



Network News

Starzl Network Special Presentation

Join us on Monday, February 10th at 1:00 PM ET for a special presentation from Dr. Hooman Rashidi.

Dr. Rashidi is the Associate Dean of AI in Medicine Professor & Endowed Chair of Lombardi-Shinoyuka Experimental Pathology Research at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Rashidi will be presenting methods of novel, optimized machine learning methods that can assist Network clinicians and investigators in analyzing transplant data sets.

We hope you can join us! Please reach out to [Lauren](#) if you need the meeting link!

A graphic for a special presentation. At the top is the Starzl Network logo, which includes a stylized green figure and the text "STARZL NETWORK for Excellence in Pediatric Transplantation". Below the logo is the text "SPECIAL PRESENTATION". In the center is a circular portrait of Dr. Hooman Rashidi, a man with a shaved head wearing a suit and tie. Below the portrait is the text "LESSONS FROM MILO (MACHINE INTELLIGENCE LEARNING OPTIMIZER) FOR THE NETWORK". Underneath that is "Hooman Rashidi, MD" and "University of Pittsburgh Associate Dean for Artificial Intelligence". At the bottom is a teal bar with the text "MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 AT 1:00 PM ET".

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Project Updates

The SPaRO team's abstract titled, "Acceptance and Usability of a Digital Tool To Enable Dyadic Assessment of Parent- and Child-Reported Quality of Life in the Starzl Network for Excellence in Pediatric Transplantation" has been accepted and a poster will be presented at the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii in April!

Congratulations to the authors: Claire Dunphy, Vicky Ng, Sherrie Logan, Julie Chessell, Steve Lobritto, Nitika Gupta, Evelyn Hsu, Emily Perito, Daniel Pieratt, Larry Kleinman, George Mazariegos, and Eyal Shemesh.

Call For

EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Starzl Network is excited to announce a call for new Executive Steering Committee (ESC) members. The ESC is responsible for the strategic oversight of the Network. We are accepting applications to fill clinical and Patient & Family Voice positions. We highly encourage multidisciplinary staff to apply. Members will serve a 2-year term and participate in at least 4 meeting a year.

If you would like to nominate yourself or a team member, please send a 1 paragraph statement of interest to C.J. at cj.confair@starzlnetwork.org by February 25.

2025 Annual Meeting



STARZL NETWORK
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2025 ANNUAL MEETING
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Alexandre Loupy, MD, PhD

Director of the Paris Institute for Organ Transplantation and Regeneration (PITOR)
Professor of Nephrology and Epidemiology, Necker Hospital, Paris
Adjunct Professor at Cedars Sinai, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, USA

Lectures & discussions will include

**CREATING A TRANSPLANT DATA SYSTEM
FOR THE PRESENT AND FUTURE: WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED**

**LESSONS FROM IBOX FOR PEDIATRIC LIVER TRANSPLANTATION:
PREDICTION, USE IN CLINICAL TRIALS, VIRTUAL BIOPSY,
& OTHER POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS**

APRIL 29TH - APRIL 30TH
MARRIOTT BETHESDA NORTH,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The 2025 Starzl Network Annual Meeting will be a full day on Tuesday the 29th and a half day on Wednesday the 30th. We encourage at least one surgeon, one hepatologist, one research coordinator, and invited Patient & Family Voice members to attend the meeting. Please use the link below to access meeting registration and hotel details.

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION:

STARZLNETWORK.ORG/2025-STARZL-NETWORK-ANNUAL-MEETING/

Manuscripts in Progress

- RTOC Manuscript – in preparation (Kosmach, Gupta et al)
- Training in Peds Transplant - in preparation (Rasmussen, S. and Surgeons Working Group)
- Social Determinants of Health Manuscript - in preparation (Wadhvani, S. and SDoH group)

As a reminder, please be sure to send abstracts and manuscripts to the DUPC prior to submission.

For more information on the DUPC, please contact [Jim Squires](#).

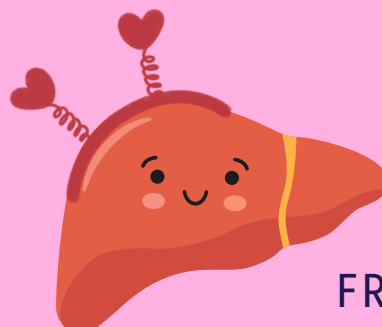
PARTNER AD³vance Update

The Transplant Advocate Partners (TAP) will be kicking off the 2025 Pediatric Transplant Conference hosted by Transplant Families. The TAP members will be holding a panel to discuss both their personal transplant experience as well as their experience of being a part of the PARTNER AD³vance project. Congratulations, team!

For more information on the conference, please visit: <https://www.transplantfamilies.org/ptc2025>



Happy Valentine's Day



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