**Liver Transplantation: Before, During, and After**

**Key Points**

1. Identify clinical decompensations in patients with liver disease.
2. Review the indication for liver transplantation.
3. Understand the use of the MELD score.
4. Identify an approach to alcohol use and sobriety in the setting of a potential liver transplant evaluation.
5. Develop an understanding of the multidisciplinary care involved with liver transplantation.

**Key Takeaways**

1. Consider screening for NAFLD in high-risk populations.
2. Identify clinical decompensations in patients with chronic liver disease.
3. Prompt early referral for liver transplantation evaluation if appropriate.
4. The MELD score predicts waiting list mortality and continues to evolve.
5. There is no six-month rule of sobriety for patients with alcohol associated liver disease.
6. Demonstration of insight and engagement in sobriety efforts (and support!) are critical.
5. It is appropriate to prepare patients for the multidisciplinary nature of a transplant evaluation.
6. Living donor liver transplant frees patients from the wait list with excellent outcomes.

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