Summary: Decision-making in acute liver failure: From expectant management to emergency transplant

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The speaker summarized key management principles for acute liver failure, emphasizing early referral as the most important intervention.

KEY POINTS

- The speaker stated that early referral is the most important point in acute liver failure management
- When aetiology is unclear, liver biopsy should be considered and performed transjugular due to patient coagulopathy, as some causes preclude liver transplantation
- Recovery should be assessed using standard measures like n-acetylcysteine and aetiology-specific measures, with prognostic scores supporting clinical judgement
- Organ support includes preventing cerebral injury, monitoring encephalopathy, optimizing hemodynamics and glucose, and providing renal and respiratory support
- Bridging therapies such as continuous renal replacement therapy and high volume plasma exchange should be considered when appropriate

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