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Fatty liver disease in Latin America: an emerging public health threat

Driven predominantly by rises in obesity and dietary changes, the prevalence of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) has increased dramatically over the past few decades. It is now the most common cause of chronic liver disease worldwide. The regional prevalence of NAFLD in Latin America is second only to the Middle East and represents a growing yet underappreciated public health threat.

In this joint webinar, *The Lancet Gastroenterology & Hepatology* and *The Lancet Regional Health — Americas* bring together expert speakers to explore NAFLD in Latin America and discuss how health systems must adapt to improve prevention, diagnosis, and management of the disease and its comorbidities.

Session	Speaker
Risk factors and mechanisms of NAFLD This session will explore the individual-level and population-level risk factors and associated mechanisms that promote NAFLD development and progression	**Silvia Sookoian** Universidad de Buenos Aires, Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina
Epidemiology, detection, and management of NAFLD: a Latin American perspective This session will discuss the epidemiology of NAFLD in Latin America, and provide a regional perspective on detection and management of the disease	**Nahum Mendez-Sanchez** National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico
NAFLD and cancer risk This session will cover factors related to the development and progression of hepatocellular carcinoma and extrahepatic cancers, and aspects related to screening and surveillance	**Melisa Dirchwolf** Hospital Privado de Rosario, Rosario, Argentina
NAFLD and public health policy in Latin America This session will outline the current landscape of public health policies for NAFLD and related conditions in Latin America, and discuss goals for future policy and guideline development	**Juan Pablo Arab** Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile