

Patient information sheet

ACLF PLEX study

Patient is suffering from a clinical condition called acute on chronic liver failure which is serious medical condition with high risk of complications and even death within a short period of time (weeks to months) Ideally he/she needs to be treated with appropriate supportive measures and simultaneously planned for an early liver transplant. In case if there is delay in transplant workup for some reason , we shall plan for a treatment called Plasma exchange which is somewhat similar to blood purification where a certain volume of blood will be removed from patient's body and will be replaced with equal volume of fresh plasma taken from a healthy donor. This process may help the patient to tide over the current medical crisis but we can't be absolutely sure about its outcome. There are certain issues with plasma exchange like the cost involved , chance of infection and bleeding. Plasma exchange is definitely not a replacement to liver transplant.