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TO: Maureen Wade, AHCCCS

RE: Liver Transplant Policy Revision

Cyrcahealth Review & Recommendation

Cyrcahealth's liver transplant reviewer, Dr. Linda Wong (St. Francis Medical Center Liver Transplant Program, Honolulu) has reviewed the proposed changes to the AHCCCS liver transplant policy and made the following suggestions:

1. In regards to -- "*Criteria will be modified based on the published research on morbidity and where there is an expectation of a curative process. This would eliminate transplant as an option for Hepatitis C Virus as this virus recurs 100% of the time.*"

As an alternative to eliminating all liver transplants for Hepatitis C, perhaps consideration should be given to meeting with hepatologists and deciding which Hepatitis C patients are lower risk. Then a decision could be made for choosing patients that have cleared the virus or that have responded to therapy. Give consideration to eliminating patients who have both HCV infection and hepatocellular carcinoma. Also could just select patients that are able and willing to get interferon post-transplant. Dr. Wong noted that she had had pretty good results with the patients who were treated and responded post-transplant.

2. In regards to, "*This is the primary diagnosis for transplant. Criteria will be further evaluated for members with end-stage alcoholic disease, where a mandatory 1 year rehabilitation program will be required for one year post transplant based on the recidivism rate of alcoholism. Smokers or members with a history of smoking will be required to meet the same criteria as all substance abuse members, including 3 negative blood tests for nicotine.*"

This seems reasonable. Would suggest not even allowing these patients to undergo pre-transplant evaluation unless they have documented Alcoholics Anonymous (or equivalent) attendance, and have undergone a psychology/counseling visit. As for obesity, this consultant is beginning to treat obesity as noncompliance and requires that they lose weight until they get to BMI <35 (body mass index) and they also undergo random Hbg A1C and glucose control. (similar to random alcohol-testing an alcoholic) If the patient cannot make it down to a BMI of 35, would

suggest not evaluating them. Consultant feels strongly that patients need to be encouraged to be more responsible for their own health and not just think that if they do all these bad things happen, that we'll just give them a new liver and they can start again.

3. *"A MELD score must be submitted by requesting provider utilizing the MELD tool provided by UNOS, comprehensive evaluation and clearance of all co-morbid conditions and documentation on the social support system in place for the member. Further evaluation of the AHCCCS specialty contracts with the transplant centers on payment of the evaluation at a FFS rate vs. the component cost since re-evaluation of a member to remain on the transplant list is required every 3 months and consists of simple labs. It may be more cost effective to eliminate the initial evaluation component from the contract. AHCCCS should consider requiring that the facility requesting the transplant provide the UNOS approval for listing the member prior to authorization. "*

Again, all reasonable. Could consider instituting two separate pre-transplant evaluations -- psychosocial and medical. Therefore, if a patient has psychosocial problem, they would only undergo the first evaluation - which would consist of HIV test, drug screens, and seeing a social worker and transplant psychologist. If the patient can't pass this then, they do not proceed on to the medical evaluation portion. If the patient like their medical problem is the greater issue, then they just undergo medical evaluation. So, we do whichever evaluation is likely to eliminate them first from being a transplant candidate, therefore cutting down on time and cost because the second portion is only done if they pass the first one.

Recommendation: Otherwise, except for above discussion, proposed policy changes as submitted for review should stand.

References and Sources cited in the report were reviewed: No references to add.

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<i>Transplant Fellow (Liver, Kidney, Pancreas)</i> Transplant Services, California Pacific Medical Center San Francisco, California	July 1991 to December 1992
<i>General Surgery Residency</i> Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Los Angeles, California	June 1986 to June 1991
<i>Doctor of Medicine</i> University of California, Irvine Irvine, California	September 1982 to June 1986
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<i>High School Honors Graduate</i> Punahou School Honolulu, Hawaii	September 1974 to June 1978

RESEARCH

<i>Cedars-Sinai Medical Center</i> Department of Surgery Los Angeles, California	January 1987 to January 1988
<i>University of California, Irvine</i> Department of Surgery Orange, California	October 1984 to January 1986
<i>Queen's Medical Center</i> <i>Cardiovascular Research Laboratory</i> Honolulu, Hawaii	June 1980 to September 1982
<i>Stanford University Medical Center</i> Department of Urology Stanford, California	September 1980 to June 1981

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HONORS

Pacific Health Research Institute Scholarship	1980
Zimmerman Foundation Research Scholarship	1981
Leo Rigler Award for Excellence in Surgery	1988, 1989, 1991
Fellow, American College of Surgeons	1996
Residents' Annual Teaching Award	2002, 2008
Honolulu Magazine's Best Doctors – Surgery	2006, 2008
Outstanding Achievement Award	
American Liver Foundation, Hawaii	2008

LICENSURE

Doctor of Medicine, State of California	1987-present
Diplomate of the National Boards	1987
Doctor of Medicine, State of Hawaii	1987-present
Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery	1992
Recertification, American Board of Surgery	2002

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Affiliate Member, Cancer Research Center of Hawaii, Clinical Sciences program	8/2009 - present
Clinical Professor of Surgery, Univ of Hawaii Sch of Medicine	7/2009 - present
Professor of Surgery, University of Hawaii Sch of Medicine	2003 - 6/2009
Vice-chairman, for Clinical Research, Dept of Surgery, Univ of Hawaii School of Medicine	2004 - present
Director of Liver Transplant Program, St. Francis Medical Center	1993 - present
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Hawaii Sch of Med	2000 - present
Assistant Director of Surgical Education, St. Francis Medical Center	1994- present Associate
Professor of Surgery, University of Hawaii Sch of Medicine	1998-2003
Assistant Professor of Surgery, University of Hawaii Sch of Medicine	1993-1998
Medical Director, Organ Donor Center of Hawaii	2007-present

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Transplantation Society	1993 to 2008
American Medical Association	1993 to present
Hawaii Medical Association	1993 to 2005
American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association	1995 to present
American Society of Transplant Surgeons	1997 to present
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases	1996 to present
United Network for Organ Sharing, Region 6	
Pacific Coast Surgical Association	1997 - present
Fellow, American College of Surgeons	1998 - present

Board of Directors, St. Francis Healthcare System	2002-3
Society of University Surgeons	2003-present
Board of Trustees, Blood Bank of Hawaii	2004 - 2006
Board of Directors, Hawaii Chapter, American Liver Foundation	2005 – 2008

COMMITTEES

- Informatics and Data Management, American Society of Transplant Surgeons (2001-2004)
- Medical Examiner's Advisory Committee, State of Hawaii, Regulated Industries Complaints Office, Dept of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (2003-2004)
- Medical Center
 - Institute of Transplantation, St. Francis Medical Center (1993-present)
 - Institute of Cancer, St. Francis Medical Center (1998 to 2003)
 - Surgical Review Committee, St. Francis Medical Center (1999 to present)
 - Pharmacy and Therapeutics, St. Francis Medical Center (1995-2001)
 - Operating Room Committee, St. Francis Medical Center (2000 to 2003)
 - Continuing Medical Education, St. Francis Medical Center (2002 to 2003)

GRANT SUPPORT:

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 - Collaboration between Dept of Surgery, Cancer Research Center of Hawaii/University of Hawaii and the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii.
 - Accepted by National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institute of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, June 2002
 - Grant support for 5 years, to improve organ donation and awareness in the minority population in the state of Hawaii.
 - Principal Investigator: Linda L. Wong MD, Co-investigator: Cheryl Albright PhD
 - Funding: \$850,000
 - Start date: July 1, 2002 (5 years)
2. Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation (MTF? Donor Services Grant Program
 - "The use of 'Team Leaders' to Increase Tissue Donation at a Small Tissue Recovery Program"
 - Funding: \$34,000
 - Start date: Sept 1, 2002 (1 year)
3. R01-DK 079684-01 "Multimedia Intervention to Motivate Ethnic Minority Teens to be Designated Donors"
 - Accepted to National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institute of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, July 7, 2007
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31. Wong LL, Limm W, Cheung A, Noguchi H, “Liver transplant in Hawaii: the survival of a small center”, Pacific Coast Surgical Association, February 21, 2005, Laguna Niguel, CA.
32. Inouye DS, Kickertz K, Wong LL, “Methamphetamine use in deceased donors impairs renal function in kidney recipients”, presented at the Pacific Coast Surgical Association, February 2006
Also presented at the Hawaii Chapter of the American College of Surgeons meeting, August 12, 2006
33. Wong D, Watarai J, Wong LL, “Periprocedure bleeding in patients on clopidogrel”, poster presented to the Pacific Coast Surgical Association , February 2006
Also presented at the Hawaii Chapter of the American College of Surgeons meeting, August 12, 2006
34. Lorenzo CSF, Gibo C, Lurie F, Wong LL, “Factors affecting 5 year survival in patients with hepatocellular cancer”, Digestive Diseases Week, Los Angeles, May 20-22, 2006.
35. Park C, Limm W, Wong LL, “Improving living organ donation: Lessons learned from a multi-ethnic transplant program”, submitted to the Pacific Coast Surgical Association, Annual Meeting, February 18, 2007, Kohala Coast, Hawaii.
36. Bailey C, Kindle K, Limm W, Wong LL, “Renal transplant class improves efficiency of evaluation”, poster presentation, 15th Annual UNOS Transplant Management Forum. April 22-25, 2007
37. Wong LL, Tsai N, “Hepatocellular cancer in Filipino-Americans in Hawaii”, submitted to the Asia-Pacific

Association for the Study of Liver Disease, Annual Meeting Kyoto, March 30, 2007.

38. Wong LL, "Will Liver Transplant for Hepatocellular Cancer using the UCSF criteria help" presented at the American Hepato Pancreato Biliary Association, annual Meeting, Las Vegas, April 2007. (oral/poster session)
39. Albright C, Wong LL, Dela Cruz MR, Abe L, Sagayadoro T, "Prevalence of designated donor status and family discussions about organ donation in Filipino-Americans: Results of Hawaii's Bayanihan Project", American Transplant Congress, San Francisco, May 18, 2007.. (poster presentation)

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

40. Wong D, Wong LL. "The Effects of Clopidogrel on Traumatic Brain Injured Patients", Pacific Coast Surgical Association, Annual Meeting, Hotel Del Coronado, February 16, 2008.
41. Hammill C, Concepcion J, Wong LL. "Increasing Death Rates in Cholangiocarcinoma: Can Surgery Change the Trend". Pacific Coast Surgical Association, Annual Meeting, Hotel Del Coronado, February 16, 2008. (poster presentation)
42. Hammill C, Wong LL. "Is Screening for Hepatocellular Cancer Necessary?" Pacific Coast Surgical Association, Annual Meeting, Hotel Del Coronado, February 16, 2008. (poster presentation)
43. Hammill C, Wong LL. "Does Screening for Hepatocellular Cancer Affect Outcome?", Presidential Plenary Session, (highest rated abstract in each discipline presented) American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association Annual Meeting, Ft Lauderdale, Florida, March 28, 2008.
44. Aoki C, Chen M, Sterward S, Moy C, Wong LL. "Differences between hepatitis B and non-hepatitis B associated HCC in Asian and Pacific Islanders living in Hawaii". Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium 2008, sponsored by ASCO, Orlando, Florida, January 26, 2008. (poster presentation)
45. Hammill C, Concepcion J, Wong LL, Tsai N. "Cholangiocarcinoma in Asians-Americans", Asia- Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver, Seoul, Korea, March 29, 2008. (Presidential gold medal selection, poster presentation)
46. Sharma T, Hammill C, Wong LL, "Hepatitis B core antibody positive hepatocellular cancer patients in Hawaii", 18th Congress of Asia- Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver, Seoul, Korea, March 2008. (poster presentation)
47. Wong LL, Kindle K, Limm B, Limm W. "Racial disparities in renal transplant in Pacific Islanders is a problem of referral to the transplant center", American Transplant Congress, Toronto, Canada, May 23-26, 2008. (poster presentation)
48. Hammill C, Fraser C, Enos R, Komura S, Wong LL, "Steatosis in Hepatocellular Cancer Patients", oral poster presentation to American Hepato-Pancreato Biliary Association, Miami, Florida, March 2009
49. Hammill C, Wong LL, "Validating the MELD-based Objective Scoring System

(MOSS) in Patients Treated with Radiofrequency Ablation", oral poster presentation to American Hepato-Pancreato Biliary Association, Miami, Florida, March 2009

50. Sharma T, Wong LL, "Survival Implications of Multiple Malignancies in Patients with Hepatocellular Carcinoma", 2009 Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium (Co-sponsored by AGA, ASCO, ASTRO, SSO), San Francisco, January 15-17, 2009 (poster presentation)

51. Dela Cruz, MR; Albright CL, Wong L, Sagayadoro, T. "Organ Donation: Attitudes, Intentions, and Barriers of Filipino-American Youth in Hawaii". American Public Health Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA. October 25-28, 2008.

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

52. Teh SH, Hammill C, Wong L, Sheppard BC, Schwartz J, Kaufman J, K Kolbeck, Cha S, Orloff SL. "Validation of the MELD-BASED Objective Scoring System (MOSS): Unresectable Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Patients with Cirrhosis" . American Hepato-Pancreato Biliary Association, Miami, Florida, March 2009

53. Wong LL, Ochner M, Wimmer-Kunitomo K. "Hepatocellular Cancer in Pacific Islanders".
Oral poster presentation to American Hepato-Pancreato Biliary Association, Miami, Florida, March 2009
Oral presentation (by Ochner M) to American College of Physicians, Hawaii Chapter Koolau Country Club, January 10 2009. (First prize presentation)
Poster presentation to the American College of Physicians, Philadelphia, April 2009
Poster presentation to "He Huliau: A Turning Point: Eliminating Health Disparities in Native and Pacific Peoples." (The Center for Native and Pacific Health Disparities Research and the Department of Native Hawaiian Health) Orange County, CA, February 5-7, 2009

54. Hammill C, Wong LL. "Hepatocellular cancer: It is the size of the tumor, not the patient that matters" . accepted to Digestive Diseases Week, Chicago , Illinois, May 29-June 5, 2009.

55. Grace N, Wong LL. "Should peripheral-vascular disease related amputation be considered a contraindication to Renal Transplantation ", North American Society for Dialysis and Transplant, Annual Meeting, July 2009, Kapalua, Maui

56. Park C, Tsai N, Wong LL, " Patients with non-alcoholic steatohepatitis are referred for liver transplant with worse renal function: Implications for MELD score", accepted to American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, Annual Meeting, Boston, Mass, November 2009.

57. Clark JJ, Wong LL, Lurie F. "Risk factors for contrast-induced nephropathy in trauma patients", accepted to Pacific Coast Surgical Association, Kapalua, Maui, February 2010.

58. Hammill C, Wong LL. "Ablate, Resect or Transplant: the ART of management of hepatocellular cancer". submitted to Pacific Coast Surgical Association, Kapalua, Maui, February 2010.

59. Grace N, Wong LL. "Family history of hepatocellular cancer does not affect survival from this same cancer". submitted to Pacific Coast Surgical Association, Kapalua, Maui, February 2010.
60. Subramaniam S, Wong LL, Hernandez B. "Metabolic factors may play a role in hepatocellular cancer in US-born Asians compared to Asian immigrants", submitted to Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium 2010, Orlando, Florida, January 22-24, 2010.

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

61. Wong LL, Hernandez B. " The effect of metabolic factors in hepatocellular cancer in US born Asians compared to Asian immigrants", submitted to the International Hepato Pancreato-Biliary Association, 9th World Congress, Buenos Aires, April 18-22, 2010.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS:

Moderator, "Non-surgical Therapy for Hepatocellular Cancer", Early Morning Workshop, American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, Dallas, Texas, October 31, 2000.

Discussant, Pacific Coast Surgical Association, Annual Meeting
Las Vegas, Nevada. February 17, 2002.

Moderator, "Innovations in Pediatric and Perinatal Medicine", Sponsored by the Dept of Pediatrics, Stanford University School of Medicine and Kapiolani Medical Center,
November 8, 2003

Discussant, Pacific Coast Surgical Association, Annual Meeting
Wailea, Maui, Hawaii, February 15, 2004

National Institute of Health- NIDDK Investigators Meeting, for Minority Organ Donation Initiative
Hawaii Prince Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii, February 25-26, 2005.

National Institute of Health – NIDDK Investigators Meeting for Minority Organ Donation Initiative
At the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, March 13-14, 2006.

Moderator, Transplantation for the Primary Care Provider, CME conference, Hawaii Prince Hotel,
September 16, 2006.

National Institute of Health – NIDDK Investigators Meeting for Minority Organ Donation Initiative,
Sponsored by the University of Michigan, Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua, March 1-2, 2007

Moderator, American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association, Annual Meeting, Miami Florida.,
March 12-15, 2009.

EDITORIAL SERVICE

Independent reviewer	BioMed Central	(2003)
	Liver Transplantation	(2004)
	European Surgical Research	(2006)
	Clinical Transplantation	(2008)

COURSES ATTENDED

"Clinical Trials Methods" course 2003, American College of Surgeons, Chicago, Illinois, November 20-25, 2003.

LECTURES

"Nursing Seminar in Liver Transplantation", St. Francis Medical Center, March 2-3, 1993.

"Liver Transplantation", Grand Rounds, Castle Memorial Medical Center, April 6, 1993.

"Liver Failure and Transplantation", Medical Grand Rounds, St. Francis Medical Center, April 15, 1993.

"Liver Failure and Transplantation", Medical School Colloquium, University of Hawaii, School of Medicine, April 28, 1993.

"Current Concepts in Liver Transplantation", Surgical Grand Rounds, St. Francis Medical Center, May 7, 1993.

"Liver Failure and Transplantation", Medical/GI Grand Rounds, Kuakini Medical Center, May 14, 1993.

"Liver Failure and Transplantation", Surgical/GI Grand Rounds, Kaiser Medical Center, June 4, 1993.

"Liver Transplantation", Association of Operating Room Nurses, St. Francis Medical Center, September 20, 1993.

"Vascular Access", Nephrology Nursing Course, St. Francis Medical Center, September 22, 1993.

"Transplantation in the Islands", Donation Facilitator Seminar --Expanding Organ and Tissue

Donation on the Neighbor Islands, Organ Donor Center of Hawaii, October 8, 1993.

"Chronic Liver Failure and Liver Transplantation", Grand Rounds, Kona Hospital, January 4, 1994.

"Organ Transplantation", CME lecture, Kapiolani Medical Center at Pali Momi, May 2, 1994.

"Portal Hypertension and UGI Bleeding", Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, Queen's Medical Center, July 15, 1994.

"Liver Transplantation: Implications for Endoscopy", Nursing Seminar, SGNA, Queen's Medical Center, December 4, 1994.

LECTURES GIVEN (continued)

"Organ Donation and Transplantation", CME lecture, Wahiawa General Hospital, March 14, 1995.

"Blood Transfusions and Liver Transplant", Blood Bank of Hawaii, March 21, 1995.

"The Liver", UH School of Medicine Colloquium, April 12, 1995.

"The Acute Abdomen", CME lecture for MICTs, April 25, 1995

"Organ Donation and Transplants", Roosevelt High School, May 4, 1995

"Blood Transfusions and Liver Transplant", Clinical Pathology Conference, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, June 22, 1995

"Breast Cancer", Oncology Nursing Seminar, St Francis Medical Center, June 27, 1995.

"Update on Liver Transplantation", CME Lecture, Hilo Hospital, August 19, 1995.

"New Developments in Hepatobiliary Disease", CME Lecture, Maui Memorial Hospital, September 20, 1995.

"Hepatic Cryosurgery" and "Update on Liver Transplantation", Critical Care Nursing Seminar, St. Francis Medical Center, October 5, 1995.

"Pediatric Liver Transplantation", Grand Rounds/CME lecture, Kapiolani Medical Center, October 23, 1995.

"Liver Cancer and Hepatic Cryosurgery", CME lecture, St. Francis Medical Center, November 17, 1995.

"Treatment of Liver Cancer", Tumor board and CME lecture, Kona Community Hospital, November 22, 1995.

"Multiple Trauma", Emergency Nursing Seminar, St. Francis Medical Center, May 12, 1996.

“Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Detection and Treatment”, Grand Rounds, Dept of Medicine, Queen’s Medical Center, October 18, 1996.

“Transplantation Overview”, Clergy Workshop sponsored by the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii, October 22, 1996.

“Controversies in Management of End-stage Liver Disease”, Symposium on Outlook on Hepatitis C, sponsored by Chiron, Kahala Mandarin Hotel, January 5, 1997.

“Hepatobiliary Cancer: A Surgeon’s Perspective”, Clinical Trials Update Meeting, Cancer Research Center of Hawaii, CME Lecture, June 18, 1997.

LECTURES GIVEN (continued)

“Transplantation Overview” at Miracles, Medicine, and Ministry: A Workshop for Clergy, sponsored by the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii, Hilton Hawaiian Village, October 2, 1997

“Transplantation Overview” at “Share the Gift of Life” sponsored by the Filipino Coalition For Solidarity and Hawaii MOTTEP (Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program), Pacific Beach Hotel, January 31, 1998.

“Update in Liver Transplantation 1998”. Maui Memorial Hospital. CME lecture, February 18, 1998

“Assessment and Management of the Trauma Patient”. Emergency Nursing Seminar, St. Francis Medical Center, April 15, 1998.

“Update in Liver Transplantation 1998”. Medical Grand Rounds. St. Francis Medical Center, April 23, 1998.

“Cancer Surgery and Treatment”. Nursing CME course. St. Francis Medical Center, August 6, 1998.

“Organ Transplantation and Donation”. Hawaii Nurses Association, CME Lecture, Kapiolani Medical Center at Pali Momi, October 2, 1998.

“Organ Transplantation and Donation”, Grand Rounds, CME lecture, Kapiolani Medical Center at Pali Momi, October 12, 1998.

“Therapy for Liver Cancer”, Surgical Grand Rounds, CME lecture, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, January 8, 1999.

“Liver Cancer, Diagnosis and Management” , Hawaii Oncology Data Management Association Workshop, St. Francis Medical Center, March 19, 1999.

“Organ Transplantation and Donation”. CME lecture, St. Francis West Medical Center,

September 17, 1999.

“Liver Transplantation”. Medicine for the New Millenium, HMA Annual Meeting, Waikoloa Village, Kohala Coast, Hawaii, October 31, 1999.

“Organ donation/transplantation” Guest Speaker, Lions Club of Honolulu, YWCA, March 14, 2000.

“Organ transplant 2000”, Guest Speaker, Transplant Association of Hawaii, Paki Hale, May 20, 2000.

“Organ transplant: The next millennium” Guest Speaker, Hawaii Association of Medical Transcriptionists, Ala Moana Hotel, May 26, 2000.

LECTURES GIVEN (continued)

“Hepatocellular Cancer”, Guest speaker, Clinical Oncology Seminar, East Meets West Program with China, St. Francis Medical Center, April 20, 2001.

“Liver Transplantation for Hepatocellular Cancer –Is It Indicated?” Fourth Annual West Hawaii Cancer Symposium, Four Seasons Hualalai, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, September 15, 2001.

“Optimal Management of the Apparently Localized Hepatocellular Cancer”, Fifth Annual West Hawaii Cancer Symposium, Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, September 6, 2002.

“Transplant Update”, Bayanihan, A project of MOTTEP Hawaii/Organ Donor Center of Hawaii/Cancer Research Center/University of Hawaii, Filipino Community Center, November 23, 2002.

“Hepatic Malignancies: Diagnosis and Surgical Treatment”, Continuing Medical Education lecture, Wilcox Memorial Hospital, Kauai, HI, March 31, 2003.

“Fulminant Hepatic Failure”, University of Hawaii, Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, Queens Conference Center, August 19, 2003.

“Portal Hypertension”, Resident Journal Club, University of Hawaii, Dept of Surgery, December 10, 2003.

“Commonly Asked Questions about Liver Transplant for Hepatitis”, Hepatitis B/C Educational Awareness and Testing Health Fair/Conference, (Community lecture), Harris United Methodist Church, April 10, 2004.

“Portal Hypertension II”, Residents Journal Club, University of Hawaii, Dept of Surgery, May 19, 2004.

“The Liver Ultrasound is Abnormal: what to do next?” Liver Diseases Symposium for the Primary Care Provider, CME lecture for St. Francis Medical Center, January 15, 2005.

“The Consequences of Undiagnosed Hepatitis B”, dinner lecture sponsored by Gilead Sciences, Inc,

3660 on the Rise, May 26, 2005.

“Hepatitis B and C Treatment and Liver Transplant”, Panel discussion at “Liver Update: An Educational Program” sponsored by the Hawaii Chapter of the American Liver Foundation, St. Francie Medical Center, July 30, 2005.

“Liver Transplant: Update for 2005”, Surgical Grand Rounds, CME lecture, St. Francis Medical Center, Weinberg Pavilion, September 9, 2005.

“Liver Transplant: What’s new in 2005?”, Friday Noon Conference, CME Lecture, Straub Clinic and Hospital, October 14, 2005.

“Risk factors for Liver Cancer”, Cancer Care: Current Issues, Free Public Meeting, Renaissance Ilikai Waikiki Hotel, Pacific Ballroom, Hosted by Straub Clinic and Hospital, November 19, 2005

LECTURES GIVEN (continued)

“Hepatic Tumors”, Didactic lecture for surgical residents, University of Hawaii School of Medicine, Tower, 6th floor, November 30, 2005

“Liver Transplantation”, Didactic lecture for surgical residents, University of Hawaii School of Medicine, Tower 6th floor, February 8, 2005

“Liver Transplant for Hepatocellular Cancer – We should not transplant larger tumors”, Innovations in Medical and Surgical Care Conference. UCSF CME lecture, Kahala Mandarin Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 15-18, 2006

“Crystal Methamphetamine in Renal Donors”, CME lecture (to UCLA, USC, St. Vincent’s Medical Center, Cedars Sinai Medical Center and OneLegacy) sponsored by Roche, Foge De Chao restaurant, Los Angeles, California, December 7, 2006.

“Liver Transplant Update 2007”, Department of Surgery, University of Hawaii School of Medicine, Grand Rounds, UH Tower, 6th floor, January 31, 2007

“Liver Tumors” – Journal Club, Surgical Residents, Univ of Hawaii School of Medicine, UH tower, 6th floor, March 28, 2007.

“Gallbladder tumors” – Journal Club, Surgical Residents, Univ of Hawaii School of Medicine, UH tower, 6th floor, May 16, 2007.

“Who gets a Liver Transplant?” – dinner lecture with Dr. Fred Poordad (“Update on Hepatitis B”), sponsored by Gilead Sciences, Kaikodo Restaurant, Hilo, Hawaii, July 28, 2007.

“Transplant and Vascular Access”, Journal Club for University of Hawaii Surgical Residency Program, UH tower, 6th floor, September 26, 2007.

“Hepatic Tumors”, didactic lecture for University of Hawaii Surgical Residency Program, UH tower 6th floor, November 28, 2007.

"Transplant Tourism", didactic lecture for University of Hawaii Surgical Residency Program, UH tower 6th floor, February 13, 2008.

"The Future of Hepatitis B and C" Liver Update Seminar, Panel Discussion with Dr. Rober Gish, Dr. Naoky Tsai, and Dr. Jimmy Yoon, CME conference, Queens Conference Center, July 19, 2008.

"Hepatic Tumors", Case conference to UH Surgical Residents, November 5, 2008.

"Transplant Tourism and Organ Trafficking", Surgical Grand Rounds, Hawaii Medical Center-East, CME lecture, December 12, 2008.

"Update on Hepatocellular Cancer", CME lecture, Cancer Research Center of Hawaii
July 21, 2009