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Bio

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Dr. Sunny Sandhu is a board-certified, fellowship-trained transplant hepatologist at Stanford Health Care. He also serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology at Stanford University School of Medicine.

Dr. Sandhu specializes in managing all aspects of liver disease. He has a particular focus on cirrhosis, liver transplantation, and outreach programs to improve access to care for patients with advanced liver disease.

Dr. Sandhu's research focuses on chronic liver diseases and liver transplantation. He has published on various topics including the management of end-stage liver disease and its associated complications, liver transplantation, and organ allocation. He has presented his work at national meetings and contributed to multiple peer-reviewed journals and book chapters in the field.

Dr. Sandhu is a fellow of the American College of Physicians (ACP) and a member of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD), American Society of Transplantation (AST), American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE), and American Gastroenterological Association (AGA).

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Hepatology
- Liver Transplantation

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Assistant Professor, Medicine - Gastroenterology & Hepatology

HONORS AND AWARDS

- VA ICARE Resident of the Year, University of California, San Francisco - Fresno
- Teamwork and Professionalism Award, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

- Member, Gold Humanism Honor Society
- Martin Kalser Award, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
- Magna Cum Laude, St. George's University School of Medicine
- Jamie S. Barkin Outstanding First Year Gastroenterology Fellow Award, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
- Emerging Leadership Program Cohort, ACG Institute and the Center for Leadership, Ethics & Equity
- Chief Fellow, Gastroenterology/Transplant Hepatology, University of Miami

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) (2019 - present)
- Member, American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) (2022 - present)
- Fellow, American College of Physicians (FACP) (2024 - present)
- Member, American Society of Transplantation (AST) (2024 - present)
- Member, American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) (2018 - present)
- Member, American College of Physicians (ACP) (2016 - present)
- Member, American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) (2018 - present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Board Certification: Gastroenterology, American Board of Internal Medicine (2025)
- Board Certification: Internal Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine (2021)
- Fellowship: Jackson Health System University of Miami (2025) FL
- Residency: UCSF Fresno Internal Medicine Residency (2022) CA
- Medical Education: St George's University School of Medicine Grenada West Indies (2018) NY West Indies

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Increasing Cardiovascular Disease-Related Mortality Burden in Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease (MASLD) in the United States: A Nationwide Analysis (1999 to 2024).** *Journal of clinical gastroenterology*
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  2026
- **Do Patients on Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) Receptor Agonists Require Longer Fasting Prior to Vibration Controlled Transient Elastography?** *The American journal of gastroenterology*
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- **New Developments in the Treatment of Hepatitis B Virus Infection.** *Gastroenterology & hepatology*
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- **Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency in Patients with Cirrhosis in a U.S. National Cohort.** *Clinical and translational gastroenterology*
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- **Hepatocellular carcinoma in Europe: opportunities and challenges** *The Lancet Regional Health – Europe*
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- **Disparities in Utilization of Palliative Care in Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure (ACLF) in the United States**
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- **Update on Organ Allocation and Liver Transplantation.** *Gastroenterology & hepatology*
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- **Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Cystic Fibrosis Liver Disease.** *Gastro hep advances*
  Tarakji, R., Sandhu, S., Martin, E. F.
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- **Small Bowel Bleeding Due to Vascular Lesions: Pathogenesis and Management.** *Current gastroenterology reports*
  Sandhu, S., Gross, J., Barkin, J. A.
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- **Expanding the Liver Donor Pool: Promise and Peril.** *Clinics in liver disease*
  Goldberg, D., Sandhu, S.
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- **Evaluating Risk Factors for Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer in a Large, Prospective Cohort.** *Digestive diseases and sciences*
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- **Portal Hypertension-Associated Gastric Polyp: A Source of Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding in Cirrhosis**
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- **Pancreatic Metastasis From Papillary Thyroid Cancer as an Unusual Cause of Pancreatic Mass Lesion: A Case Report and Review of the Literature**
  Sandhu, S., Poveda, J., Barkin, J. A.
  LIPPINCOTT WILLIAMS & WILKINS.2024: S1873-S1874
- **ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN PIMZ, PISS AND PISZ PHENOTYPES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED LIVER RELATED DEATH IN ALCOHOL-ASSOCIATED AND NAFLD CIRRHOSIS**
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- **Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis: The Bug Matters.** *Digestive diseases and sciences*
  Sandhu, S., John, B. V.
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- **CONCORDANCE OF ICD 9 AND 10 CODES AND CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS OF PRIMARY BILIARY CHOLANGITIS AND CIRRHOSIS**
  John, B. V., Bastaich, D., Sandhu, S., Dahman, B.
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- **Hyperbilirubinemia an Atypical Presentation of Multiple Myeloma** *Gut & Gastroenterology*
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