



THE FORUM
For Collaborative ResearchSM
Berkeley's Hub for Regulatory Science

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

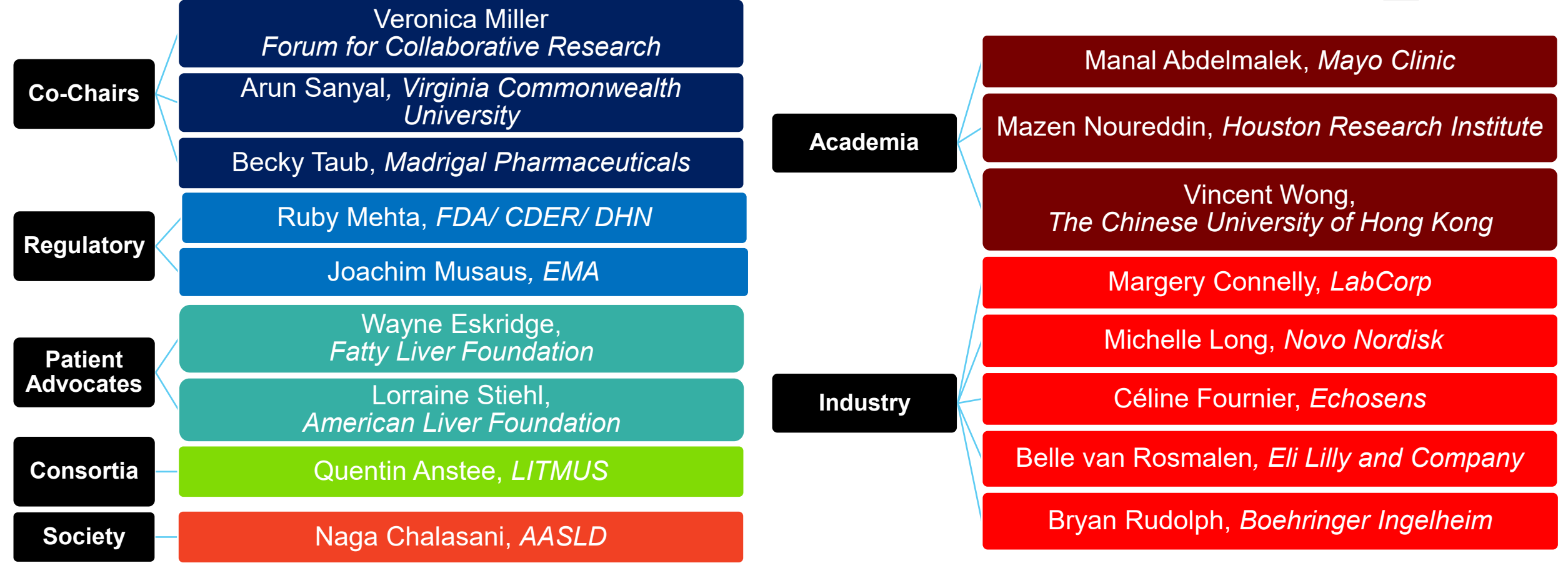


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- What's said in the room, stays in the room
- What's said in the room, is not for attribution
- Let the science speak
- Active participation

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- Veronica Miller – Executive Director
- Haely Jardas – Executive Assistant

Project Managers

- Shilpa Mitra – Senior Research Associate
- Logan Donaldson – Research Associate
- Edyth Dwyer – Research Associate
- Meghan Rakowski – Research Associate
- Seema Desai – Research Associate

Administration

- Jordan Cathey – Director of Business Operations & Development
- Zachary Rooney – IT Systems Analyst
- Christopher Berry – Senior Events & Operations Manager
- Alicia Jellinek – Program Financial Analyst

Data & Analysis Center

- Margot Yann – Director, DAC; Principal Data Scientist
- Alice Kang – Senior Project Manager
- Sunil Gupta – SAS & CDISC Consultant
- Gitanjali Madan – Senior Clinical SAS Programmer
- Alejandro Schuler – Assistant Professor

Program Advisors

- Mike Robertson – Program Advisor
- John Sninsky – Program Advisor
- Hank Mansbach – Program Advisor
- Mark Hartman – Program Advisor
- Éric Lefebvre – Program Advisor
- Michael Cooreman – Program Advisor

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



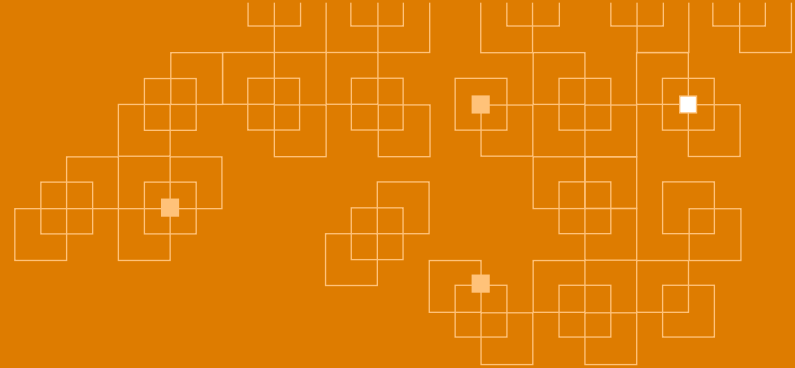
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- Liver Forum Steering Committee Leadership
 - Co-Chairs: Veronica Miller, Becky Taub, and Arun Sanyal
- The Forum Team
 - Senior Events & Operations Management: Christopher Berry
 - The Data and Analysis Center: Margot Yann, Alice Kang, Gitanjali Madan
 - The Liver Forum: Edyth Dwyer & Meghan Rakowski
 - Sponsorship & Financial Development: Jordan Cathey & Alicia Jellinek
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Opening Remarks



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