

Summary: Metabolic and vascular disorders of the liver

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This session summary reviewed the evolving role of liver biopsy in MASLD, the integration of non-invasive tests in clinical pathways, and indications for specialist referral in rare conditions like SVD.

KEY POINTS

- The speaker stated that liver biopsy retains a role when used judiciously, particularly as tissue is needed to understand disease pathology, identify mechanisms, and develop new medicines for MASLD
- Non-invasive tests offer important negative predictive value and reassurance, and serial non-invasive testing provides valuable longitudinal information as data accumulate
- Clinical care pathways should layer tests appropriately to guide decision-making
- Referral to specialist centres is indicated for diagnostic uncertainty, need for specialist tests, multidisciplinary management of underlying conditions associated with rare entities like SVD, or advanced liver disease requiring higher-level interventions

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