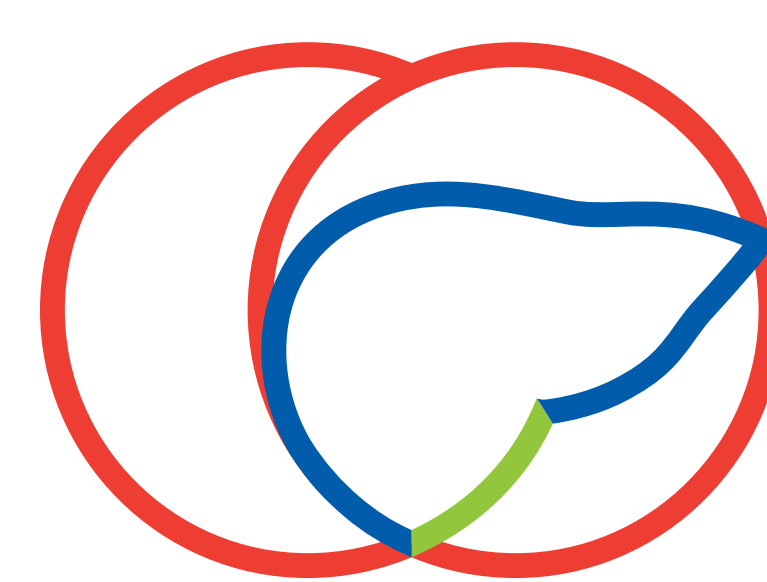


The Netherlands Association for the Study of the Liver (founded 1977) is a dynamic organization that aims to promote the field of hepatology. Its mission is to stimulate basic and clinical liver research, to educate physicians and scientists, to promote the interaction between these groups and to advise policy makers on liver-related subjects. The NASL currently has almost 700 members and continues to grow.

NASL organizes scientific and educational meetings and supports multi-disciplinary working groups on several liver-related topics. Furthermore, we stimulate young investigators with multiple (competitive) awards, travel bursaries and financial support for PhD thesis printing. The field of hepatology has numerous disciplines, which is nicely reflected by the diverse expertise of the NASL members and by our close collaboration with other organizations, such as national gastrointestinal societies, professional organizations and international organizations supporting liver research, such as EASL.



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YEARLY NASL MEETINGS

Clinical Hepatology Symposium

A clinical hepatology symposium is organized during the yearly multidisciplinary Digestive Disease Week. The symposium includes a Battle for Best Paper by young hepatologists.

Dutch Liver Week

The Dutch Liver Week is a yearly educational event, organized by the NASL for clinicians and residents in Gastroenterology-Hepatology from the Netherlands and Flanders, Belgium. This course contains a one-day tutorial with hands-on sessions in abdominal ultrasonography, followed by a three-day course of Clinical Hepatology, where a broad spectrum of diseases in hepatology is discussed by experts from The Netherlands and Belgium in an interactive way.

Dutch Liver Retreat

In this yearly meeting all basic/translational researchers with an interest in hepatology come together to discuss the latest research and to seek collaborations by means of speed-dating and writing of short grant proposals.



NASL WORKING GROUPS

To facilitate national collaborative research, the NASL sponsors working groups that are dedicated to a specific liver disease. These working groups coordinate the national collaboration on patient registration, biobanking of samples and consortium grant writing. The NASL currently sponsors the following workings groups:

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- 4. Portal hypertension**
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- 5. Dutch Benign Liver Tumor Group (DBLTG)**
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