

Canadian Association
for the Study of the Liver



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CPD Mission Statement

The mission of the Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver (CASL) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program is to optimize and improve the liver health of Canadians by providing national leadership in education, and timely access to programming and resources in all aspects of medical research, therapies and physician competence as it pertains to the liver.

The Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver is comprised of a multidisciplinary group of doctors, scientists and health care providers whose practice, research, teaching and advocacy focus mainly on the liver. Over 80% of CASL's members work primarily in an academic setting with nearly half of their time dedicated to research.

CASL's CPD program promotes and provides opportunities for life-long learning for CASL members and practitioners in gastroenterology and other fields who may intersect with liver disease, as well as allied health professionals interested in liver disease.

Through a responsive process based on the evolving needs of our community, our goals are to:

- Assess the professional development needs of our community and target audience on a yearly basis as part of the evaluation process for our annual meeting;
- Create and partner in educational activities consistent with identified needs arising from those yearly assessments;
- Offer a varied format of educational programming to reach different areas of our target audience including: group learning activities (annual meeting and single topic conference, held each year in the Spring and Fall respectively), self-learning activities (CASL website and Canadian Liver Journal) as well as self-assessment opportunities;
- Review and approve CPD activities created in partnership with medical organizations (accreditation of yearly as well as one-time events), in line with the guidelines and criteria set out by the RCPSC;
- Co-develop CPD activities with non-medical organizations in compliance with the *National Standard for Support of Accredited CPD Activities*, as a part of the annual meeting and other events; and
- Evaluate the effectiveness of our educational programming and its impact on attendees in their practice and research by monitoring attendance at CASL educational events, performing a compilation of meeting evaluations and feedback forms, monitoring website uptake for self-learning activities and issuing – at least once every three years – a specific survey focusing on the effectiveness of our CPD program.