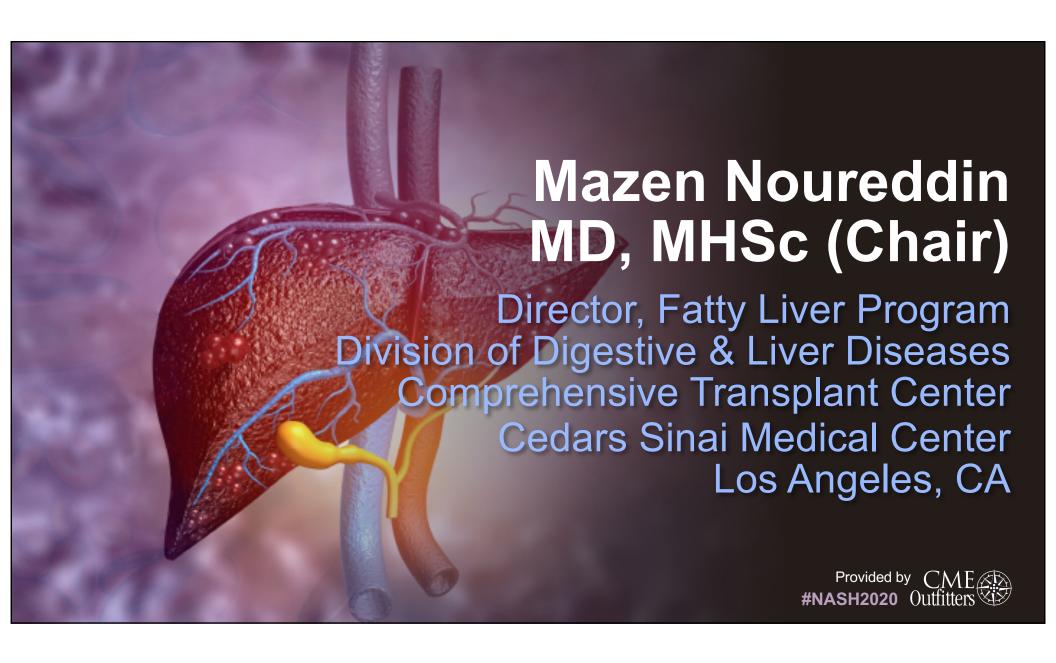


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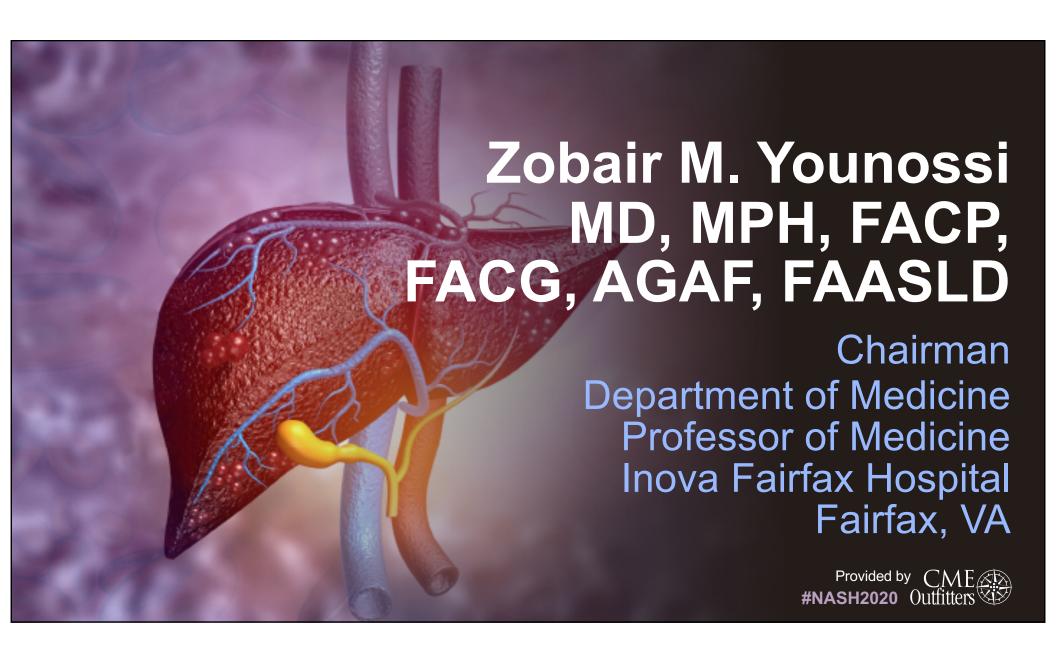
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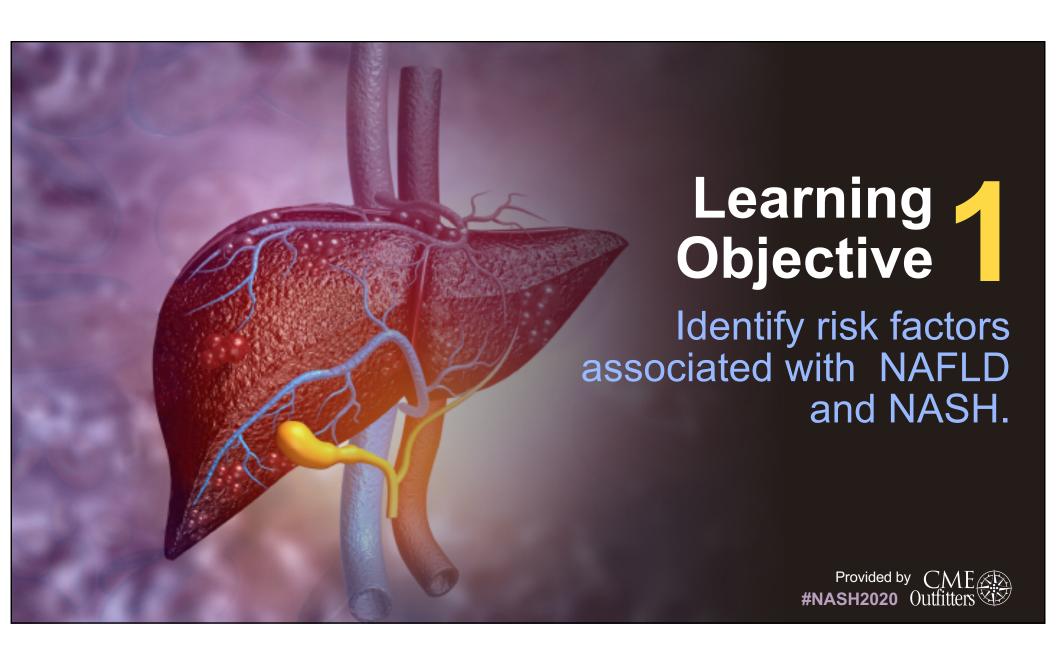












Audience Response



In what proportion of at-risk patients do you screen for NAFLD?

A. 0%

B. 1-25%

C. 26-50%

D. 51-75%

E. 76-100%



George 59-year-old Mexican American male



George presents to review lab results from his recent physical

- Medical History: T2DM x 5 years, dyslipidemia x 2 years
- Family History: Mother had diabetes and father had HTN
- Social History: He doesn't exercise, but walks the dog daily
 - Works as attorney; drinks 3-4 beers on weekends and two glasses of wine with steak during dinners with clients
- Prior Exam was normal except for central obesity (BMI of 33 kg/m²)
- Symptoms: Has some right upper quadrant discomfort
- Medications: Metformin 500 mg po twice a day and fish oil



George's Labs



Todays' Laboratory Values		
ALT	60 U/L	
AST	65 U/L	
Total Bilirubin	0.8 mg/dL	
Albumin	4.0 g/dL	
Platelets	180,000/μL	
LDL	100 mg/dL	
HDL	40 mg/dL	
Triglyceride	240 mg/dL	
Hgb A1C	6.9	

ALT = alanine aminotransferase; AST = aspartate aminotransferase; LDL = low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; HDL = high-density lipoprotein; Hgb = hemoglobin



ARS Question #2



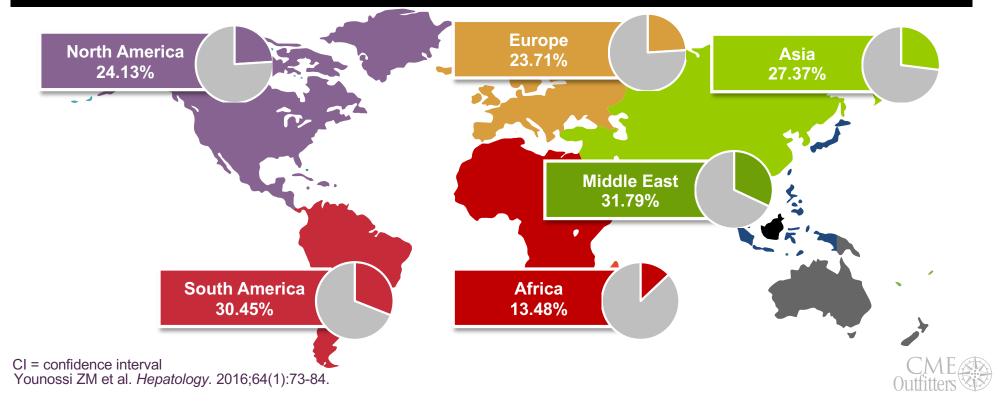
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- C. No change to his current meds but counsel him to reduce his drinking and increase exercise routine to address metabolic syndrome
- D. Order an ultrasound of his liver to evaluate him for NAFLD
- E. I don't know

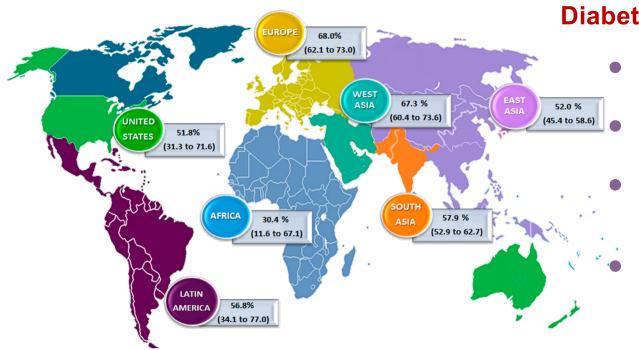


Why Do We Have to Treat NAFLD and NASH? Disease Burden: Prevalence

- Global prevalence of NAFLD is 25.24% (95% CI: 22.10-28.65)
- Prevalence of NASH in general population is estimated between 1.5% and 6.45%



Disease Burden In Patients with Diabetes

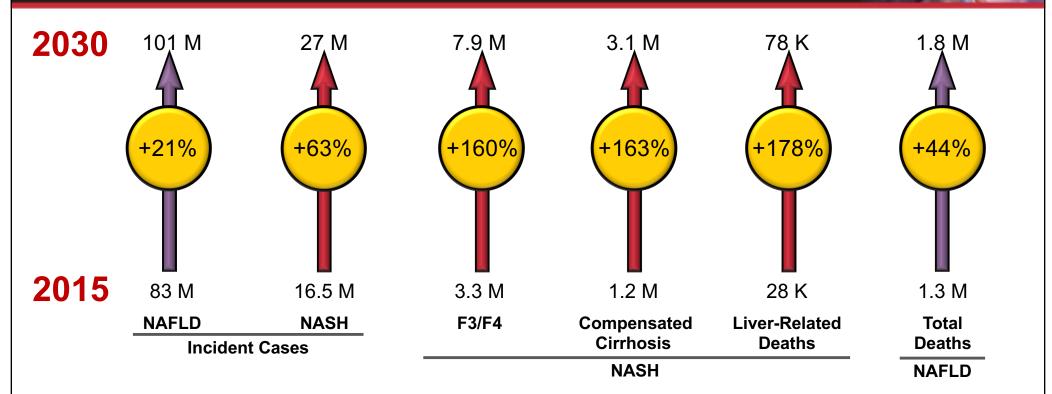


Diabetes makes everything worse

- Overall global NAFLD prevalence among diabetics is 73%
- Overall prevalence of advanced fibrosis (fibrosis ≥ F3) 17.2%
- ~2X increase in mortality in patients with cirrhosis, HCC, or liver transplant
- Total cost of NAFLD with T2DM in the U.S. over the next two decades is estimated to be \$1.67 trillion



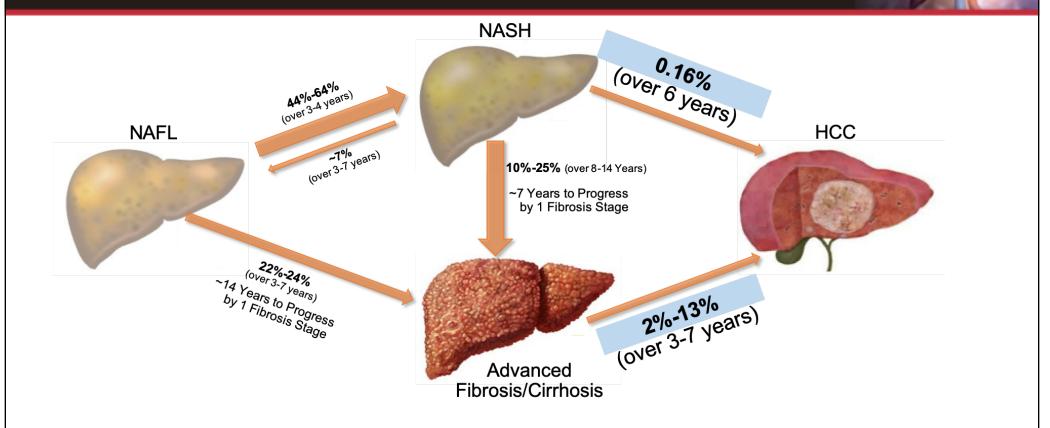
Changing Burden of NAFLD/NASH in The US



Estes C, et al. *Hepatology*. 2018;67:123-133.



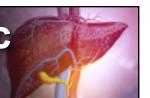
Natural History of NAFLD/NASH



HCC = hepatocellular carcinoma Goh GB, et al. *Dig Dis Sci.* 2016;61:1226-1233; Singh S, et al. *Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol.* 2015;13:643-654; Noureddin-Vipani, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol.* 2018;113(11):1649-1659.



Most Patients With NAFLD Are Asymptomatic And In Primary Care



Abnormal liver enzymes alone are poor predictor of NAFLD or NASH

ACG considers normal health ALT ranges from 29 to 33 IU/U for males and 19 to 25 IU/I for females – lower than often reported in standard lab reports⁴

Serum ALT can be normal in up to 50% of NAFLD patients with NASH1

Serum ALT can be increased in up to 53% of NAFLD patients with no NASH^{2,3}

Therefore, serum ALT level alone is <u>not</u> predictive of NASH or fibrosis level 1-3

- Normal ALT cannot rule out progression or NASH
- Increased ALT cannot predict NASH

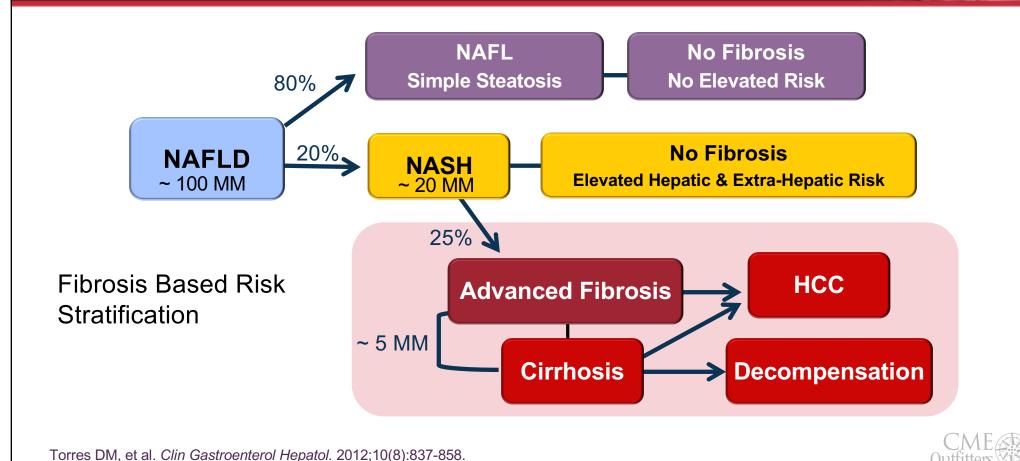
ALT = alanine aminotransferase.

1. Fracanzani AL, et al. Hepatology. 2008;48:792-798. 2. Verma S, et al. Liver Int. 2013;33(9):1398-1405.

3. Torres DM, Harrison SA. Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2013;10(9):510-511; 4. Kwo, et al AM J Gastroenterol. 2017;112(1):18-35.



Risk Stratification Needed in Point of Care



The 20% Rule for Progression in F3/4 NASH

Bridging fibrosis

2 years

Cirrhosis

Cirrhosis

2 years

2 years

2 years

2 years

2 years

Key predictors of progression to cirrhosis

Noninvasive fibrosis scores: ELF
 ≥ 9.8, Platelet count, FIB 4/NFS/APRI

Key predictors of decompensation/progression

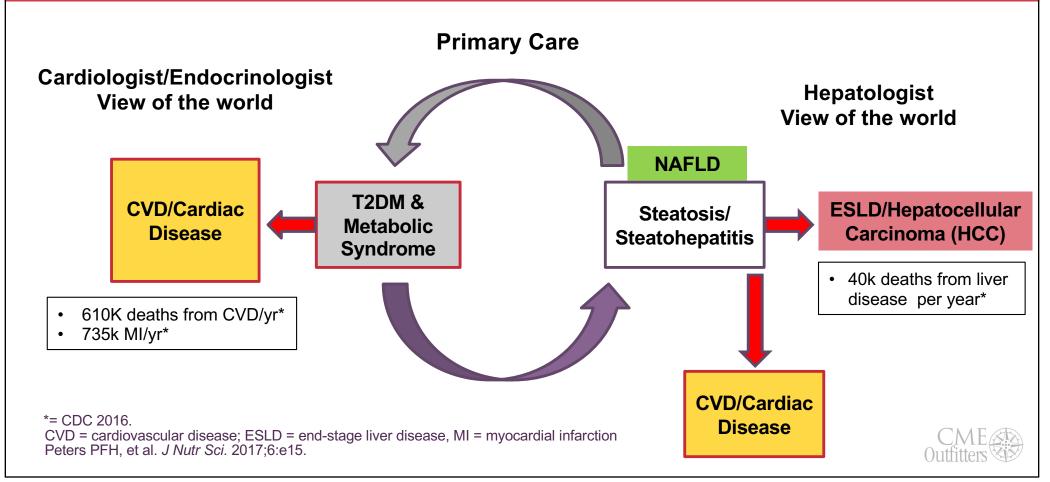
- Liver function: MELD, Childs Pugh status, albumin
- Portal hypertension: Baseline HVPG ≥ 10 mm
 Hg, oesophageal varices
- Non-invasive fibrosis scores: ELF ≥ 11.3, FIB-4/NFS/APRI

ELF = enhanced liver fibrosis; FIB = fibrosis; NFS = NAFLD Fibrosis Score; APRI = AST to Platelet Ratio Index; MELD = model for end-stage liver disease; HVPG = hepatic venous pressure gradient Loomba R, Adams LA. *Hepatology*. 2019. 70;1885-18888. Sanyal AJ, et al. *Hepatology*. 2019. 70:1913-1927



NAFLD & Metabolic Syndrome: Reciprocal Risk Factors

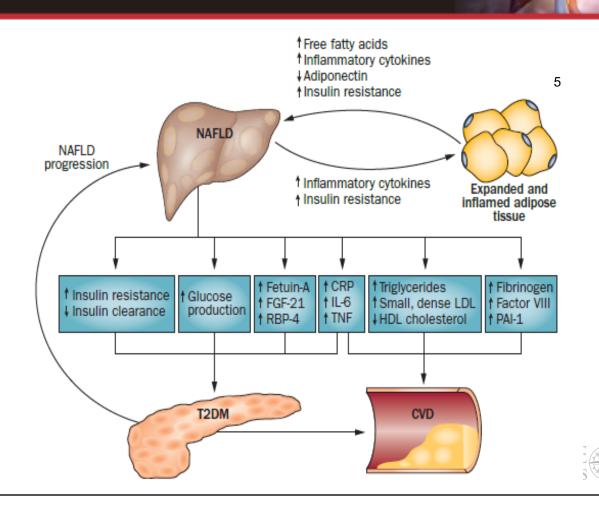




NAFLD – T2DM Disease Cycle

- T2DM and NAFLD have reciprocal risk factors
 - Diabetes more difficult to manage and NAFLD more likely to progress¹
- NALFD is an independent predictor and associated with a
 2x increase of developing T2DM^{2,3}
- T2DM has a 5.36 (4.41-6.51) age-adjusted hospital readmission rate for NAFLD compared to T2DM population⁴

Hazlehurst JM, et al. Metabolism. 2016;65:1096-1108; 2.
 Mantovi A, et al. Diabetes Care. 2018;41(2):372-383;
 Targher G, et al. Nat Rev Endocrinol. 2018;14(2):99-114; 4.
 Wild, SH, et al. J Hepatol. 2016;64(6):1358-1364;
 Antsee QM, et al. Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2013;10(6):330-344.



Diet Associations with NAFLD in an Ethnically Diverse Population the Multiethnic Cohort

(g/1,000 kcal/day)	NAFLD No Cirrhosis	NAFLD With Cirrhosis
Q 1 st vs. 4 th	OR (95% CI)	OR (95% CI)
Cholesterol		
≤ 75.4	1.00 (ref.)	1.00 (ref.)
> 121.4	1.09 (0.96-1.23)	<mark>1.52 (1.15-2.01)</mark>
P-value for trend	0.0889	<mark>0.0018</mark>
Fiber		
≤ 8.5	1.00 (ref.)	1.00 (ref.)
> 14.0	<mark>0.86 (0.75-0.98)</mark>	0.75 (0.55-1.02)
P-value for trend	<mark>0.0123</mark>	0.1018

- Nested case-control
- 2,974 NAFLD cases
 - 518 with cirrhosis
 - 2,456 without cirrhosis
- 29,474 matched controls
- Cases identified using Medicare claims ICD9/10
- Controls individually matched to cases on birth year, sex, ethnicity
- FFQ administered

FFQ = Food Frequency Questionnaire; kcal = kilocalorie. Noureddin M, et al. *Hepatology*. 2019 Sep 25. [Epub ahead of print].



Diet Associations with NAFLD in an Ethnically Diverse Population the Multiethnic Cohort (cont.)

(g/1,000 kcal/day)	NAFLD No Cirrhosis	NAFLD With Cirrhosis
Q 1 ST vs. 4 th	OR (95% CI)	OR (95% CI)
Total red meat ≤ 13.7 > 34.0	1.00 (ref.) 1.10 (0.97-1.25)	1.00 (ref.) <mark>1.43 (1.08-1.90)</mark>
P-value for trend	0.1190	<mark>0.0121</mark>
Red unprocessed meat ≤ 9.3 > 24.1	1.00 (ref.) 1.10 (0.97-1.25)	1.00 (ref.) <mark>1.52 (1.15-2.01)</mark>
P-value for trend	0.1223	<mark>0.0033</mark>
Processed red meat ≤ 3.0 > 10.0	1.00 (ref.) <mark>1.17 (1.03-1.32)</mark>	1.00 (ref.) 1.31 (0.99-1.71)
P-value for trend	0.0097	0.1123
Total poultry ≤ 11.4 > 27.6	1.00 (ref.) <mark>1.19 (1.05-1.35)</mark>	1.00 (ref.) 1.03 (0.79-1.35)
P-value for trend	0.0028	0.7717

Noureddin M, et al. Hepatology. 2019 Sep 25. [Epub ahead of print].

How Do You Make the Diagnosis?



Liver biopsy

- Diagnosis of NASH requires the joint presence of steatosis, ballooning and lobular inflammation
- Diagnostic gold standard

Few symptoms

- Often asymptomatic
- Nonspecific symptoms (eg, right upper quadrant discomfort or fatigue)

Changes in liver enzymes

- Mildly elevated with ALT predominance
- Some patients may have elevated alkaline phosphatase

Aetiologies

- No significant alcohol consumption
- No competing aetiologies for hepatosteatosis
- No coexisting causes of chronic liver disease

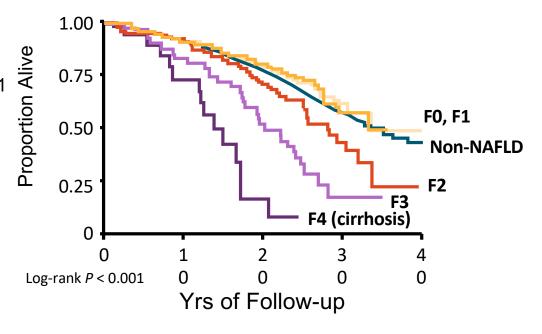
European Association for the Study of the Liver, et al. *J Hepatol* 2016;64:1388–1402; Stengel JZ, Harrison SA. *Gastroenterol Hepatol* 2006;2:440–449; Chalasani N, et al. *Hepatology* 2018;67:328-357.



Diagnosis: Goals for PCP

- Goal 1: Identify those with NASH
 - Having NASH increases the risk of progression of fibrosis
 - Identify treatment candidates¹
 - Goal 2: Identify those at risk for progressing to cirrhosis
 - Having advanced fibrosis is associated with increased mortality¹

Retrospective Survival Analysis of 646 NAFLD Patients and Matched Controls²







Let's Review George...

- Medical history: T2DM x 5 yrs, dyslipidemia x 2 yrs
- Family history: Mother had diabetes and father had HTN
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ARS Question #3



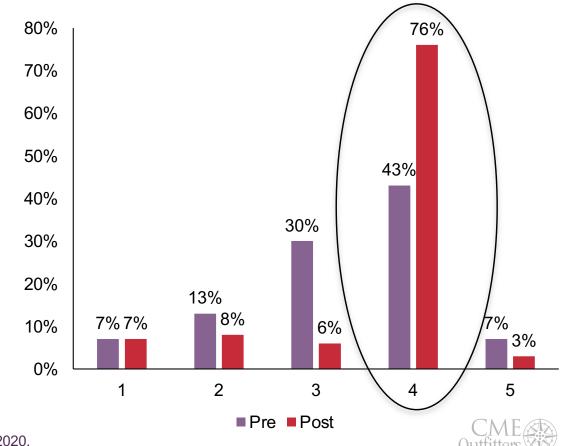
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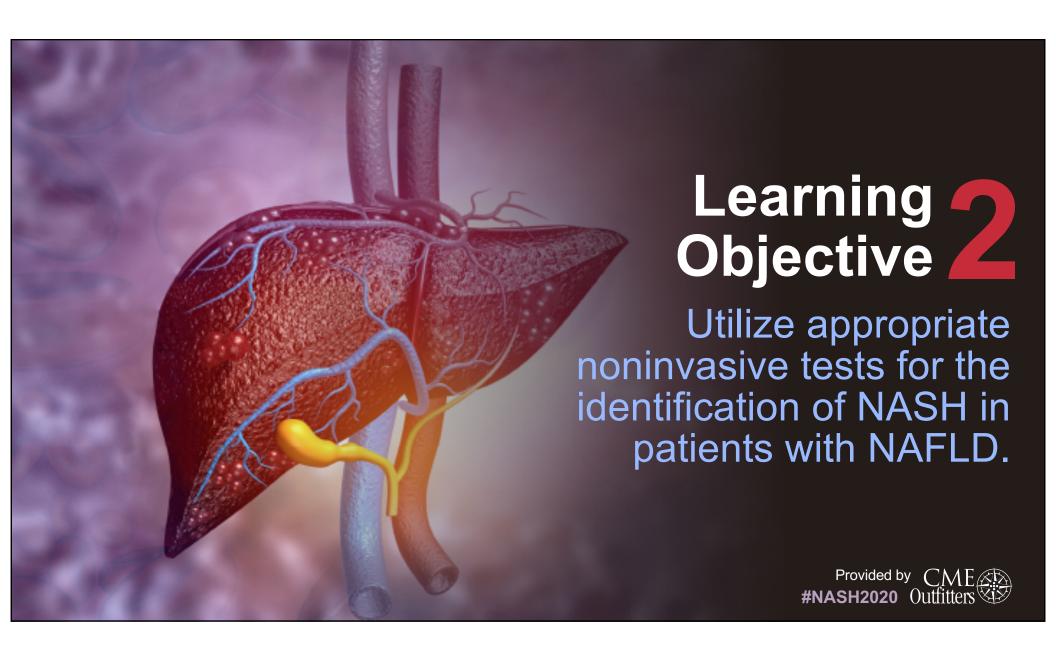


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- Order an ultrasound of his liver to evaluate him for NAFLD (Correct)
- 5. I don't know

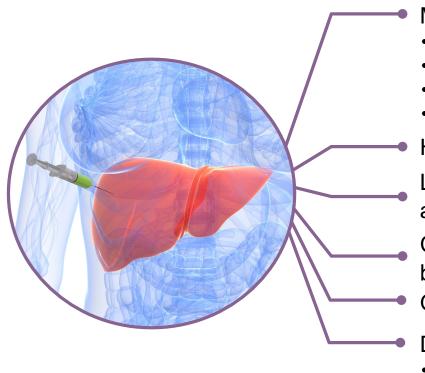


Graph reflects results recorded during the live activity on April 22, 2020.



Indications for Liver Biopsy





Metabolic syndrome

- Obesity
- ↑TG
- Low HDL
- Impaired glucose tolerance

High AST/ALT ratio

Low platelet count or albumin level

Cholecystectomy or bariatric surgery
Old age

Diabetes

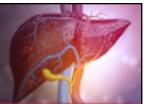
Family history

Disadvantages of biopsies

- Sampling variability
- Pain
- Infection
- Bleeding
- Perforation
- Impractical for population management
- Death

CME Outfitters

Non-invasive Diagnosis of NASH and NAFLD





Clinical/lab tests

- NAFLD fibrosis score
- FIB-4 index
- BARD score
- AST:ALT ratio
- AST: platelet ratio index
- Fibrotest
- Hepascore
- Fatty liver index
- Index of NASH



Imaging

- Ultrasound
- Computer tomography
- Magnetic resonance imaging
- Magnetic resonance spectroscopy
- Transient elastography
- Acoustic radiation force impulse
- Magnetic resonance elastography



Biomarkers

- Hyaluronic acid
- CK-18
- Fucosylated haptoglobin (Fuc-Hpt)
- Macroglobulin-2 binding protein (Mac-2bp)
- Fuc-Hpt + Mac-2bp
- ELF score
- FIBROSpect®



ARS Question #4



George, 59 yo Mexican American male

• FIB-4: 2.1

NFS: -1.1

Based on his FIB-4 and NFS, which risk stratification would George fall into?

A. Low risk

B. Intermediate risk

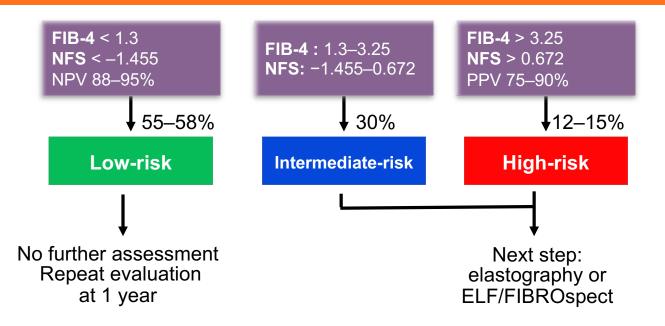
C. High risk

D. I don't know



Risk Stratification

Rule-out advanced fibrosis (FIB-4 or NAFLD Fibrosis Score)



NPV = negative predictive value; PPV = positive predictive score Tapper EB, Loomba R. *Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol*. 2018;15:274-282.



ARS Question #5

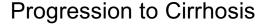


In a patient with NAFLD and bridging fibrosis, what cutpoint predicts high risk of progression to cirrhosis?

- A. ELF ≥ 8.8
- B. ELF ≥ 9.8
- C. ELF ≥ 11.3
- D. ELF ≥ 14.0

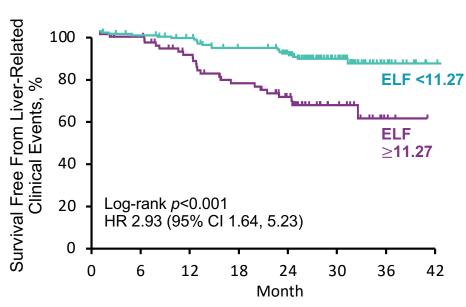


ELF Predicts Progression More Accurately than Biopsy



% Progression to Cirrhosis, **ELF <9.76** 80 Survival Free From 60 **ELF** ≥9.76 40 Log-rank *p*<0.001 20 HR 4.52 (95% CI 2.30, 8.88) 0 12 18 24 30 36 42 0 6 Month

Liver-Related Clinical Events



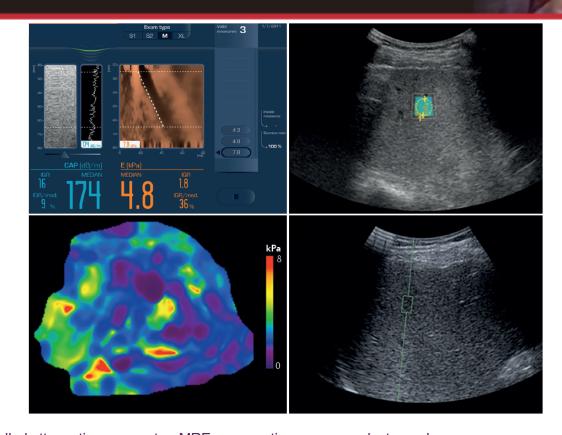
Higher baseline ELF and greater change in ELF were associated with increased risk of progression to cirrhosis and liver-related clinical events

CI = confidence interval; ELF = enhanced liver fibrosis; HR = hazard ratio Sanyal AJ, et al. *Hepatology*. 2019;70:1913-1927



Elastography-Based Methods to Estimate Liver Stiffness

- VCTE (FibroScan) is most widely used
 - ≥10 images are required
 - Accurate for stages F3–4
 - Can estimate steatosis when used with CAP
- SWE/ARFI can be used to measure stiffness in single ROI
- MRE measures stiffness across multiple ROIs

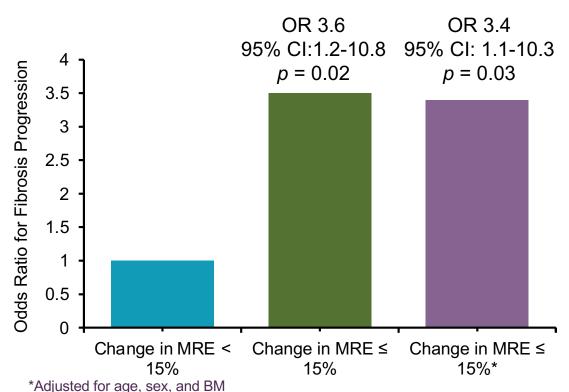


ARFI = acoustic radiation force impulse; CAP = controlled attenuation parameter; MRE = magnetic resonance elastography; ROI = region of interest; SWE = shear wave elastography
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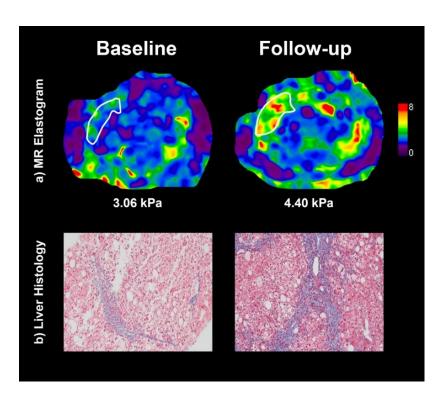


15% Increase in MRE is Associated with





MRE = Magnetic resonance elastography Almera VH, et al. Hepatology. 2020.71:849-860.





Which Test is Better?

- FIB-4 is better than NFS
- VCTE is better than FIB-4
- MRE is better than VCTE

Efficiency of combining biomarkers

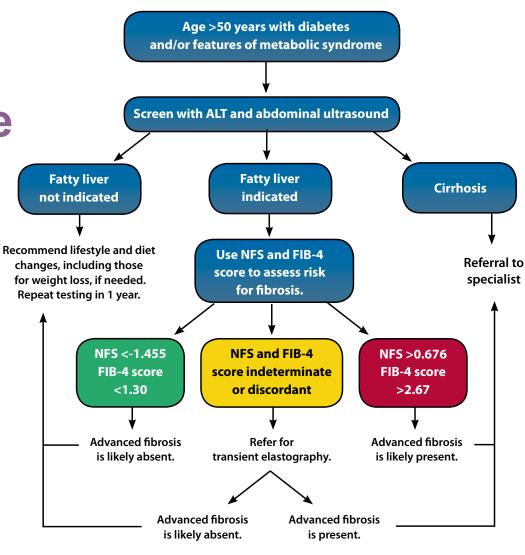
FIB-4 followed by ELF and/or VCTE (FibroScan) nearly eliminated the need for liver biopsy and accurately identified patients with advanced fibrosis due to NASH with misclassification rates similar to liver biopsy

VCTE = vibration-controlled transient elastography

Staufer K, et al. United European Gastroenterol J. 2019;7:1113–1123. Dulai P, et al. Hepatology. 2016. 65:1006-1016.



Screening and Testing in Clinical Practice



Pandyarajan V, et al. *Gastroenterol Hepatol*. 2019;15(7):357-365.



Results



George, 59 yo Mexican American male

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NFS: -1.1

Based on his FIB-4 and NFS, which risk stratification would George fall into?

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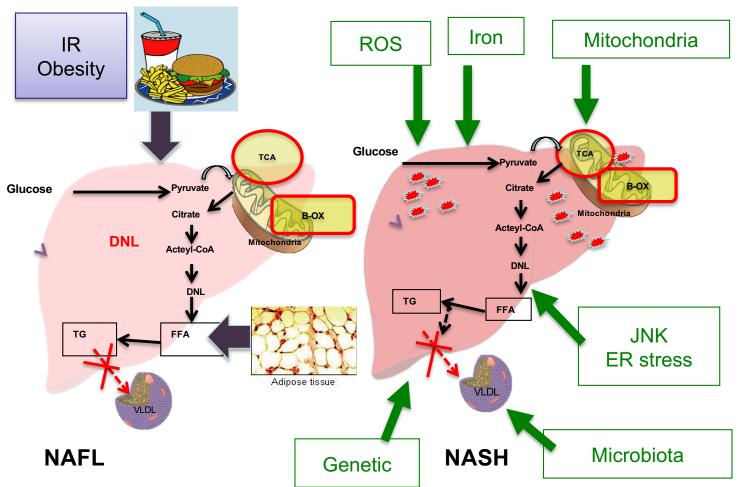
B. Intermediate risk

C. High risk

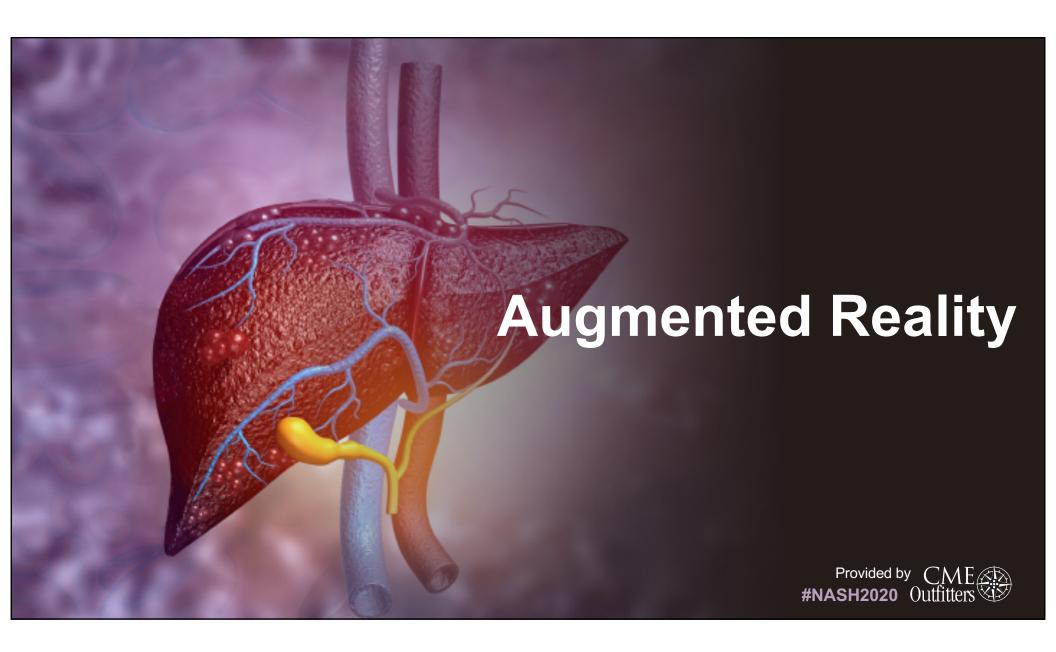








DNL = differential non-linearity; ER = endoplasmic reticulum; FFA = free fatty acid; IR = insulin resistance; JNK = c-Jun N-terminal kinases; ROS = reactive oxygen species; TCA = trichloroacetic acid; TG = thyroglobulin; VLDL = very low density lipoprotein Noureddin M, et al. *Exp Bio Med.* 2015;240(6):809-820.



If Standard Treatment is Unsuccessful, What Future Options Exist?



Targets related to insulin resistance and/or lipid metabolism



Targets related to lipotoxicity and oxidative stress



Targets related to inflammation and immune activation



Targets related to cell death (apoptosis and necrosis)



Targets related to fibrogenesis and collagen turnover

LOXL2: Simtuzumab

Galectin: GR-MD-02

PPARy: Pioglitazone GLP-1:

Liraglutide

Semaglutide

MPCi: PXL065 SGLT1/2: LIK066

GLP-1/GR: MEDI0382

KHKi:

PF-06835919

ACCi: GS-0976

PF-05221304 DGAT2i: PF-06865571

SCD1: Aramchol **FGF21**: BMS-986036

Elafibranor PPAR αd : **PPAR** $\alpha/d/\gamma$: IVA337

PPAR α/γ : Saroglitazar

MGL-3196 THR β :

mTOR: MSDC-0602K **FXR**: Obeticholic Acid

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CCR2/5: Cenicriviroc ASK1: Selonsertib AOC3: BI 1467335 **Caspase**: Emricasan

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Younossi ZM, et al. Hepatology. 2018;68(1):361-371.

ARS Question #7



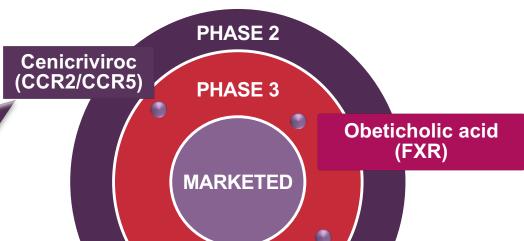
Which phase 3 trial met primary endpoint of fibrosis improvement?

- A. AURORA (cenicriviroc)
- B. RESOLVE-IT (elafibranor)
- C. REGENERATE (obeticholic acid)
- D. STELLAR-4 (selonsertib)



Regimens in Phase 3 Clinical Trials for Treatment of NASH

- Met only fibrosis improvement in Phase 2 (CENTAUR)
- Phase 3 study ongoing (AURORA)
- Met NASH endpoint in Phase 2 (GOLDEN)
- Phase 3 ongoing (RESOLVE-IT)



Elafibranor (PPARα/σ)

- Met primary endpoint in phase 2 (FLINT)
 Met fibrasia andpoin
- Met fibrosis endpoint in phase 3 (REGENERATE)

Did not meet

- Selonsertib (ASK-1)
- Did not meet fibrosis endpoint in cirrhotics (F4) (STELLAR 4)

F3 (STELLAR 3)

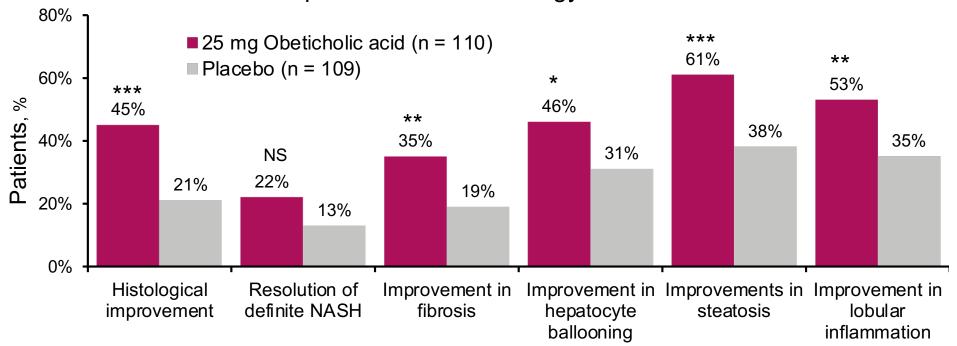
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Obeticholic Acid (OCA): FLINT Study

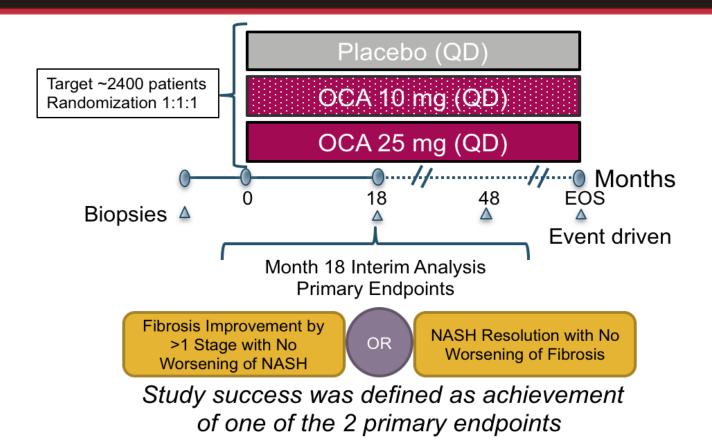
Improvements in Histology over 72 Weeks



NS = not significant; *p value \leq 0.05; ** p value \leq 0.01; *** p value \leq 0.001 Neuschwander-Tetri BA, et al. *Lancet*. 2015;385:956-965;



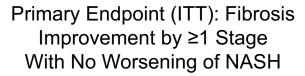
Obeticholic Acid: REGENERATE Design



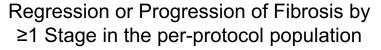
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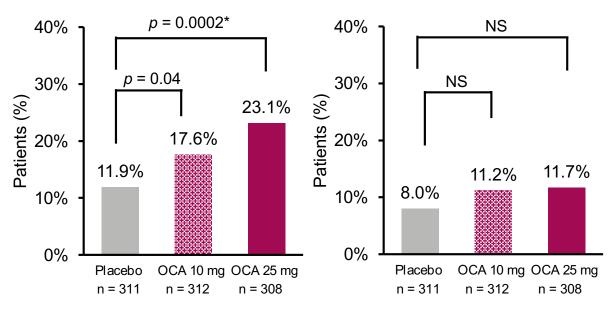


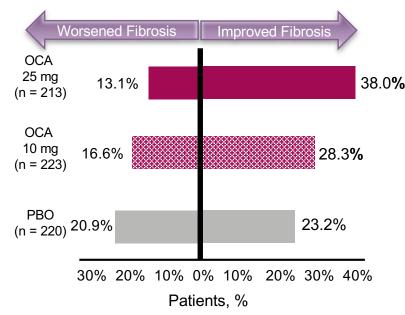
Obeticholic Acid: REGENERATE Results



NASH Resolution With No Worsening of Liver Fibrosis







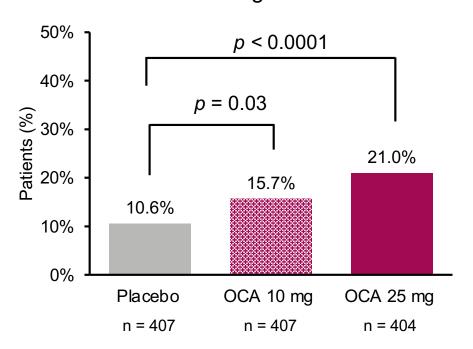
^{*}Statistically significant in accordance with the statistical analysis plan agreed with the FDA Younossi Z, et al. *Lancet* 2019.394;2184-2196



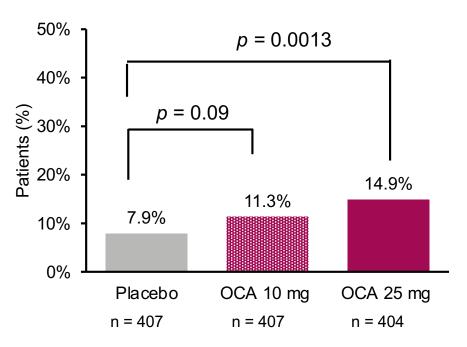
OCA: REGENERATE Expanded Intent to Treat (ITT) Population



Fibrosis Improvement ≥1 Stage With No Worsening of NASH



NASH Resolution With No Worsening of Fibrosis



Sanyal A, et al. Abstract #34 Presented at AASLD 2019, November 8-12, 2019, Boston, MA.



Obeticholic Acid Safety

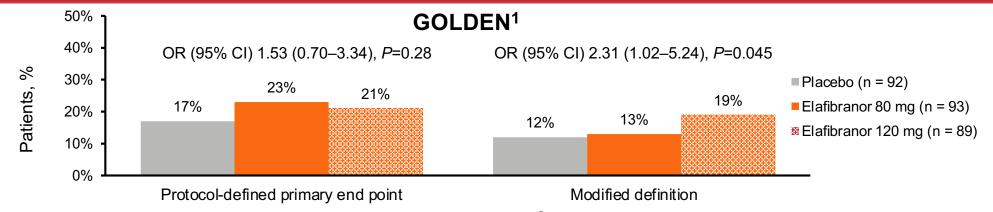
	Placebo (n = 657)	Obeticholic acid 10 mg (n = 653)	Obeticholic acid 25 mg (n = 658)
Treatment-emergent and serious adverse event	ts		
At least one treatment-emergent adverse event	548 (83%)	579 (89%)	601 (91%)
Severity*			
Mild	160 (24%)	163 (25%)	130 (20%)
Moderate	294 (45%)	323 (49%)	338 (51%)
Severe	87 (13%)	89 (14%)	130 (20%)
Life-threatening	5 (1%)	4 (1%)	2 (<1%)
Death	2 (<1%)	0	1 (<1%)
Leading to treatment discontinuation	41 (6%)	39 (6%)	83 (13%)
Serious adverse events	75 (11%)	72 (11%)	93 (14%)

^{* =} Patients reporting more than one adverse event are counted only once using the highest severity Younossi ZM, et al. *Lancet*. 2019;394:2184-2196.



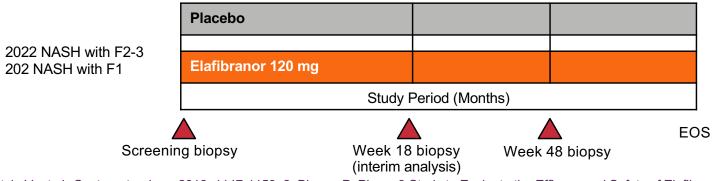
Elafibranor: GOLDEN and RESOLVE-IT

505-Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptors (PPAR α/δ Pathways)



RESOLVE-IT²

Primary Endpoint at Year 1: Resolution of NASH no worsening fibrosis

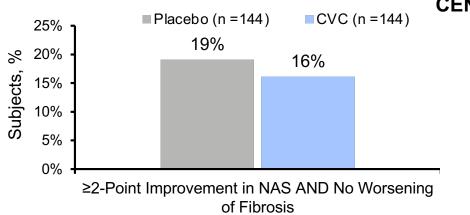


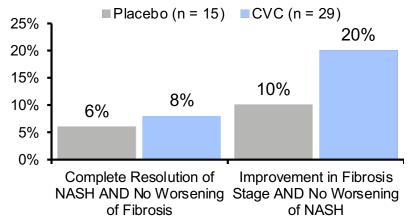
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Cenicriviroc: CENTAUR and AURORA







NASH-AURORA

Primary Endpoint at Year 1: >1-stage improvement in fibrosis AND no worsening of NASH (N ≈ 2000)

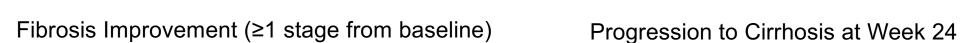


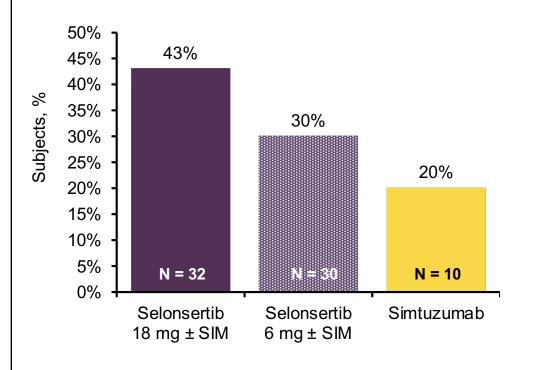
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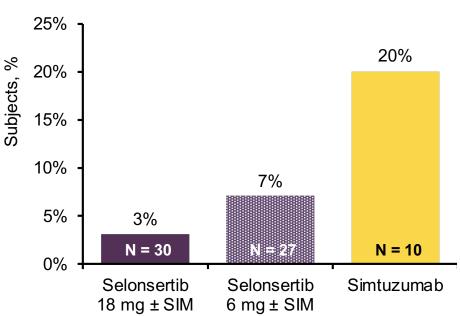
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Selonsertib: Phase 2 Study





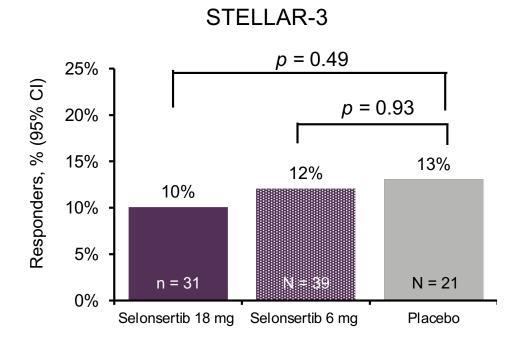


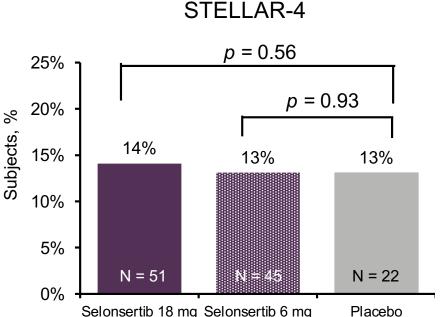
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Selonsertib: STELLAR-3 and STELLAR-4

Fibrosis Improvement Without Worsening of NASH





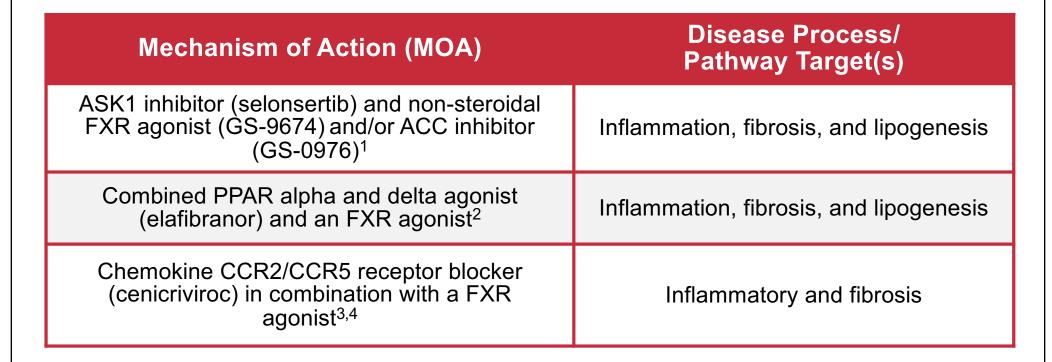
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Combinations with Complementary MOA

Future: Targeting Multiple Pathways

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George Intermediate Risk for NASH

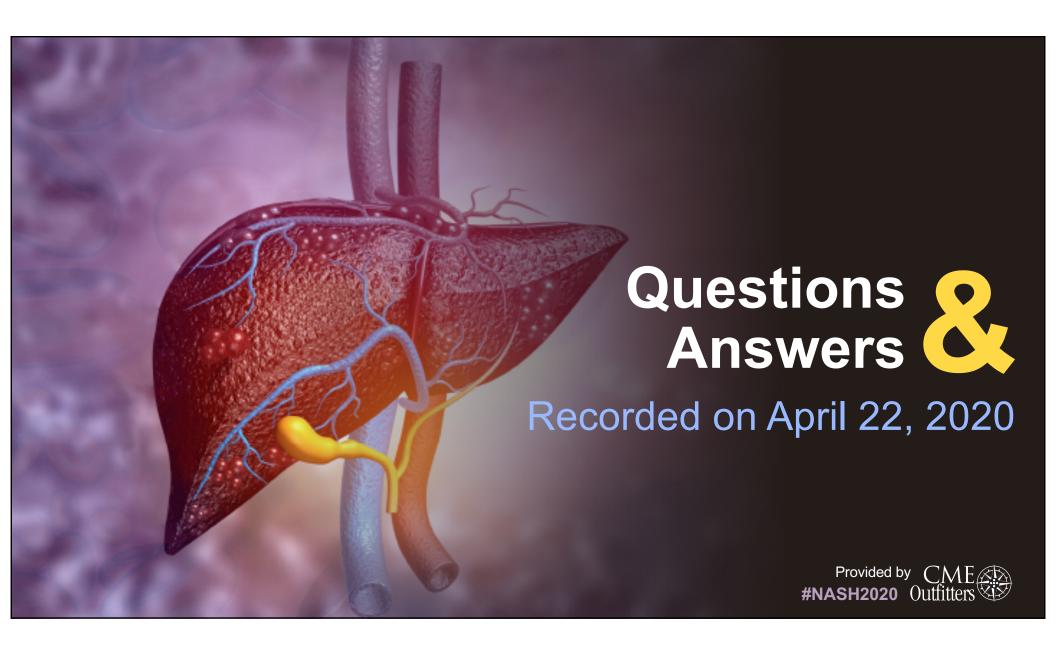
How would you treat him today?

- Ultrasound
- FIB-4 or NFS
- Counsel him regarding his drinking
- Lifestyle modification
 - Diet, exercise
- Refer to GI/Hepatologist based on the results

How would you treat him in a year?

- Obeticholic acid?
- ELF assessment





SMART Goals

Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely



- Screen 100% of your patients with T2DM for NASH
- Counsel 100% of your patients with T2DM on dietary risk reduction to prevent hepatic progression
- Incorporate 2 or more non-invasive markers to riskstratify NASH patients
- Refer 100% of confirmed NASH pts to hepatologist
- Monitor all patients with NASH for progression to cirrhosis in collaboration with hepatology