





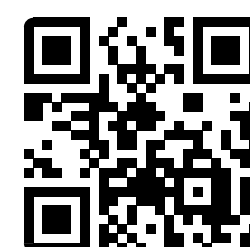
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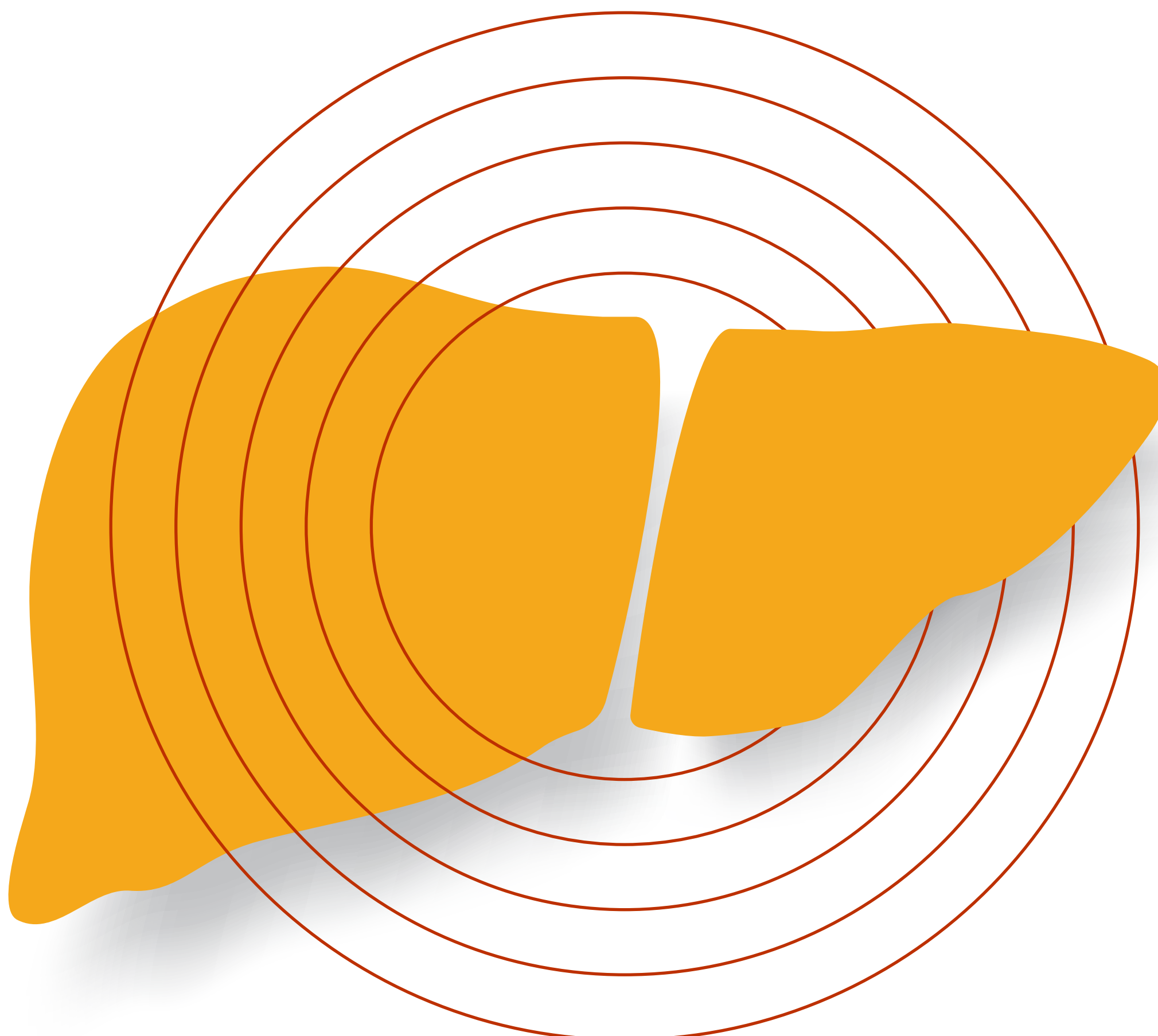
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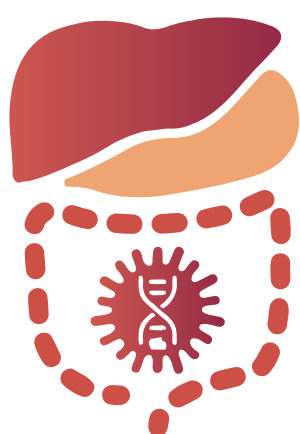


**European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL)** endorses an educational liver disease program in the **Middle East**.

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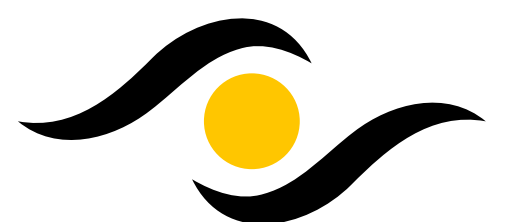


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## FOCUS - Middle East School of Steatotic Liver Disease (SLD)

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the **Middle East School of Steatotic Liver Disease**, a dedicated educational initiative focused on **MASLD (Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease)** and fatty liver disease.

### Program Overview

This scientific program is designed to support hepatogastroenterologists across the Middle East, with the aim of addressing the increasing burden of liver diseases.

In **2025**, the curriculum will feature a comprehensive SLD module that integrates the latest global research, evolving disease nomenclature, and current best practices in diagnosis, management, and prevention.

### Program Format

The training will be delivered across three structured waves, ensuring progressive learning and continuous engagement:

**Module 1:** Pathophysiology, Epidemiology & Diagnosis Foundations

**Module 2:** MASLD Risk Assessment & Therapeutic Interventions

**Module 3:** MASLD Cirrhosis, Multidisciplinary Care & Public Health Integration

### Key Benefits for Participants

- Stay updated on the most common chronic liver disease worldwide (**MASLD**) whose prevalence continues to rise
- Gain hands-on knowledge to enhance your clinical practice
- Network with peers and regional & International experts in hepatology

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Time	Lecture	Speakers	Panelists
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Lunch & Registration		
03:00 PM - 03:30 PM	New SLD Nomenclature Rationale and Criteria Discussion	Sven Francque	
03:30 PM - 04:00 PM	Overlap between SLD and other liver diseases Discussion	Mads Israelsen	Ahmed Cordie Faisal Abalkhail Mads Israelsen
04:00 PM - 04:30 PM	Epidemiology of SLD Discussion	Mohamed Alghamdi	Maissa El Raziky Naira Hany Khalil
04:30 PM - 05:00 PM	Concepts behind SLD pathophysiology	Ehab Salem	
05:00 PM - 05:30 PM	Pathophysiology of SLD	Sven Francque	
05:30 PM - 06:00 PM	Coffee Break		
06:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Factors interacting with MASLD Discussion	Mohamed Imam	
06:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Genetic predisposition of SLD	Faisal Abalkhail	
07:00 PM - 07:30 PM	Screening: Goals terminology: significant vs. advanced liver fibrosis vs. CSPH Discussion	Sven Francque	Ahmed Cordie Maissa El Raziky Maysaa Abdallah Mohamed Alghamdi
07:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Case discussion: Screening for liver fibrosis, Who and how to screen Discussion	Imam Waked	
08:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Dinner		

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**Sven Francque**

Prof. Sven Francque is a leading expert in gastroenterology and hepatology, specializing in non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH).

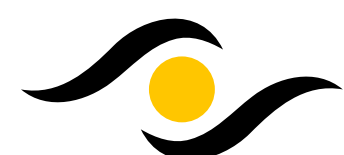
He earned his MD from the University of Antwerp and completed training in Belgium and France. Prof. Francque received his PhD in 2011, focusing on vascular changes in steatosis. He has authored over 180 papers and book chapters and serves as an editor for JHep Reports.

Currently, he is the chairman of the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the University Hospital Antwerp and a senior professor at the University of Antwerp.

He is also a key figure in Belgian gastroenterology, coordinating national NAFLD guidelines and the Belgian Week of Gastroenterology.

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**Mads Israelsen**

Mads Israelsen, MD, PhD, is an Associate Professor at the Odense Liver Research Center, Odense University Hospital, Denmark.

His research mainly focuses on the overlap between the metabolic dysfunction-driven and alcohol-driven liver disease, particularly MetALD.

He was the principal investigator of the GALA-RIF trial, published in The Lancet Gastroenterology & Hepatology.

Prof. Israelsen has contributed to understanding the clinical impact of steatotic liver disease (SLD) and its influence on patient management and clinical trial design.

He is also a co-author of the Lancet Seminar on SLD, helping shape global perspectives on the disease.

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**Mohamed Alghamdi**

Dr. Mohammed Y. Alghamdi, MD, FRCPC, is a consultant in internal medicine, gastroenterology, hepatology, and liver transplantation.

He has served as the past president of the Saudi Association for the Study of Liver Diseases and Transplantation (SASLT) and the GI Scientific Committee at the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties.

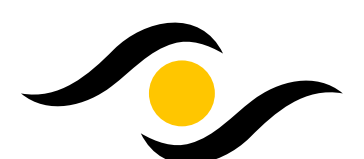
Currently, he is the Executive Director of Training at the Saudi Council for Health Specialties and Chief of Physicians at the King Fahd Military Complex in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Mohamed Y. Alghamdi holds board certifications in internal medicine and gastroenterology from both the American and Canadian boards.

He completed his fellowship in Hepatology and Liver Transplantation at the University of Western Ontario, Canada.

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**Faisal Abalkhail**

Dr. Faisal Abaalkhail is a Consultant in Gastroenterology and Transplant Hepatology at King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Center in Riyadh.

He is also an Adjunct Professor of Medicine at Al-Faisal University. Dr. Abaalkhail is the President of the Saudi Society for the Study of Liver Diseases and Transplantation (SASLT) and serves as the Governor of the American College of Physicians (ACP) Saudi chapter.

His certifications include the American Board of Transplant Hepatology, the American Board of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, FRCPC in Gastroenterology & Hepatology, FRCPC in Internal Medicine, and the American Board of Internal Medicine.

He also holds a Master's in Health Management from McGill University.

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Time	Lecture	Speakers	Panelists
09:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Day 1 Recap	Ahmed Cordie	
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Liver biopsy role in the assessment of liver fibrosis	Khaled Zalata	
	Discussion		
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Direct Blood biomarkers for assessment of liver fibrosis	Fatma Elrashdy	Aisha Sharkawy
	Discussion		Engy El-Khateeb
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Transient Elastography for assessment of liver fibrosis	Dina Zeyada	Faisal Abalkhail
	Discussion		Hanan Soliman
			Ibrahim Amer
			Sven Francque
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	MR Elastography for assessment of liver fibrosis	Mohamed Fawzy	
	Discussion		
12:00 PM - 02:00 PM	Coffee Break		
02:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Case discussion: Differentiated use of NITs for diagnosis of hepatic fibrosis among special groups (DM and/or obesity)	Ahmed Cordie	Gamal Esmat
	Discussion		Maysaa Abdallah
02:30 PM - 03:00 PM	Suggested Pathway for screening & diagnosis of liver fibrosis	Jérôme Boursier	Mohamed Alghamdi
			Mohamed Imam
			Sven Francque
03:00 PM - 03:30 PM	Methods of assessment of hepatic steatosis	Osama Abo Elfotooh	





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Time	Lecture	Speakers	Panelists
03:30 PM - 04:00 PM	Follow up of SLD patients Discussion	William Alazawi	
04:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Lunch		
05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Workshop: Liver biopsy interpretation	Khaled Zalata Khadiga Ali	
06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Workshop: Transient elastography	Dina Zeyada Hanan Soliman	
07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Workshop: MRI in SLD	Mohamed Fawzy	



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**Jérôme Boursier**

Dr. Jérôme Boursier (MD, PhD) is a Professor of Medicine at Angers University and Head of the Hepato-Gastroenterology Department at Angers University Hospital.

He earned his medical degree in 2006 and completed his PhD in 2011, focusing on non-invasive diagnosis of liver fibrosis in chronic hepatitis C.

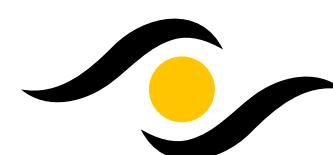
He furthered his research with a fellowship at Duke University in 2014, studying gut microbiota and MASLD.

Dr. Boursier leads the HIFIH Lab at Angers University and serves as the General Secretary of the French Association for the Study of the Liver.

He has authored over 200 papers and delivered over 150 lectures internationally.

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**William Alazawi**

William Alazawi is Professor of Hepatology at Queen Mary University London where he leads an MRC-funded translational liver research group that focuses on mechanisms in Steatotic Liver Disease and understanding the risk factors for progression.

He is the co-lead for the Clinical Academic Training School and Director of Research at the Blizzard Institute.

He is a Consultant Hepatologist and the interim Clinical Director in Specialist Medicine at The Royal London Hospital, where he also leads the MASLD and One-Stop Diagnostic Liver Services.

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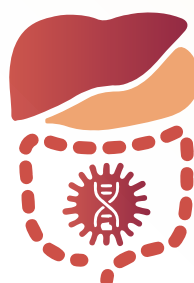
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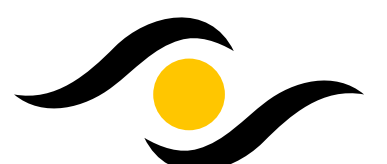
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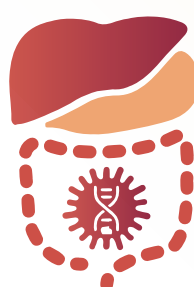
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