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Liver Forum – MASH 21

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Welcome, Program Overview, and Acknowledgments

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Overview of the Liver Forum

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- **What:** a platform for ongoing multi-stakeholder dialogue to identify barriers, prioritize research and identify solutions to accelerate therapeutic development for MASLD/MASH
- **How:** provide a neutral, independent, safe space for discussion and deliberation across stakeholder groups
  - Focus on developing consensus, increasing synergy and collaboration, and reducing duplication and uncertainty
  - Ongoing working group activity throughout the year anchored by larger project events
  - Active & engaged participation

Forum Operating Principles

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- Independent and neutral venue
  - Ongoing multi-stakeholder dialogue
  - Each stakeholder group has an equal voice
- Facilitate best science-based decisions, in real time
  - Break down inefficiencies and redundancy
  - Increase clarity, collaboration and innovation
  - Benefit to whole field, especially patients

Forum = Safe Space

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- Closed meeting
  - No marketing
  - No press
- Bring your expertise
  - Leave your "hat" at the door

Rules of the Room and Zoom

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- What's said in the room, stays in the room
- What's said in the room, is not for attribution
- Let the science speak
- Active participation

Liver Forum Steering Committee

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- Veronica Miller, *Forum for Collaborative Research*
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- Logan Donaldson – Research Associate
- Edyth Dwyer – Research Associate
- Meghan Rakowski – Research Associate
- Seema Desai – Research Associate

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- Jordan Cathey – Director of Business Operations & Development
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- Alicia Jellinek – Program Financial Analyst

Data & Analysis Center

- Margot Yann – Director, DAC; Principal Data Scientist
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Program Advisors

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Student Assistants

- Alessi Ayvaz – Graduate Student Researcher
- Noel Pimentel – Graduate Student Researcher
- Alma Ngwa Ebot – Student Intern

Welcome, Seema!

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- **Seema Desai, MPH, MD -** Research Associate
- Epidemiologist & Biostatistician
- Specializes in advanced statistical modeling, multi-source data integration

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- The Forum Team
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  - The Data and Analysis Center: Margot Yann, Alice Kang, Gitanjali Madan
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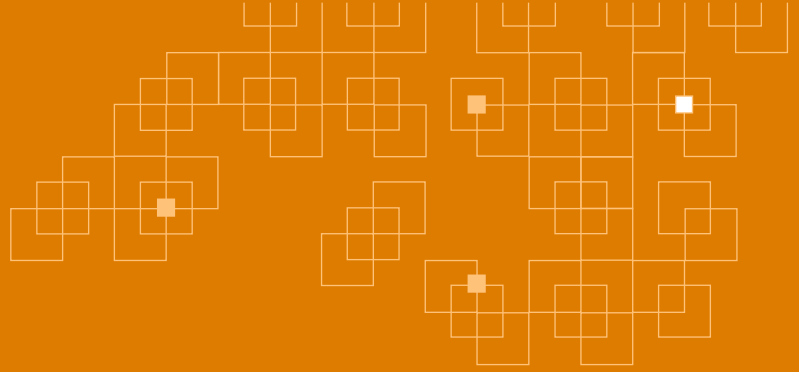

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Opening Remarks

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