

# Academic Debates

A Professional Education Program Presented by the American Liver Foundation, Great Lakes Division Medical Advisory Committee

Join the American Liver Foundation, Great Lakes Division for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Debates.

This premier educational program will host over 300 healthcare professionals to feature debates from six medical universities on three ethical topics in liver disease. Each debate is judged based on research and presentation of both the case and the rebuttal. A winner of each debate is chosen at the end of the night.

The program will include a cocktail and exhibiting hour followed by dinner and the debates.

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

5:30 – 9:30 PM

**Mid-America Club**

Aon Center, 200 E Randolph, 80<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago

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Contact Sarah Koltun at [SKoltun@LiverFoundation.org](mailto:SKoltun@LiverFoundation.org) for more information.

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**Register Online** at <https://alfevents.org/academicdebates/>

## 2018 Debate Topics

### University of Chicago (Pro) vs Advocate Lutheran General Hospital (Con)

HCV

**Needle exchange programs and the reduction of HCV transmission among injection drug users**

*Pro: Needle exchange programs should be instituted to reduce HCV transmission*

*Con: Needle exchange programs should not be instituted to reduce HCV transmission*

### Loyola University (Pro) vs Rush University (Con)

NAFLD

**Identifying the "Gold Standard" to evaluate fibrosis in patients with NAFLD**

*Pro: Non-invasive imaging has replaced biopsy as the "gold standard"*

*Con: Biopsy remains the "gold standard"*

### University of Virginia (Pro) vs Northwestern University (Con)

TRANSPLANT

**Waiting periods for transplanting patients with alcohol-induced liver disease**

*Pro: The abstinence period should be the same for all patients undergoing evaluation for transplant*

*Con: The abstinence period should be determined on a case-by-case basis*

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