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*Speakers are listed in alphabetical order





 <p>Tiffany Anthony, MD</p>	<p>Dr. Anthony is a transplant and hepatobiliary surgeon specializing in liver transplantation and the surgical treatment for congenital and acquired diseases involving the liver, gallbladder, bile ducts, and pancreas. Dr. Anthony completed both her medical degree and general surgery residency at University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio a renowned institute for health science education and research involving more than 100 affiliated hospitals, clinics and health care facilities in South Texas. Pursuant to her medical degree and residency, Dr. Anthony completed a Research Fellowship from Yale University Medical School, New Haven, CT as well as a Fellowship in Transplant Surgery from the University of Chicago Medicine in Chicago, IL, one of the world's premier academic and research institutions</p>
 <p>Corinne M. Anton, Ph.D.</p>	<p>Dr. Anton is a pediatric psychology postdoctoral fellow at Children's Health – Children's Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. Corinne currently works with the pediatric kidney, liver, and heart transplant populations and treatment teams.</p> <p>She conducts pre-transplant evaluations that segue into the provision of care with patients and families before, during, and after the transplant process. She also provides outpatient and inpatient empirically-based psychological services to families and children in need. Her interventions within the transplant population often focus on medication adherence, education on the transplant process, adjustment to transplant, coping with life transitions, and various psychosocial difficulties.</p>
 <p>Dr. Amal Aql</p>	<p>Dr. Aql, MD, is Assistant Professor at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, TX, where she specializes in pediatric digestive and liver diseases. Dr. Aql obtained her medical degree from Cairo University Faculty of Medicine, Cairo, Egypt, where she was ranked fourth in her class of 800. She completed her residency at UT Southwestern/SETON Healthcare Family in Pediatrics(2008). Dr. Aql completed her Fellowship at UT Southwestern Children's Medical Center in Pediatric Gastroenterology (2011), as well as a Fellowship at Boston's Children's Hospital in Pediatric Hepatology and Liver Transplant(2013).</p> <p>Dr Aql's research interests include Cholesterol Metabolism, Lysosomal acid lipase deficiency(Wolman's Disease), and Niemann-Pick type C disease.</p>





 <p>Sumeet Asrani MD, MSc</p>	<p>Sumeet Asrani MD MSc is a hepatologist at Baylor Dallas. He finished his residency at Washington University in Saint Louis and did training in Gastroenterology and sub-specialization in Hepatology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. During his training, he had special interest in managing cancer in patients with PSC and worked closely with Gregory Gores MD. He currently lives in Dallas with his wife and 4 kids.</p>
 <p>David N. Assis, MD</p>	<p>Dr. Assis completed his medical school and residency training at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia where he was also a chief resident. He moved to New Haven to pursue clinical and research expertise in hepatology during his fellowship at Yale University. He also completed a transplant hepatology fellowship. He is now an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Yale, where his clinical and research interests focus on autoimmune liver diseases including primary sclerosing cholangitis and autoimmune hepatitis.</p>
 <p>Kirstin Brown, MSW, LCSW</p>	<p>Kirstin Brown obtained her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Asbury University in Kentucky and her Masters in Social Work from The University of Texas at Arlington. She worked internationally as a Child in Need Social Worker in Surrey, England and with The Salvation Army's HIV/AIDS programs in Zambia, Africa. She has worked at Children's Medical Center in Dallas for almost six years, initially with the End Stage Renal Disease population and now with our liver transplant patients for the past two years.</p>
 <p>Chris Browner</p>	<p>Chris Browner was introduced to PSC Partners shortly after her son was diagnosed with PSC/AIH in May 2013. With a deep desire to help find a cure for PSC, Chris immediately became involved in the organization and joined the PSC Partners Board in the fall of 2014.</p>




 <p>Jeremy Burke</p>	<p>Jeremy Burke is a Learning Consultant with Aetna's Group Insurance Learning and Performance team, supporting Aetna's Disability and Leave of Absence business. In his position, he is responsible for design, development and delivery of instruction for Aetna's disability and leave management staff and serves as a subject matter expert for Aetna's disability and leave product offerings, including Short and Long Term Group Disability products, and Family Medical Leave administration. Prior to his current role, he administered group short term disability plans in Aetna's South Portland, Maine office.</p> <p>Prior to joining Aetna in 2002, Dr. Burke was a music educator and performer, teaching at levels ranging from pre-school to graduate students in public, private, and university settings.</p> <p>Dr. Burke completed the Doctor of Music in Saxophone Performance and Literature from Indiana University-Bloomington in 2007, as well as MA and BA degrees from Truman State University. He also holds the Associate, Life and Health Claims designation from the International Claim Association. He currently lives in Wellston, Ohio with his wife, Andrea and their four children, Eliana, Makenna, Zane and Galen.</p>
 <p>Themistocles Dassopoulos, M.D</p>	<p>Dr. Dassopoulos is the Director of the Baylor Center for Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). Dr. Dassopoulos trained in Gastroenterology at the University of Chicago, before becoming an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD. Before coming to Baylor, Dr. Dassopoulos was Associated Professor of Medicine and Director of the IBD Program at Washington University in St. Louis. He has served the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) as head or member of several committees, and is the first author of the AGA Technical Review on Immunomodulator and Anti-TNF therapy in Crohn's Disease and the Ulcerative Colitis Clinical Decision Support Tool. He is an editor for the journals of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (published by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America) and Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology (published by the AGA). His areas of research include cost-effectiveness analysis in IBD, quality of care and guideline development in IBD and digital analysis of endoscopic images.</p>
 <p>Greg dePrisco</p>	<p>Greg dePrisco is a diagnostic radiologist practicing at the Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, TX. He graduated from UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and completed residency at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, Washington University in St. Louis. He specialized in abdominal imaging with emphasis on hepatobiliary imaging. He is active in living liver donor evaluation and participates in multidisciplinary tumor boards for liver, pancreas, GI and colorectal cancer. He enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters, bicycling and keeping chickens and bees.</p>




	<p>Dr. Desai is The Regents Distinguished Scholar in Medical Research, and Associate Professor of Surgery, Pediatrics and Immunology at The University of Texas, Southwestern School of Medicine. He is also Chief of Pediatric Transplantation at Children's Medical Center, Dallas, one of the top three largest pediatric kidney transplant centers in the country. Dr. Desai attended the University of California at San Francisco on an NIH Medical Scientist Training Program Fellowship, earning MD and PhD degrees in 1995, followed by training in general surgery and multi-organ transplantation at Stanford University. Dr. Desai's clinical interest is in pediatric liver and kidney transplantation as well organ allocation policy, for which he has served on both local and national committees. Dr. Desai has served on the National Collaborative panel addressing pediatric donation after cardiac death as well on the national Non-Adherence consensus conference. He has been an invited lecturer both nationally and internationally to discuss various topics pertaining to pediatric transplantation. He currently serves on the UNOS pediatric transplantation committee.</p>
	<p>Cindy Dunn began her practice of T'ai Chi Chih® in February, 2003 and attained her teacher's accreditation in March, 2005. Her teachers include Nancy Beck, Sandy McAlister, Larry Sava and Justin Stone, the originator of T'ai Chi Chih. She has trained college faculty and staff, young adults, children, senior citizens, the visually impaired, and teaches seated classes at rehabilitation facilities. She is a part-time instructor of T'ai Chi Chih at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas.</p>
	<p>Dr. Fine is the Clinical Director of the Office of Clinical Ethics and Palliative Care for Baylor Scott and White Health. Supportive and Palliative Care programs under his leadership have been among the first in the country to receive Joint Commission certification and have also been recognized with the American Hospital Association Circle of Life Award. Dr. Fine has completed board certification in internal medicine, geriatrics and palliative medicine and is a Fellow of both the American College of Physicians and the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. He has served on the National Quality Forum Committee on Palliative and End of Life Care, the Ethics Committee of AAHPM, and the Steering Committee on Palliative Care for the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC). In 1999 he served as the lead physician author of the Texas Advance Directives Act and has worked closely with the TMA, THA and others to maintain and improve the Act since that time. He has published extensively and lectured widely on clinical ethics and palliative care issues across the country.</p>
	<p>Following my childhood dreams I trained as a nurse and earned my qualifications in 1991. Since then I have worked in health care in a number of environments, and I completed my graduate diploma in Gerontology about 8 years ago. My love for aged care, especially in the community, sees me working presently as a case manager in our local area, Melbourne, Australia, helping our aged population remain living independently. I married in 1992, and have 3 children. Bek, my middle child, is 16 and my PSCer. I never expected to know at such a personal level this depth of illness; she has taken my nursing specialties to places I had not envisaged. I have also been helping as moderator for the PSC Partners Facebook group for about 18 months, and have now managed to establish an Australian Facebook group.</p>




 Stevan A. Gonzalez, MD MS	<p>Stevan A. Gonzalez, MD MS is a graduate of Dartmouth Medical School. He completed his training in internal medicine, gastroenterology, and hepatology at the New York-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York, at which time he received a Master of Science degree in biostatistics at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. He then completed a transplant hepatology fellowship at Stanford University Medical Center. He is currently Medical Director of Liver Transplantation at the Annette C. and Harold C. Simmons Transplant Institute at Baylor All Saints Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas. He is also Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at Texas A&M College of Medicine. His clinical and research interests include antiviral therapy for hepatitis C, hepatitis B, and complications of cirrhosis.</p>
Tracey Goodnight	<p>I have a bachelor's degree in psychology from Texas A & M and a master's degree in social work from Our Lady of the Lake in San Antonio. I have been fortunate to work in many areas of social work, including adoption, home health, hospice, hospital and the last 6 years in transplant at Baylor All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth.</p>
 Jeanette Hasse, PhD, RD, LD, FADA, CSNC	<p>Dr. Jeanette Hasse has worked in the critical care nutrition field for 30 years and has worked full-time with transplant patients since 1986. She has been involved in related research and development of nutrition care protocols and currently manages 13 transplant dietitians. Jeanette has given many professional presentations and has several publications on nutrition and transplantation. Dr. Hasse is the Editor-in-Chief of the journal, <i>Nutrition in Clinical Practice</i>. Dr. Hasse is also co-editor of the book <i>Comprehensive Guide to Transplant Nutrition</i> and past editor of <i>Support Line</i>, a publication of Dietitians in Nutrition Support (DNS). She is the recipient of the 2013 DNS Distinguished Dietitian Award, the 2004 American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (A.S.P.E.N.) Distinguished Nutrition Support Dietitian Award, the 2003 DNS Distinguished Service Award, the 1998 American Dietetic Association Foundation Award for Excellence in Clinical Nutrition, and the 1994 A.S.P.E.N. Dietitian Research Award. Jeanette received her B.S. degree in Nutrition at the University of Nebraska and received her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Nutrition at Texas Woman's University.</p>

	<p>Joanne Hatchett, RN, FNP, ACHPN, has worked as a Family Nurse Practitioner in the Woodland Clinic Medical Group since 1995, caring for adult and geriatric patients in the hospital, clinic, and skilled nursing facilities. Joanne is a strong advocate for advance care planning and patient and family education. In 2013, Joanne was recognized by the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California with the first Compassionate Care Innovator Award. Shortly after her son's diagnosis with PSC in 2006, Joanne attended her first PSC Partners Conference in Pittsburgh. The goals of PSC Partners, patient and caregiver education and support, and fund raising for PSC research, were so evident during this conference. Since then, Joanne and her husband Steve have welcomed the opportunity to volunteer and be a part of the PSC Partners family.</p>
	<p>Linda Huante is a liver transplant recipient who received her transplant in 2004. Linda was diagnosed with bile duct cancer in early 2004. She is a former reporter/producer for KXAS-TV in Dallas and now works as a physician liaison for Baylor University Medical Center, specializing in marketing the liver and transplant service lines. Linda is married and has three children.</p>
	<p>Dr. Naim Maalouf is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Center for Mineral Metabolism at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Dr. Maalouf received his MD degree from the American University of Beirut, then completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Emory University. His fellowship in Endocrinology was completed at the UT Southwestern where he has stayed on staff in the Center for Mineral Metabolism and currently serves as Associate Program Director for the Endocrinology Fellowship program. His clinical and research interests include evaluation and management of patients with kidney stones, parathyroid disorders, and metabolic bone disease including osteoporosis.</p>
	<p>Dr. Mannon is currently a Professor of Medicine and Microbiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham where is also the Director of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center. A graduate of the Boston University Six-Year Medical Program, he trained in internal medicine at Duke University Medical Center, and Gastroenterology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and at Duke. After joining the faculty at Duke he spent eight years in the intramural program at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease where he was Chief of the Inflammatory Bowel Diseases Research Unit. He was a member of the Human Microbiome Project and currently studies ways to deliver precision medicine to the heterogeneous group of inflammatory bowel diseases.</p>
<p>Maggie Marek, LCSW, ACM</p>	<p>Maggie Marek, LCSW, ACM, has worked at Baylor All Saints Medical Center in the transplant program since 2002. Maggie has a masters degree in social work and bachelors degree in psychology.</p>

 Dr. Jacqueline O'Leary	<p>Dr. Jacqueline O'Leary is the Medical Director of Research of the Baylor Simmons Transplant Institute in Dallas, Texas. Dr. O'Leary began her pursuit of research as an undergraduate at Stanford investigating drug development, continued at UCSF where she received an MD with thesis for work in cellular and molecular biology. Following her internal medicine residency at UT Southwestern in Dallas, Dr. O'Leary did a GI fellowship and transplant Hepatology fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital. Her post-doctoral research at Harvard focused on immunology. Afterward, she completed a Master's in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. O'Leary currently focuses on translating research findings into clinical care in the area of Hepatitis C, infections in cirrhosis, autoimmunity, and liver transplantation.</p>
 Dr. Ashish Patel	<p>Dr Ashish Patel is a pediatric gastroenterologist at Children's Health and an Associate Professor at UT Southwestern Medical Center who specializes in the treatment of children with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), with a special interest in nutrition. He is involved in frontline clinical care and cutting-edge research spanning the NIH, CCFA and as an active member of Improve Care Now, the largest international QI collaborative in pediatric IBD.</p>
 Mike Pearlman	<p>Mike Pearlman spent his career working in the field of corrections, at both the District of Columbia and Federal level. He's an author, has an MS in Criminology and Corrections from Florida State University, a second MS in Government (Public Administration) from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, a certification in Group Work/Group Counseling from the Psychiatric Institute Foundation, and a law degree from George Mason University School of Law. Since 1998, he has been a member of the adjunct faculty in the Sociology Department at George Mason University. His awareness of, and involvement with primary sclerosing cholangitis began in 2007 following his eldest daughter's diagnosis.</p>
Jill Rockwell RD, CSP, LD, CNSC	<p>Jill Rockwell RD, CSP, LD, CNSC is a pediatric clinical dietitian at Children's Health Children's Medical Center specializing in gastroenterology and liver transplant. She is a Board Certified Specialist in Pediatric Nutrition and Certified Nutrition Support Clinician.</p>
 Tiffany Rotondo	<p>Tiffany Rotondo is the Corporate Human Resources Generalist for The Jel Sert Company, located in West Chicago, IL. Tiffany holds a Bachelor's Degree from Aurora University and is certified as a Professional in Human Resources through the Human Resources Certification Institute. As a SHRM Certified Professional through the Society of Human Resources and Management she has been involved in a broad range of Human Resources functions including employee relations, developing and enforcing company policies and procedures, exempt and non-exempt recruiting, benefits, training, organizational development, employment law and compensation. Tiffany also has extensive knowledge and experience dealing with IL State and Federal regulations including FMLA, ADA, EEO, AAP and FLSA. Tiffany is one of many caregivers for her sister Tawny who was diagnosed with PSC over twenty years ago.</p>

 <p>Caitriona Ryan, MD</p>	<p>Dr. Caitriona Ryan is Vice Chair of the Baylor dermatology residency program and is Clinical Associate Professor of Dermatology for the Texas A+M Health Science Center. Dr. Ryan was born in Dublin, Ireland, and completed her medical degree in University College Dublin. She graduated first place in her medical class with a first class honor degree in June 2004. Following medical school, she completed an internal medicine residency at Beaumont Hospital in Dublin, followed by two years of dermatology training in the Irish national dermatology residency program. She was very involved in psoriasis research from an early stage in her dermatology career and accepted a one-year translational research fellowship at the Baylor Institute of Immunology Research. She recommenced her dermatology training at the Baylor dermatology residency program and graduated as chief resident in June 2014.</p> <p>Dr. Ryan is a committee member of the International Affairs Committee of the Women's Dermatological Society, and an active member of the American Academy of Dermatology and the Medical Dermatology Society.</p>
 <p>Fred Sabernick</p>	<p>Fred Sabernick was diagnosed with PSC in 2004, and upon becoming symptomatic he attended his first PSC Partners Conference in 2009. He quickly bonded with the people and organization of PSC Partners, and credits the friendship and support he received for helping manage his disease. After worsening health he received a liver transplant in 2012.</p> <p>He volunteered with PSC Partners in a number of roles before joining the Board, and has previously volunteered in adult literacy education and as a youth hockey referee. He holds a MSEE from the University of Florida and has been employed in the electronics and computer industry for over thirty-five years, and his work has led to extensive travel both in North America and overseas. He enjoys running, woodworking, and trying (failing) to keep up with current technology, and has called the Atlanta, GA area home since 1997.</p>
 <p>Ken Shepherd</p>	<p>Ken Shepherd's son John was diagnosed with PSC eleven years ago when he was 13. Ken and his wife Patty became involved with PSC Partners Seeking a Cure in 2006 and quickly found support, hope and a cause. The Shepherds are highly motivated to fundraise for research and help other PSC families create and achieve individual fundraising successes. John received a life-saving transplant in March of 2014. Fully understanding that a liver transplant is a treatment for PSC keeps the Shepherd family engaged to continue the fight for a cure. "Research gives us hope and will provide the answers for a world without PSC". Ken is the Managing Partner of two Northern Virginia Toyota dealerships and has been in the retail automotive industry for 32 years. Ken is a Rotarian and a sustaining Paul Harris Fellow and is a member of the Northern Virginia Community College Automotive Education Advisory Board. Ken received a BA in Economics from California State University, Fullerton in 1976. The Shepherds reside in Catlett, Virginia and have four sons and four grandchildren.</p>

 <p>Dr. Paul Tarnasky</p>	<p>Dr. Tarnasky received his medical training at a variety of institutions including the University of Washington, UCLA, and Duke University. An advanced endoscopy fellowship and faculty positions were held at the Medical University of South Carolina before moving to Methodist Dallas Medical Center 18 years ago. Since then, he has been working as part of a multidisciplinary team providing tertiary referral care for patients from Texas and surrounding states.</p> <p>Dr. Tarnasky has a particular clinical and research focus on pancreatic and biliary disorders and treatments that involve ERCP. Most of his referral practice pertains to patients with unexplained biliary type pain or pancreatitis, complicated bile duct stones or strictures, complications of pancreatitis including duct obstructions, cysts, fluid collections, and those that might benefit from endoscopic treatments for malignancy. He has been actively involved in clinical research for over 20 years. Research experience has included participation in several multi-center randomized controlled trials, several of which were sponsored by the NIH, industry, as well as other sources.</p>
 <p>Dr. Giuliano Testa</p>	<p>Dr. Giuliano Testa is a graduate of the University of Padova Medical School in Italy. After obtaining his medical degree Cum Laude he completed a residency in General Surgery at the same University. After arriving in the States, he first completed a residency in General Surgery at the University of Chicago and then a fellowship in Abdominal Organ Transplantation at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Testa then moved to Germany to the University of Essen where he was instrumental in starting the first Adult-to-Adult Living Donor Liver Transplant Program in Europe. In 2001, he was recruited with the title of Associate Professor of Surgery and Director of the Liver Transplant Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. In 2005, he moved to the University of Chicago as Director of Liver Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery and rose to the rank of Professor of Surgery. Dr. Testa was recruited by Baylor University Medical Center in July 2011 to lead the Living Donor Liver Program.</p>
 <p>Dr. Apurva Trivedi</p>	<p>I am an academic gastroenterologist at Baylor Scott and White in Temple, Texas. I have a specific focus on inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, and associated diseases) in my practice.</p> <p>I have been using fecal transplant therapy for recurrent C.difficile colitis. My research interests focus on IBD and C.difficile colitis. At Baylor Scott and White Healthcare we utilize a multidisciplinary team approach.</p>

 <p>Dr. James Trotter</p>	<p>Dr. Trotter completed his MD at Emory University and internship/residency at Parkland Memorial Hospital at the UT Southwestern Health Science Center in Dallas in 1989. Following that, he did his gastroenterology and transplant hepatology fellowship at Duke University. He remained on the faculty there until he joined the University of Colorado as the Medical Director of Liver Transplantation in 1999. He was then recruited by Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas in 2009 where he serves currently as the head of the Hepatology section and the Medical Director of Liver Transplantation. He is board certified in Gastroenterology and Transplant Hepatology.</p>
 <p>Dr. Weinstein</p>	<p>Graduated medical school from UT Southwestern in 1988. Internship and residency at UT Southwestern from 1988-1991. Fellowship in Gastroenterology at Mayo Clinic Rochester 1991-1994. Affiliated with Baylor University Medical Center Liver Transplant Services from 1994-2003. Medical Director of Liver Transplant Services at Methodist Dallas Medical Center from 2003-present. Board certified in Gastroenterology and Transplant Hepatology.</p>
 <p>Precious Young, BSHS</p>	<p>Precious Young is the Manager of Transplant Patient Access Services for Baylor Simmons Transplant Institute. She is responsible for the daily financial operations of the transplant program. Precious has been with Baylor Health Care System since 2006. She served as the TPAS Supervisor from 2008 until 2013 when she was promoted to TPAS Manager in 2013. Precious has more than 15 years of insurance and customer service experience as well as over 10 years of transplant financial experience.</p>