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A pioneer in transplantation: A tribute to Professor Chris Gips (18 February 1932 – 29 July 2020)

We are very sad to announce the passing on 29 July 2020 of Prof. Chris Gips, a pioneer in liver transplantation and hepatology, known nationally and internationally for his many accomplishments in hepatology. In 1979, along with Prof. Ruud Krom (who later started the Mayo Clinic program), he started one of the world's first liver transplant programs – and the first interdisciplinary one – with 1-year survival rates of 60% (unprecedented at the time).

Prof. Gips was a pioneer in the EASL community. He was involved with EASL from the second meeting held in Gothenberg, Sweden in 1967, and attended the lion's share of meetings over the decades. Furthermore, he was a member of the steering committee of the *Journal of Hepatology* in its early days. In addition, Prof Gips was co-founder of the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Hepatologie (Dutch Hepatology Association) and the Maag Lever Darm Stichting (Dutch Digestive Foundation) and a pioneer of Nederlandse Leverpatiënten Vereniging (Dutch Liver Patient Association). He created the Professor Gips Foundation to support young scientific talent in medicine and was devoted to education all his life. With many of his students he set up international collaborations in hepatology research. With Chris Gips we lose one of the founders of Dutch hepatology and an international pioneer in liver transplantation.

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