



# 2025 Portal Intervention Symposium

September 26-28 | Chicago, IL

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

6:30 am - 5:30 pm Registration & Information Desk Open Chicago Ballroom Foyer

7:00am - 8:00 am Breakfast with Exhibitors Chicago Ballroom Foyer

8:00am - 9:30 am Session I: Introduction & Work-Up Chicago Ballroom ABCD

Moderators: Bulent Arslan, Talia Baker, Sheila Eswaran, Juan Carlos Garcia-Pagan, Atoosa Rabiee

8:00am	Pre- & post-operative workup for TIPS: Red lines & Grey zones	Brett Fortune
8:10am	TIPS: How Important is Indication?	Virginia Hernandez-Gea
8:20am	Trans-Jugular Liver Biopsy & Manometry	Christopher Molvar
8:30am	Treatment Algorithms for Management of Ectopic Varices	Wael Saad
8:40am	MELD, MELD-Na+, MELD-3.0 & more MELDs: What we need to know	Sheila Eswaran
8:50am	Renal Dysfunction & Hepatorenal Syndrome in Liver Disease Patients	Atoosa Rabiee
9:00am	LFI: Liver Frailty Index: Implications and Evaluation	Talia Baker
9:10am	HVPG: Why & How to Measure	Juan Carlos Garcia-Pagan
9:20am	Panel Discussion & Questions	

9:30 am - 10:00 am Networking Break with Exhibitors Chicago Ballroom Foyer

10:00 am - 11:15 am Session II: Deep Dive into the Technical Aspects of TIPS Chicago Ballroom ABCD

Moderators: Jafar Golzarian, Matthew Johnson, Bob Ryu, Kei Yamada

10:00 am	Basic Anatomy & Tricks for conventional fluoroscopic-guided TIPS	Wael Saad
10:08 am	CO2 Portography: Why & How to do it	Jafar Golzarian
10:16 am	How to do TIPS with Ultrasound-guidance (IVUS / ICE)	Osman Ahmed
10:24 am	General Overview of Anatomical Problems in Cirrhotic Patients that would Require Unconventional Techniques in Creating TIPS	Hector Ferral
10:32 am	Fluoroscopic Gunsight TIPS: Techniques and Applications	Wael Saad
10:40 am	Ultrasound-guided Reverse-TIPS: Techniques and Applications	Mohamed Shaker
10:48 am	Ideal TIPS-stent placement	Timothy Clark
10:56 am	Panel Discussion & Questions	

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 (cont'd)**

<b>11:15 am - 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Session III: Portal Hypertension Board Case Panel</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom ABCD</b>
<b>Moderators &amp; Case Presenters: Bulent Arslan and Wael Saad</b>		
<b>Panelists: Edie Chan, Sheila Eswaran, Brett Fortune, Jafar Golzarian, Matthew Johnson</b>		

<b>12:00 pm - 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Industry Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Gore</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom EFG</b>
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<b>1:00 pm - 2:30 pm</b>	<b>Session IV: Portal Interventions: Pushing the Envelope</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom ABCD</b>
<b>Moderators: Bulent Arslan, Jafar Golzarian, John Kaufman, Bob Ryu</b>		
1:00 pm	Balloon-assisted Caval Occlusion for Transvenous Obliteration of Varices	Slava Malov
1:10 pm	Percutaneous Spleno-Renal Shunt	Kei Yamada
1:20 pm	Percutaneous Meso-Caval Shunts	Rahul Patel
1:30 pm	Flush Abernethy Malformation with Caval Agenesis: Coming Out on Top	Wael Saad
1:40 pm	TIPS Creation in the Setting of a Cavernoma	Arun Gupta
1:50 pm	Percutaneous Trans-mesenteric Portal Vein Recanalization (PVR)	Riad Salem
2:00 pm	Percutaneous Caverno-Caval Shunts: Landing a TIPS in a Collateral	Bulent Arslan
2:10 pm	Panel Discussion & Questions	

<b>2:30 pm - 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Networking Break with Exhibitors</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom Foyer</b>
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<b>3:00 pm - 4:15 pm</b>	<b>Session V: Acute/Subacute Portal Vein Thrombosis</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom ABCD</b>
<b>Moderators: Bulent Arslan, John Kaufman, Rahul Patel, Bob Ryu</b>		
3:00 pm	Clinical Presentation & When to Treat: Is there Strong Data on Catheter-directed vs. Medical Management of Acute-PVT	Virginia Hernandez-Gea
3:10 pm	Technical Considerations & Approaches: Pros & Cons to Access-routes	Wael Saad
3:20 pm	Outcomes of Catheter-directed Management: What we Know & Where we need to be	John Kaufman
3:30 pm	Transhepatic Access for Small-bore Devices	Varshana Gurusamy
3:40 pm	Transjugular Large-bore Devices	Lisa Rauschert
3:50 pm	The Kitchen Sink: The Ultimate Toolkit for Subacute to Chronic PVT	Faris Galambo
4:00 pm	Panel Discussion & Questions	

<b>4:15 pm - 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Session VI: IR Trainee Case Competition</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom ABCD</b>
<b>Moderators &amp; Judges: Bulent Arslan, Jafar Golzarian, John Kaufman</b>		

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025**

6:30 am - 5:30 pm	Registration & Information Desk Open	Chicago Ballroom Foyer
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7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast with Exhibitors	Chicago Ballroom Foyer
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8:00 am - 9:00 am	<b>Session VII: Controversies in Portal Hypertension: The Debates</b>	Chicago Ballroom ABCD
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<b>Moderators: Talia Baker, Brian Funaki, Virginia Hernandez-Gea, Bob Ryu</b>		
8:00 am	Fibrinolytics in Acute-PVT ▶ Fibrinolytics is still needed in Acute-PVT ▶ Large-bore Thrombectomy Devices made Fibrinolysis Obsolete	Vijay Ramalingham Arantxa Gelabert
8:12 am	Image-guidance during TIPS-creation: From one "senior" to another ▶ ICE should be standard in every TIPS & Conventional TIPS is obsolete ▶ ICE does not have to be used in every TIPS & conventional TIPS is better in many cases	John Kaufman Bulent Arslan
8:24 am	Traditional TIPS-access ▶ Rosch-Uchida is better than Colapinto needle access ▶ Colapinto is better than Rosch-Uchida needle access	Kei Yamada Wael Saad
8:36 am	Contemporary TIPS-access ▶ Pros and Cons of the Scorpion® TIPS Access-kit ▶ Pros and Cons of the BD Liverty™ TIPS Access-kit	Dylan Suttle Hector Ferral
8:48 am	Panel Discussion & Questions	

9:00 am - 10:00am	<b>Session VIII: Management of Ectopic Varices</b>	Chicago Ballroom ABCD
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<b>Moderators: Juan Carlos Garcia-Pagan, Jafar Golzarian, Bill Majdalany, Bob Ryu</b>		
9:00 am	Gastric Varices: Techniques & Outcomes	Saher Sabri
9:10 am	Endovascular Management of Duodenal & Mesenteric Varices	Ron Gaba
9:20 am	Endovascular Management of Parastomal Varices	Ulku Cenk Turba
9:30 am	Endovascular Management of Rectal Varices	Jordan Tasse
9:40 am	Transvenous Obliteration without TIPS for Esophageal Varices: Should it be done?	Matthew Johnson
9:50 am	Panel Discussion & Questions	

10:00 am - 10:30 am	Break with Exhibitors	Chicago Ballroom Foyer
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10:30 am - 11:30 am	<b>Session IX: Post-TIPS Management: What IRs Need to Know</b>	Chicago Ballroom ABCD
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<b>Moderators: Brett Fortune, Virginia Hernandez-Gea, Atoosa Rabiee, Wael Saad</b>		
10:30 am	Management of TIPS Associated Hepatic Encephalopathy	Anjana Pillai
10:40 am	Leg Swelling/Edema after TIPS: Pathogenesis, Significance & Management	Nassir Rostambeigi
10:50 am	Effect of TIPS on Transplant Listing and Technical Aspects of Transplants	Talia Baker
11:00 am	Post-TIPS Management & Protocols of Patients with Variceal Bleed Indications	Juan Carlos Garcia-Pagan
11:10 am	Same Day Discharge TIPS: Why You Should Consider It	Donna D'Souza
11:20 am	Panel Discussion & Questions	

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 (cont'd)**

<b>11:30 am - 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Session X: Portal Hypertension Board Case Panel</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom ABCD</b>
<b>Moderators &amp; Case Presenters: Bulent Arslan and Wael Saad</b>		
<b>Panelists: Talie Baker, Sheila Eswaran, Atoosa Rabiee, Bob Ryu, Kei Yamada</b>		

<b>12:00 pm - 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch with Exhibitors</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom Foyer</b>
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<b>1:00 pm - 2:30 pm</b>	<b>Session XI: Management of Ascites</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom ABCD</b>
<b>Moderators: Justin Boike, Brett Fortune, Jafar Golzarian, Virginia Hernandez-Gea</b>		
1:00 pm	Protocols for Managing Liver-associated Ascites	Atoosa Rabiee
1:10 pm	Post-TIPS Endpoints for Portosystemic Gradient: Fact or Fiction	Bob Ryu
1:20 pm	Management of Ascites after TIPS: Criteria for Success & Changes in Diuretic Management	Brett Fortune
1:30 pm	Denver Shunts: Placement, Outcomes and Maintenance	Ziga Cizman
1:40 pm	Sarcopenia: Imaging Calculations / Methodology & Outcomes Prediction for TIPS and Transplantation	Ahmed Kamel Abdel Aal
1:50 pm	Do we have Evidence to Support Early-TIPS for Ascites	Laura Kulik
2:00 pm	Liver & Splenic Elastography: What the IR need to Know	Virginia Hernandez-Gea
2:10 pm	Panel Discussion & Questions	

<b>2:30 pm - 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Exhibits and Refreshment Break</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom Foyer</b>
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<b>3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Session XII: Management of Gastro-Esophageal Varices</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom ABCD</b>
<b>Moderators: Bulent Arslan, Ron Gaba, Juan Carlos Garcia-Pagan, Virginia Hernandez-Gea</b>		
3:00 pm	AASLD Criteria & Definitions for Collective "Early" TIPS	Maria Del Pilar Bayona Molar
3:10 pm	Do we have Real-world Evidence of "Early" TIPS for Variceal Bleeding?	Juan Carlos Garcia-Pagan
3:20 pm	Post-TIPS Endpoints for Variceal Bleeding: Gradients & Angiography	Ron Gaba
3:30 pm	Post-TIPS Medical Management of Variceal Bleeding	Brett Fortune
3:40 pm	Hypotheses on Why TIPS is More Effective in Managing EVs Compared to GVs	Wael Saad
3:50 pm	Panel Discussion & Questions	

<b>4:00 pm - 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Session XIII: Practice-Building in Portal Hypertension</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom ABC</b>
<b>Panelists: Talia Baker, George Behrens, Atoosa Rabiee, Wael Saad</b>		

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 (cont'd)**

<b>4:30 pm - 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Session XIV: Splenic Embolization in Portal Hypertension &amp; Liver Transplantation</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom ABC</b>
<b>Moderators: Bulent Arslan, Edie Chan, Ron Gaba, Jafar Golzarian</b>		
4:30 pm	Splenic Steal Syndrome (Non-Occlusive Hepatic Artery Hypoperfusion)	Fadi Youness
4:40 pm	Partial Splenic Embolization (PSE): How I do it	Brian Funaki
4:50 pm	PSE Utilizing Liquid Embolics	Bulent Arslan
5:00 pm	Outcomes of PSE for Portal Hypertension and Hypersplenism	Nishita Kothary
5:10 pm	Clinical Applications for Splenic Embolization in Variceal Bleeding	Jafar Golzarian
5:20 pm	Panel Discussion & Questions	
<b>5:30 pm - 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Networking Reception with Exhibitors</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom Foyer</b>

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

<b>6:30 am - 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Information Desk Open</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom Foyer</b>
<b>7:30 am - 8:30 am</b>	<b>Session XV: Pre-Recorded Live Cases</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom ABCD</b>
<b>Moderators: Osman Ahmed, Bulent Arslan, Brian Funaki</b>		
7:30 am	Conventional-TIPS under Fluoroscopy	Matthew Johnson
7:50 am	ICE-guided TIPS: How I do it	Jeet Minocha
8:10 am	TIPS-PVR (Portal Vein Recanalization)	Riad Salem
<b>8:30 am - 9:30 am</b>	<b>Session XVI: New Technology</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom ABCD</b>
<b>Moderators: Osman Ahmed, Bulent Arslan, Wael Saad</b>		
8:30 am	alfapump®: Totally Implantable Peritoneal Drain Pump with Urinary Bladder Drainage	Rahul Patel
8:50 am	Early Experience Utilizing 4D-ICE-guidance for TIPS: Is it useful	Ziga Cizman
9:10 am	FibroOptic Steriotactic Guidance for TIPS Creation	Wael Saad
<b>9:30 am - 10:00 am</b>	<b>Brunch with New Technology Showcase Companies</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom Foyer</b>
<b>10:00 am - 11:30 am</b>	<b>Session XVII: Controversies In Portal Hypertension: The Debates</b>	<b>Chicago Ballroom ABCD</b>
<b>Moderators: Bulent Arslan, Talia Baker, Brian Funaki, Juan Carlos Garcia-Pagan</b>		
10:00 am	TIPS Diameter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ A TIPS Less than 8mm is needed as an option for patients</li> <li>▶ A TIPS Less than 8mm is not needed as an option for patients</li> </ul>	Nishita Kothary Matthew Johnson
10:12 am	Obliteration of Varices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Coil/Plug Embolization of Gatsroesophageal Varices is Sufficiaent</li> <li>▶ Sclerosis of Gastroesophageal Varices is a must (Embolization is not enough)</li> </ul>	Jafar Golzarian Saher Sabri

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 (cont'd)**

<b>10:00 am - 11:30 am Session XVII: Controversies In Portal Hypertension: The Debates (cont'd)</b>		<b>Chicago Ballroom ABCD</b>
10:24am	TIPS Extensions at the Hepatic Venous End <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Bare-stent extension to the Hepatic Vein Caval Junction is acceptable</li> <li>▶ Bare-stent extension to the Hepatic Vein Caval Junction is unacceptable (must be Stent-grafts)</li> </ul>	Bill Majdalany Jordan Tasse
10:36 am	TransVenous Liver Biopsies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Transjugular Liver Biopsy is Better than TransFemoral</li> <li>▶ TransFemoral Liver Biopsy is Better than Transjugular</li> </ul>	Bob Ryu Jacob Cynamon
10:48 am	PVE Access/Approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Conralateral TransHepatic Access or Transsplenic Access is Ideal</li> <li>▶ Epsilateral TransHepatic Access is Ideal</li> </ul>	Vijay Ramalingam Jordan Tasse
11:00 am	TIPS-PVR in Cirrhotics: Collaterals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Collaterals need to be Embolized after TIPS-PVR</li> <li>▶ Collaterals do not need to be Embolized after TIPS-PVR</li> </ul>	Beau Toskich Riad Salem
11:12 am	Panel Discussion & Questions	
<b>11:30 am - 12:30 pm Session XVIII: Transvenous Obliteration (#RTO) of GV's</b>		<b>Chicago Ballroom ABCD</b>
<b>Moderators: Juan Carlos Garcia-Pagan, Jafar Golzarian, Wael Saad</b>		
11:30 am	#RTO of GV's: How I Do it	Ziga Cizman
11:40 am	#RTO: The Other way of Doing it	Bill Majdalany
11:50 am	Pre- and Post-care of the GV #RTO Patient	Veronica Loy
12:00 pm	Complications of #RTO	Beau Toskich
12:10 pm	Outcomes of Endovascular Management of GV's	Merve Ozen
12:20 pm	Insights on Guidelines for Managing GV's: Where are we Heading (Endoscopy, #RTO, TIPS)?	Juan Carlos Garcia-Pagan
12:30 pm	Panel Discussion & Questions	
<b>12:40 pm - 2:10 pm Session XIX: All You Need To Know About TIPS-PVR</b>		<b>Chicago Ballroom ABCD</b>
<b>Moderators: Juan Carlos Garcia-Pagan, Jafar Golzarian, Wael Saad</b>		
12:40 pm	Workup of TIPS-PVR Patient: Candidacy, Clinical & Imaging Work-up	Bartley Thornburg
12:50 pm	Trans-Splenic TIPS-PVR: Panning & Technique	Osman Ahmed
1:00 pm	When & How do we Utilize: Trans-Hepatic / Trans-Mesenteric TIPS-PVR	Riad Salem
1:10 pm	Recannalizing Mesenteric and PV Occlusion via a Mini-Laparotomy: A thing of the Past or Still Applicable?	Saher Sabri
1:20 pm	Gunsite Technique during TIPS-PVR: When & How	Saher Sabri
1:30 pm	Post-procedural Care and Follow-up of the TIPS-PVR Patient	Justin Boike
1:40 pm	Expectations & Surgical Techniques of Liver Transplantation after TIPS-PVR	Talia Baker
1:50 pm	Panel Discussion & Questions	

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