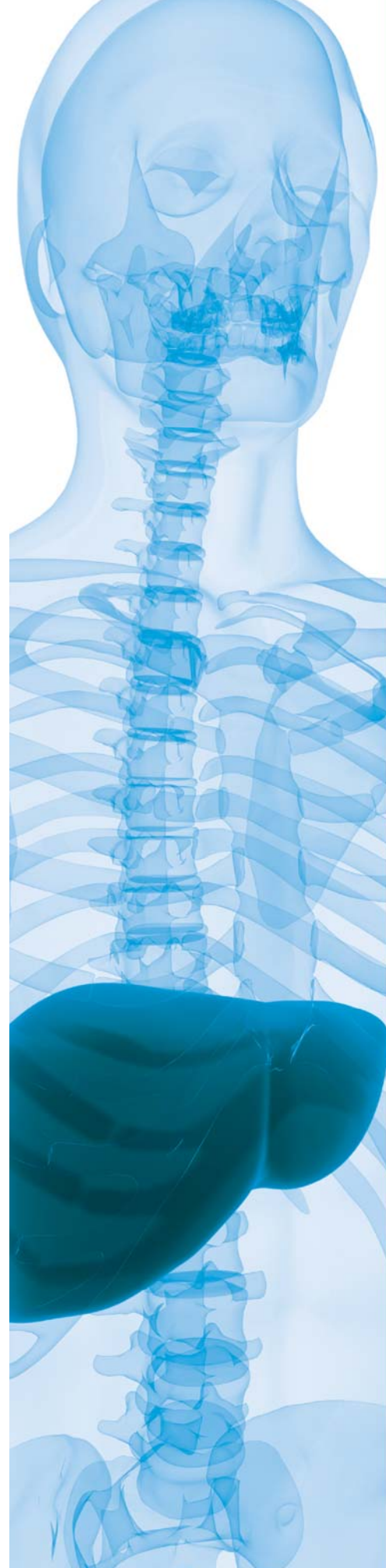
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Addiction and the Liver:

the rising tide
of drug and
alcohol abuse

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Objectives

This symposium on **Addiction and the liver** is one of the first to address in one conference the need to bring together the management of hepatitis and liver disease in drug and alcohol use.

Leading experts in the field will discuss the central issues and practical problems of managing patients who have both clinical and psychiatric problems. Addressed in particular will be helping psychiatrists manage patients with liver disease and hepatologists and gastroenterologists manage patients with advanced liver disease and psychiatric problems.

It is anticipated that participants will benefit from experts speaking on the following topics:

- An update on managing established drug and alcohol dependence
- Learn about best practice in prescribing in advanced liver disease including opioid substitution
- How to manage alcohol dependence on the ward
- Treating Hepatitis C in primary care
- Managing the alcohol dependent healthcare professional
- The rising incidence of end stage liver disease in the UK
- How we look at drug abusers in relation to the treatment of Hepatitis
- An opportunity to join in the debate on transplantation drug users
- Strategies for detoxification

Who should attend?

- Clinicians and nurse specialists in Hepatology
- Clinicians and nurse specialists in Gastroenterology
- Psychiatrists
- Drug Action Team co-ordinators and commissioners (DATS)
- PCT leads on Hepatitis C
- Drug and alcohol agency managers and staff from both the voluntary and statutory sector
- Prison health care professionals
- GPs
- Public health professionals

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DAY 1 DRUG USERS AND HEPATITIS B AND C

09.00 – 09.45 **Registration and refreshments**

09.45 – 09.50 **Welcome**

Dr Jack Tinker, Editor-in-Chief, *British Journal of Hospital Medicine*

SESSION ONE: HEPATITIS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Chair: Dr Chris Ford, Chair of the RCGP Sex, Drugs and HIV Task Group, GP and Clinical Lead for SMMGP

09.50 – 10.00 **Introduction and overview**

Charles Gore, Chief Executive, The Hepatitis C Trust, London

10.00 – 10.30 **Treating drug users with viral hepatitis in Europe – how are we doing overall?**

Dr Olav Dalgard, Doctor of Hepatology, Rikshospitalet, University of Norway, Oslo

10.30 – 10.50 **Treatment of Hepatitis C-positive patients in drug services in the UK – an effective approach to improving service delivery**

Professor Graham Foster, Professor of Hepatology, ICMS at Barts and the London

10.50 – 11.20 **Treatment of Hepatitis C-positive patients in General Practice in the UK – should it be standard practice?**

Kate Jack, Hepatitis Nurse Specialist, Windmill Practice, Nottingham

11.20 – 11.45 **Refreshments**

SESSION TWO: DRUG PRESCRIBING IN ADDICTS WITH LIVER DAMAGE

Chair: Dr Brian Thomson, Assistant Professor in Infectious Diseases, Nottingham City Hospital

11.45 – 12.15 **Medication in severe liver disease – should we be worried**

Dr Hardi Madani, Foundation Year Doctor, North Central Thames School

12.15 – 12.45 **Deaths from opiate abuse – does liver damage play a role?**

Dr Matthew Hickman, Reader, Dept of Medicine, University of Bristol, Bristol

12.45 – 13.00 **Panel discussion**

All morning speakers

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**

SESSION THREE: HEPATITIS AND LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

Chair: Professor Graham Foster, Professor of Hepatology, ICMS at Barts and the London

14.00 – 14.25 **The rising incidence of end stage liver disease in the UK – the role of Hepatitis C**

Dr Mary Ramsay, Consultant Epidemiologist, Immunisation Dept, Health Protection Agency, London

14.25 – 14.50 **Liver transplantation for chronic Hepatitis C – are the long term outcomes good enough to justify continuing?**

Dr Graham Alexander, Consultant Hepatologist, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge

14.50 – 15.15 **Refreshments**

15.15 **Debate: Methadone users should NOT be offered liver transplants**

Chair: Professor Graham Foster, Professor of Hepatology, ICMS at Barts and the London

15.15 – 15.30 **Opening remarks**

Professor Graham Foster

15.30 – 15.40 **For the motion**

Professor Peter Hayes, Professor of Hepatology, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary

15.40 – 15.50 **Against the motion**

Dr James O'Beirne, Consultant in Hepatology, Royal Free Hospital, London

15.50 – 16.40 **Audience debate**

16.40 **Summary and closing remarks**

Professor Graham Foster

16.45 **Close of day**

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DAY 2 ALCOHOL AND THE LIVER

08.30 – 09.15 Registration and refreshments

SESSION ONE: ALCOHOL ABUSE – REDUCING THE BURDEN (I)

Chair: **Dr David Patch**, Consultant Physician, Liver Transplant Unit, Royal Free Hospital, London

09.15 – 09.30 **Chairman's introduction and overview – the contribution of alcohol to the rising tide of liver disease**

Dr David Patch

09.30 – 09.55 **Early detection – using the 'Teachable Moment' to reduce re-attendance**

Mr Robin Touquet, Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer, Imperial College School of Medicine, London

09.55 – 10.20 **Strategies for detoxification – optimal management of the committed drinker**

Dr Michael Farrell, Senior Lecturer, National Addiction Centre, London

10.20 – 10.45 **Polysubstance abuse – do we need different strategies?**

Dr Vanessa Crawford, Clinical Director, East London and the City Addiction Services, London

10.45 – 11.10 **Detoxification in different settings**

Dr Jonathan Chick, Consultant Psychiatrist, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Edinburgh

11.10 – 11.45 Refreshments

SESSION TWO: ALCOHOL ABUSE – REDUCING THE BURDEN (II)

Chair: **Professor Ian Gilmore**, President, Royal College of Physicians, London

11.45 – 12.10 **Treatment for alcohol misuse and dependence – what's new?**

Professor Colin Drummond, Professor of Addiction Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry, London

12.10 – 12.30 **Drugs to reduce desire**

Marsha Morgan, Reader in Medicine, Royal Free and University Hospital Medical School, London

12.30 – 13.00 **Open questions and discussion**

All morning speakers

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

SESSION THREE: ALCOHOL AND LIVER DISEASE

Chair: **Dr Michael Farrell**, Senior Lecturer, National Addiction Centre, London

14.00 – 14.25 **The alcoholic on the ward**

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14.25 – 14.50 **Recent developments in the treatment of alcoholic liver disease**

Professor Ian Gilmore, President, Royal College of Physicians, London

14.50 – 15.10 Refreshments

15.10 – 15.35 **Alcoholic hepatitis**

Professor Peter Hayes, Professor of Hepatology, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary

15.35 – 16.00 **Pre-transplantation assessment**

Liz Shepherd, CNS, Alcohol and Liver Transplantation, Royal Free Hospital, London

16.00 – 16.20 **The alcoholic doctor**

Marsha Morgan, Reader in Medicine, Royal Free and University Hospital Medical School, London

16.20 – 16.50 **Open questions and feedback**

16.50 – 17.00 Closing remarks

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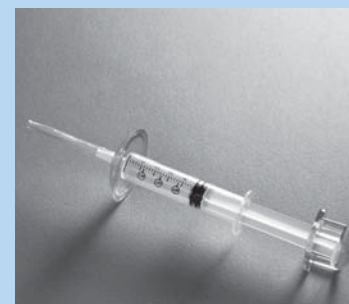
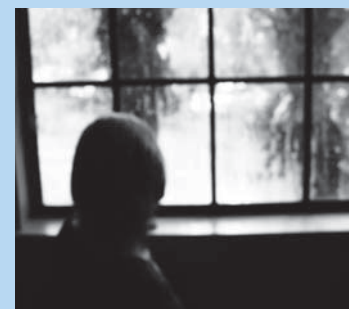
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