

## Liver Patients International: why you would join

**Liver Patients International (LPI)**, as the name suggests is an international umbrella organization run by liver patients, with liver patients for liver patients. We welcome liver patient organizations who not only want to make a difference, but who want to be the difference that we need to see on behalf of all liver patients: now, and in the future. LPI also has a class of membership for those who are not necessarily liver patient organizations, but who share our goals and ideals and whose partnership is mutually beneficial, e.g European AIDS Treatment Group EATG, an organisation that works in HIV/AIDS field.

Trust, transparency, and integrity are core to our values and are key in securing and maintaining successful partnerships and our relationships: internal and external.

Through these values, and common goals, we are working together to improve quality of life for liver patients. With strong, collaborative partnerships, with shared knowledge and expertise, with access to resource, wisdom and experience beyond that of our own individual patient organizations, we are already having an impact. We are already able to focus on multiple agendas, helping not only the collective, but positively affecting each individual member organization.

In simple terms: nobody gets left behind. Each and every single liver patient in this world, and their families, has the right to diagnosis, treatment and support in their journey. With this as our common compass, we want you to be a part of our road map.

All of us, as individual organizations, have already impacted upon patients' lives in a positive way. As you, as an organization, have used the power of the collective voices of the patients you represent to amplify the lone voice of each and every single individual patient in need, we, as an umbrella organization, want to use the power of our collective to amplify each lone voice, and incorporate it into the choir of thousands.

We are already collaborating with many international organizations such as EASL, World hepatitis Alliance and many others on patients' behalf. This is just the start. With you involved, we can take the mandate given to us by patients and drive forward even more improvements.

We were founded in 2020 by 11 well established, powerful organizations based in: Austria (Hepatitis Aid Austria – Platform Healthy Liver - HAA), Bulgaria (HepActive & HepAsist), UK (HepC Trust, PBC Foundation), Germany (Deutsche Leberhilfe e.V.), Greece (Hellenic Liver Patients Organization "Prometheus"), Italy (EpaC Onlus), The

Netherlands (Dutch Liver Patients Organization), Romania (Sanohep), and Switzerland (Schweizerische Hepatitis C Vereinigung SHCV).

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### Who we are.

We are you. We are us. We are patients yet to be diagnosed. We are patients living with liver diseases. We are the embodiment of change: to improve patients' access to timely diagnosis, appropriate healthcare, to the best possible quality of life and a voice in the decision-making process. We are transparency. We are equity. We are mutual respect. We are integrity. We are: Liver Patients International

### What we advocate.

- better quality of life for people living with liver disease
- better diagnostic and treatment facilities
- equal access to diagnosis, treatment, information, and support
- improved patients' rights and access to decision-making processes
- improved developments in health policy globally
- improved research in all fields related to liver disease
- patient-centric care

### What we do.

LPI draws upon the knowledge of patients, healthcare professionals, the scientific community, academic institutions and the pharmaceutical industry to share expertise for and on behalf of liver patients. By pooling together our knowledge and expertise: our reach expands: in terms of countries, disease areas, and individual patients.

### Why your organization.

We are open to registered NGOs and charitable organisations, irrespective of size, working in the liver disease arena.

In short:

→ you are represented at international leading organizations such as European Association for Study of the Liver (EASL), World Hepatitis Alliance (WHA), European Reference Networks (ERN), Correlation European Harm Reduction Network, Global Liver Institute Rare Pediatric disease council (GLI), Hepatitis B & C Public Policy Association and ACHIEVE Coalition.

- you are represented within international expert forums (e.g. hepatitis B, hepatitis C, NAFLD-NASH, autoimmune hepatitis, rare pediatric liver disease etc)
- you can contribute to and benefit from international awareness days, with access to more information, social media networks and media tools
- you have access to some of the latest information available (e.g. diagnostics, new potential therapies, clinical trials, care guidelines, etc)
- you are supported in your communications (e.g. with other within the same disease area, with policy makers, with industry partners)
- you are joining a platform where international best practice is shared and highlighted
- you can amplify your patients' voice
- you are part of an open, supportive, friendly group with a common purpose

If you are not a national registered patient organization, an affiliate membership can be discussed.

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You can read more about our organization, its work and its impacts here:

<https://liverpatientsinternational.org/>

You will notice membership fees are realistic and inclusive.

More information about membership, or if you have any questions at all about LPI, please contact

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