The John L. Hern Foundation has made a gift of $2,000,000 to establish the JLH Foundation Chair in Transplant Surgery at Texas Children’s Hospital. This endowed chair, to be held by John A. Goss, MD, professor of surgery, has been established in memory of John L. Hern, who was hospitalized for 252 days while awaiting a heart transplant. During that period, he befriended other patients also on the transplant waiting list, many of them people who could not afford the costs associated with a transplant, such as temporary housing, meals, and parking at the hospital.

Out of his strong desire to help these patients, Mr. Hern created the foundation to support the financial needs of transplant patients and their families, to promote the need for organ donation, and to support transplantation programs such as ours.

Dr. Goss is surgical director of Texas Children’s Hospital’s liver transplant program, which is now the largest pediatric liver transplant program in the United States and the world, having performed more than 39 transplants in 2012. The clinical outcomes of Texas Children’s liver transplant program exceed national standards for patient and graft survival according to the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients. For example,
Meetings and Presentations

JOHN A. GOSS, MD

**Poster:** Long-term Outcomes of Portopulmonary Hypertension (POPH) after Orthotopic Liver Transplantation (OLT), 48th Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL), Amsterdam, The Netherlands, April 24-28, 2013. Co-authors: Khaderi S, Khan R, Blow BJ, Safdar Z, Vierling JM, Sussman NL.  
**Poster:** Long-term Outcomes in Patients Undergoing Orthotopic Liver Transplantation (OLT) for Portopulmonary Hypertension (POPH), Digestive Disease Week (DDW) 2013, Orlando, Florida, May 18-21, 2013. Co-authors: Khaderi S, Khan R, Safdar Z, Blow BJ, Stribling RJ, Vierling JM, Sussman NL.  

F. BLAINE HOLLINGER, MD

**Hepatitis B and D,** GI Reading Conference, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, February 21, 2013.  

KHOZEMA HUSSAIN, MD

**Hepatic Encephalopathy,** Hepatology/Liver Transplantation Conference, Division of Abdominal Transplantation, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, January 7, 2013.  
**Advances in the Management of Alcoholic Hepatitis,** Baylor College of Medicine GI and Liver Course, Department of Medicine, Section of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Houston, Texas, March 23-24, 2013.  

Hepatitis A and C, GI Reading Conference, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, February 14, 2013  
**Long-term Care of The Liver Transplant Recipient,** Hepatology/Liver Transplantation Conference, Division of Abdominal Transplantation, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, May 13, 2013.  

PRASUN JALAL, MD

**Alcoholic Liver Disease,** GI Reading Conference, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, February 28, 2013.  
**Controversies in Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC),** Hepatology/Liver Transplantation Conference, Division of Abdominal Transplantation, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas April 15, 2013.  
**Update on Hepatocellular Carcinoma,** 3rd Annual Digestive Diseases Week (DDW) Highlights Conference, Texas Gulf Coast Gastroenterological Society, Houston, Texas, May 31-June 1, 2013.  

RONALD H. KERMAN, PHD


CHARLES GIA PHAN, MD

**Hepatitis B Treatment,** Hepatology/Liver Transplantation Conference, Division of Abdominal Transplantation, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, February 4, 2013.  
**Outcomes of Long-Term Therapy for Hepatitis B,** Baylor College of Medicine GI and Liver Course, Department of Medicine, Section of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Houston, Texas, March 23-24, 2013.  

GAGAN SOOD, MD

**Update on TIPS in Portal Hypertension,** Hepatology/Liver Transplantation Conference, Division of Abdominal Transplantation, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, January 14, 2013.  
**Update on Practical Management of Portal Hypertension,** Baylor College of Medicine GI and Liver Course, Department of Medicine, Section of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Houston, Texas, March 23-24, 2013.  

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RISÈ STRIBLING, MD
Liver Worst, Baylor College of Medicine GI and Liver Course, Department of Medicine, Section of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Houston, Texas, January 10, 2013.
Liver Disease and Pregnancy - Part I, Hepatology/Liver Transplantation Conference, Division of Abdominal Transplantation, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, May 6, 2013.

NORMAN SUSSMAN, MD
What the Internist Must Know About Managing Cirrhosis, Department of Medicine Grand Rounds, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, January 10, 2013.
Fatty Liver, Professor's Lecture, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, February 14, 2013.
Liver Physiology - Part I, Physiology I Lecture, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, February 15, 2013.
Liver Physiology - Part II, Physiology II Lecture, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, February 19, 2013.
NAFLD, GI Reading Conference, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, March 7, 2013.
What the LFTs are Telling You-Avoiding Common Mistakes, Ogden Surgical-Medical Society Conference, Ogden, Utah, May 15-17, 2013.
The Role of the PCP in Hep C Management, Texas Tech University Health Science Center at the Permian Basin, Odessa, Texas, June 6, 2013.

JOHN M. VIERLING, MD, FACP
What the Internist Must Know About Managing Cirrhosis, Department of Medicine Grand Rounds, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, January 10, 2013.
Wilson’s Disease and Hemochromatosis, GI Reading Conference, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, February 7, 2013.
Newest Agents for Chronic Hepatitis C, Hepatology/Liver Transplantation Conference, Division of Abdominal Transplantation, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, February 11, 2013.
HCV Case Discussion, 1st Annual Intermountain West Hepatology Update, Clinical Research Centers of America, Murray, Utah, February 23, 2013.
Update on PBC, 1st Annual Intermountain West Hepatology Update, Clinical Research Centers of America, Murray, Utah, February 23, 2013.
Autoimmune Hepatitis, 1st Annual Intermountain West Hepatology Update, Clinical Research Centers of America, Murray, Utah, February 23, 2013.
Liver Worst, Baylor College of Medicine GI and Liver Course, Department of Medicine, Section of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Houston, Texas, March 23-24, 2013.
Direct-Acting Antivirals for Hepatitis C: Lessons Learned, Baylor College of Medicine GI and Liver Course, Department of Medicine, Section of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Houston, Texas, March 23-24, 2013.
Present and Future Therapy for HCV Infection, Gastroenterology Grand Rounds, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Grand Rounds, Houston, Texas, March 28, 2013.
PSC Diagnosis and Management: How to Watch and When to Transplant, Digestive Disease Week Clinical Symposium, Orlando, Florida, May 18, 2013.


**Sustained Virologic Response (SVR) in Prior PegInterferon/ribavirin (PR) Treatment Failures after Retreatment with Boceprevir (BOC) + PR:** Final Results of the PROVIDE Study. *Gastroenterology,* 144,5,S-151. Digestive Diseases Week (DDW) 2013, Orlando, Florida, May 18-21, 2013.


**DDW Poster of Distinction Award**

*Sustained Virologic Response (SVR12) in HCV Genotype 1 Patients Receiving Peginterferon Lambda Combined with Ribavirin and either Daclatasvir or Asunaprevir:* 23rd Conference of Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver, Republic of Singapore, June 6-10, 2013.


Harring TR, Nguyen NT, Liu H, **Goss JA, O’Mahony CA.** Liver transplant fellowship and resident training is not a part of the “July effect.” *J Surg Res.* 2013; 182:1-5.


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**New Faculty & Staff**

**PEDRO CANO, MD, MBA**

Associate Professor

**JOHN CHAPPELLE, BS**

HLA Technologist I

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the survival rate is statistically significantly higher than expected, even when considering increasing volumes of patients and transplants. The multidisciplinary team that provides these services has comprehensive experience for all indications for liver transplantation in children, including biliary atresia, liver tumors, metabolic diseases, and acute liver failure.

**Research Day (continued from page 1)**

Zachary Pallister, MD, presented, “Retrospective Evaluation of Hepatic Transplantation in Pediatric Patients with Primary Liver Malignancies: Disease Specific Outcomes,” co-authored by Ronald Cotton, Jacfranz Gûteau, Christine O’Mahony, and John Goss.
St. Luke’s The Woodlands Offering Outreach Clinic for Advanced Cirrhosis Evaluation and Treatment

St. Luke’s The Woodlands Hospital is now providing an outreach clinic for advanced cirrhosis therapies and pre-screening for potential liver transplant with Texas Medical Center physicians. The clinic is staffed by the liver transplant physicians from St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital Cooley Transplant Center, in affiliation with Baylor College of Medicine. The new outreach clinic is offering services at St. Luke’s The Woodlands Hospital each Thursday afternoon by appointment only. It serves patients with end-stage liver disease, complications of cirrhosis, and benign hepatobiliary disorders.


Appointments are scheduled through our medical center office. Call 713.798.6243 or toll free at 1.877.645.4832 or 1.877.64.LIVER.

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Donate Life Texas

DONATE LIFE TEXAS is a nonprofit corporation created with the support of the state’s three organ procurement organizations (OPOs). Donate Life Texas is now responsible for managing the state’s organ, tissue, and eye donor registry—the Glenda Dawson Donate Life - Texas Registry—in an effort to increase the number of Texans who commit to donation. State Representative Glenda Dawson, a kidney transplant recipient herself, led the effort to create the registry before her passing in 2006. Individuals who wish to be an organ and/or tissue donor no longer need to fill out a donor card or have a sticker affixed to their license; they can simply register online at www.donatelifetexas.org.