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*We just returned from the 2019 AASLD Conference.  
(American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases)*

*[See article below](#) for take-aways from this eventful conference that attracted more than 10,000 medical providers and many others from the international liver-wellness community.*

***We Hate to Bug You, but...***  
**HAVE YOU MARKED YOUR  
CALENDARS FOR THE  
2020 CONFERENCE?**



**MAY WE SUGGEST YOU TAKE OUT YOUR  
PHONES *RIGHT NOW* AND PLUG IN THE DATES?**

**Thanks!**

**Here are the Details:**

**Date:** April 24-26, 2020, with an optional pre-conference event on April 23

**Where:** Denver, Colorado

**Lodging:** Hyatt Regency DTC

**Special Outing on Friday Morning:** Brunch at beautiful, amazing, iconic Red Rocks (This is a ticketed event that requires pre-registration.)

**Special Outing for Teens and Young Adults:** Shhhh...It's a surprise. More details to come.

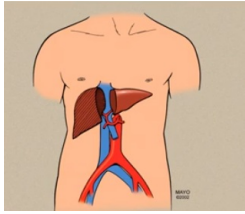
**Co-Sponsoring Medical Centers:** University of Colorado Health and Children's Hospital Colorado

**Number of Available Sessions:** Approximately 35, including:

- Beyond Meld: The Why, How, and When of Liver Transplantation
- What's New in Pediatric PSC
- How to Interpret Your Tests Like a Hepatologist
- Caring for Your PSC Patient After Liver Transplant
- Specific Issues in Women's Health: PSC and IBD
- The Gut Microbiota in IBD with PSC: An Update
- Symptom Management in PSC
- Drug Development in PSC: Where Do We Stand, and Where Do We Go,
- and more.

(The full agenda and more details will be available soon.)

# University of Colorado Health Living Donor Program



The University of Colorado Health (UCH) has an innovative transplant program using altruistic, non-directed liver donors. They will be discussing this unique program, including donor criteria and ethical issues, at the PSC Partners 2020 Conference.

## Giving Tuesday is December 3, 2019

### When is Giving Tuesday?

Giving Tuesday is held annually the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, this year on **December 3, 2019**. The global celebration runs for 24 hours and begins at midnight local time.

#GIVING  
TUESDAY

### Why was Giving Tuesday Started?

Giving Tuesday was founded as a simple idea: to bring people together for a day of giving back.

### Who can participate?

Everyone! No need to pre-register. By donating to PSC Partners on Giving Tuesday, you are part of the movement!

### What is the Goal of Giving

### Tuesday?

The ultimate goal is a more just and generous world.

### Facebook will Match Donations.

If you donate via Facebook, they will match up to \$7 million in donations to US nonprofits. Visit our [Facebook page](#) on Dec. 3 to donate.

**To donate directly to PSC Partners on the national day of giving, [click here](#).**



*Do you live in Colorado?  
Colorado has its own day of giving:  
Colorado Gives Day, Dec. 10, 2019*



## *Living with PSC Episode #16: A PSC PATIENT- DOCTOR DISCUSSES INS AND OUTS PSC*

In this [episode](#) of Living with PSC, Niall McKay talks with Dr. Jerome Schofferman, MD, about his dual role as PSC patient and physician and what it has taught him about living with a chronic illness, treating patients, and including caregivers in the process.

"His advice is so valuable to all of us," says PSC Partners CEO Ricky Safer.

Dr. Schofferman, MD., is a retired Internist and Pain Medicine Specialist from Sausalito, CA. He will be speaking at the PSC Partners 2020 Conference.

[Click here to listen to the podcast.](#)

The Living With PSC podcast series is moderated by Media Producer Niall McKay. Each month, this podcast explores the latest research and knowledge about PSC. From patient stories to the latest research updates from PSC experts to collaborations that are necessary to find better treatments and a cure, this podcast has it all! Click [here](#) for a complete list of episodes as well as past PSC Partners blog posts.

**Learning, Networking,  
Spreading the Word, and  
more...  
AASLD 2019 was a huge  
success!**



PSC Partners was thrilled to attend the 2019 AASLD (American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases) Conference held in Boston, MA, in mid-November. We manned a booth for four days and networked with numerous medical providers, researchers, and other conference attendees. More than 10,000 folks from around the world attended the conference. Our goal was to:

- continue educating folks about the work of PSC Partners
- encourage usage of the new ICD-10-CM code for PSC (K83.01)
- remind researchers to apply for our grants
- speak with current grant recipients (see photos below) Check out all grant recipients [here](#).

We also had successful meetings during the weekend, and attended interesting sessions. AASLD has uploaded slides highlighting some key presentations from the meeting which provide insight for patient care and ongoing research. [Check them out.](#)



Mario Strazzabosco (rt) & Romina Fiorotto (left) 2018 Grant Recipients



Yuri Popov 2017 Grant Recipient



Orith Waisbourd-Zinman 2019 Grant Recipient



Alexander Miethke (middle) 2013 Grant Recipient



Dr. Kidist Yiman, MD (second from left)



Dr. Konstantinos N. Lazaridis 2017 Grant Recipient (right)

# We Made the 2019 Top-Rated Nonprofit List!



It's official. PSC Partners Seeking A Cure has been honored with a Top-Rated Award for 2019 from Great Nonprofits! [Check it out](#), read inspiring stories about us, add your own, and spread the word!

## Joanne Hatchett Joins the PSC Partners Team as Medical Science Liaison



Joanne Hatchett, RN, FNP, ACHPN, is the new Medical Science Liaison for PSC Partners. Most recently, Hatchett was a family nurse practitioner. She is a strong advocate for advance care planning and patient and family education, and, before accepting the position at PSC Partners, was a member of our Board of Directors. Additionally, she is a PSC caregiver. Hatchett graduated from San Francisco State University with a BSN, and received both her MSN as a Cardiopulmonary Clinical Nurse Specialist and Family Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's certification from the University of California, San Francisco.

**Welcome, Joanne!**

**We're excited to have you aboard!**

# Check Out Three Unique Ways to Support PSC Partners

## Give Us Your Ol' Jalopy



Support our mission by donating your old or unused vehicle to PSC Partners! Unwanted vehicles including cars, trucks, motorcycles, RVs, boats, airplanes, heavy equipment, farm machinery, (running or not) are all eligible for donation. The process is easy, and they'll come pick up the vehicle for you! [Click here](#) for more details and to donate.

## Shop on Amazon – Yep, That's It!

PSC Partners is a registered charity with [AmazonSmile](#), Amazon's give-back program for nonprofits. Every eligible purchase results in a donation when you select PSC Partners Seeking a Cure as your designated cause! Invite your family members, friends and colleagues to use [AmazonSmile](#), and help support PSC Partners!



## Remember Us in Year-End Giving

PSC Partners cannot fulfill our mission without the generous support of our community. Please participate in our year-end giving campaign, and don't forget to find out if your employer will match your contribution. There are several ways to donate. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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*The mission of PSC Partners Seeking a Cure is to provide education and support to PSC patients, families and caregivers and raise funds to research causes, treatments and cures for primary sclerosing cholangitis.*

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