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Liver Transplantation for Hepatitis B Virus Infection: Improving Long-Term Outcomes

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Introduction

Three professional organizations dedicated to the science and art of liver transplantation -- the International Liver Transplantation Society (ILTS) (<http://www.ilsts.org/>), the European Liver Transplant Association (ELTA), and the Liver Intensive Care Group of Europe (LICAGE) (<http://www.md.ucl.ac.be/licage/home.swf>) -- convened in Berlin, Germany, for an unprecedented international meeting and program focused on scientific advances in clinical management of liver transplant (LT) recipients. In addition to state-of-the art symposia on topics such as surgical techniques, anesthesia and critical care, artificial liver support technologies, and postoperative complications, nearly 400 oral and more than 275 poster abstracts were presented. The entire program can be seen at <http://www.ilsts-berlin.de/>. This report focuses on one aspect of the meeting -- outcomes of liver transplantation in patients with hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection.

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