Program Description
With the need to remain abreast of the many new and emerging advancements in the field of gastroenterology and the volume of patients continuing to increase as the population ages, the clinical gastroenterologist is more challenged than ever to deliver the best patient care in each situation they encounter. Research in a multitude of gastroenterology and hepatology areas progresses at a rapid pace. Advances in technology, diagnostic modalities, and therapeutic options have had a positive impact on the management of many GI diseases. Scientific education, based on critical foundational knowledge and clinical skills, the communication of practical methods for treatment, and the ability to integrate the newest tools in diagnosis with the latest therapeutic/treatment options, are key necessities for the GI clinician to deliver top-quality patient care. This course will provide updates on a variety of gastroenterology and hepatology subjects including colon, IBD, small bowel and functional disorders, endoscopic emergencies, quality metrics in GI, obesity, pancreaticobiliary, liver disease, esophagus and stomach, liver disease, and motility. Expert faculty will deliver scientific presentations in a variety of formats. Didactic lectures, followed by interactive question and answer sessions, small group learning luncheons, and a choice of simultaneous sessions on the latest topics in GI and liver clinical care will be offered.

The program is designed primarily for clinicians in GI/hepatology, as well as physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other advanced practice healthcare professionals interested in a scientifically sound approach to the management of GI and liver illnesses.

Accreditation / CME / MOC
The American College of Gastroenterology is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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SESSION 1B: IBD

MODERATOR: David A. Schwartz, MD, FACC

10:30 am IBD Drug Therapy 2016
David T. Rubin, MD, FACC
Identify the most updated management options available for patients with inflammatory bowel disease.

10:50 am Drug Level Monitoring in IBD
Corey A. Siegel, MD, MS
Describe how to optimize IBD therapy through the use of appropriate drug level monitoring.

11:10 am Microscopic Colitis – It’s Back!
Darrell S. Pardi, MD, MS, FACC
Outline the various options for management of patients with chronic or recurrent microscopic colitis.

11:30 am Adverse Events From Biologic Agents in IBD
David A. Schwartz, MD, FACC
Explain how to monitor and manage adverse events from IBD therapy.

12:10 pm Break for Learning Luncheons

Saturday Learning Luncheons

12:20 pm – 1:35 pm
Cost is $75 per person/per lunch. Separate registration required; see page 5.

1. Endoscopic Remission in IBD – How Do We Achieve This?
   Uma Mahadevan, MD, FACC
   Explain the meaning and value of endoscopic remission in IBD and how to achieve it.

2. Management of Patients With Severe Alcoholic Hepatitis
   Hugo E. Vargas, MD, FACC
   Describe the current state of management for alcoholic hepatitis, including an update on medication trials.

3. The Patient With Chronic Diarrhea – What to Think About When the Usual Doesn’t Work
   Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG
   Differentiate the initial testing strategies to use in patients presenting with chronic diarrhea.

4. Autoimmune Pancreatitis – Diagnosis and Management, Including Recurrent Disease
   Darwin L. Conwell, MD, MS
   Outline the diagnostic criteria for autoimmune pancreatitis, and detail the treatment for initial and recurrent disease.

5. Sedation for Endoscopy – Conscious Sedation, Propofol, or General Anesthesia?
   John J. Vargo, II, MD, MPH, FACC
   Describe how to select the most appropriate, cost-effective sedation for the patient undergoing an endoscopic procedure.

6. Living-Related Liver Transplantation – Which Patients to Consider, and How to Approach
   Fredric D. Gordon, MD
   Identify which patients may benefit from consideration of living-related liver transplantation, and discuss the unique issues for both the donor and recipient.

SESSION 1C: Small Bowel and Functional Disorders

MODERATOR: Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, FACC

1.45 pm IBS and Chronic Abdominal Pain – How to Manage
   Caregiver Fatigue
   Brian E. Lacy, MD, PhD, FACC
   Describe management strategies for coping with patients with challenging gastrointestinal issues.

2.05 pm SIBO – How to Test? How to Treat?
   Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, MACG
   Identify the various testing modalities for diagnosing SIBO, and discuss management strategies.

2.25 pm The Celiac Mimickers
   Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, FACC
   Explain the conditions that need to be considered in the patient with serologically-negative enteropathy.

2.45 pm FODMAP Diet – What Does it Do and Who Is it For?
   Sheila E. Crowe, MD, FACC
   Outline how selective food elimination can be used in patients with ongoing gastrointestinal complaints.

3.05 pm Panel Q&A

3.25 pm Break
Saturday Simultaneous Symposia Sessions
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

SYMPOSIUM A: Endoscopic Emergencies
MODERATOR: John A. Martin, MD
3:45 pm Ascending Cholangitis
John A. Martin, MD
Discuss why, when, and how to diagnose and treat cholangitis.
4:05 pm The Foreign Body
Neil H. Stollman, MD, FACG
Evaluate timing and treatment of gastrointestinal foreign bodies.
4:25 pm Endoscopic Treatment of Luminal Perforations and Leaks
Ali A. Siddiqui, MD
Assess current treatments to endoscopically close perforations and leaks.
4:45 pm Panel Q & A

SYMPOSIUM B: Quality Metrics in Gastroenterology
MODERATOR: Francis A. Farraye, MD, MSc, FACG
3:45 pm ICD-10…The Year in Review
Caroll D. Koscheski, MD, FACG
Explain the transition into the ICD-10 coding system and its impact on GI providers.
4:05 pm Endoscopic Quality Indicators: Which Ones Really Matter?
Irving M. Pike, MD, FACG
Summarize the recent GI Quality Guidelines and their implications for clinical practice.
4:25 pm Quality Metrics to Follow in Your IBD Patients
Francis A. Farraye, MD, MSc, FACG
Outline the quality metrics to be followed when caring for patients with inflammatory bowel disease.
4:45 pm Panel Q & A

SYMPOSIUM C: Obesity
MODERATOR: Christopher J. Gostout, MD, FACG
3:45 pm Endoscopic Treatment for Obesity – Science Fiction or Science Fact?
Christopher J. Gostout, MD, FACG
Analyze the efficacy of endoscopic treatments for obesity.
4:05 pm Surgical Treatment for Obesity – Which Treatment for Which Patient?
Natan Zundel, MD, FACS, FASMSB
Describe the pros and cons of surgical treatments for obesity.
4:25 pm Managing Complications of Bariatric Surgery
John J. Vargo, II, MD, MPH, FACG
Discuss the management of bariatric complications, both endoscopic and surgical.
4:45 pm Panel Q & A
5:00 pm Adjourn
5:15 pm – 7:00 pm GI Jeopardy (see page 10 for information)

Sunday, October 16, 2016
7:50 am – 5:00 pm

7:00 am Continental Breakfast for Postgraduate Course Attendees
7:50 am Introduction by Course Directors
Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACG
Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, FACG

SESSION 2A: Pancreaticobiliary
MODERATOR: Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACG
8:00 am Post-ERP Pancreatitis: Can We Really Prevent This in 2016?
Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACG
Explain the current state of post-ERCP pancreatitis and its prevention.
8:20 am Pancreatic Cysts – Making Sense of Differing Guidelines
Uzma D. Siddiqui, MD
Contrast the different treatment algorithms for surveillance of pancreatic cysts given the varying guidelines available.
8:40 am Recurrent Acute Pancreatitis – Can We Really Fix These Patients?
Darwin L. Conwell, MD, MS
Describe the diagnostic and therapeutic modalities for patients with recurrent acute pancreatitis.
9:00 am Does Sphincter of Oddi Dysfunction Even Exist Anymore?
Grace H. Elta, MD, FACG
Discuss the current understanding of SOD in the modern era of evidence-based medicine.
9:20 am Panel Q&A
9:40 am Break

SESSION 2B: Liver
MODERATOR: Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACG
10:00 am NAFLD – A Growing Problem
Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACG
Describe the current recommendations on how to diagnose and manage patients with non-alcoholic steatohepatitis.
10:20 am Surgical Risk in Patients With Advanced Liver Disease Undergoing Elective Surgery
Lawrence S. Friedman, MD, FACG
Stratify the risk for patients with cirrhosis undergoing elective surgical procedures.
10:40 am Can We Find Early Cholangiocarcinoma in PSC?
Peter V. Draganov, MD, FACG
Describe the current recommendations for cholangiocarcinoma screening in patients with primary sclerosing cholangitis.
11:00 am Updates in Transplantation Medicine
Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACG
Cite recent updates in the management of patients with cirrhosis undergoing liver transplantation.
11:20 am The Cost of HCV Therapy
Hugo E. Vargas, MD, FACG
Identify options for managing hepatitis C given the expense of current therapies.
11:40 am Panel Q & A
12:00 pm Break for Learning Luncheons
Sunday Learning Luncheons
12:20 pm – 1:35 pm
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13. Can I Ever Stop My IBD Therapy?
Corey A. Siegel, MD, MS
Explain the evidence that may support step-down or discontinuation of IBD therapy in select patients.

14. Drug-Induced Liver Injury
Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACP
Recognize the most common causes of drug-induced liver injury and discuss patient management strategies.

15. Approach to the Celiac Patient With Ongoing Symptoms Even on a Gluten-Free Diet
Sheila E. Crowe, MD, FACP
Discuss the treatment of refractory sprue.

16. Office-Based Treatment of Anorectal Disorders Including Hemorrhoids
Waqar A. Qureshi, MD, FACP
Assess the current status of office-based hemorrhoid therapies.

17. Colonoscopy Preparations – Which Approach Is Optimal?
Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG
Apply the updated evidence on the optimal approach to colonoscopic bowel preparations.

18. Inherited Liver Disease
Kris V. Kowdley, MD, FACP
Identify advances in diagnosis and management of common inherited liver diseases.

19. Spastic Esophageal Disorders – Diagnosis and Management
Kenneth R. DeVault, MD, FACP
Describe the work-up and management of patients presenting with features suggestive of spastic esophageal disorders.

20. Enteroscopy in 2016 – Same Old Story, or Whole New Ball Game?
Lauren B. Gerson, MD, MSc, FACP
Compare tools and techniques for successful deep enteroscopy.

21. Managing Polypoid Lesions in Patients With Inflammatory Bowel Disease
Francis A. Faainye, MD, MSc, FACP
Identify the management approach to polyps in patients with inflammatory bowel disease.

22. Endoscopy in the Patient With Post-Surgical Anatomy: Tips and Tricks
Douglas K. Pleskow, MD
Evaluate endoscopic approaches to patients with post-surgical anatomy, including both diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy.

23. Diverticular Disorders – Medical or Surgical Management?
Lisa L. Strate, MD, MPH, FACP
Discuss the current status of multidisciplinary management of patients with recurrent diverticular disease.

Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epid), FACP
Explain the management of the patient requiring endoscopic procedures in the setting of direct oral anticoagulant use, including polypectomy, sphincterotomy, PEG placement, and endoscopic dilation.

SESSION 2C: Esophagus and Stomach
MODERATOR: William D. Chey, MD, FACP

1:45 pm Resistant Helicobacter pylori Infection – What Now?
William D. Chey, MD, FACP
Outline the treatment options for patients who fail to eradicate H. pylori infection.

2:05 pm Barrett’s Esophagus – Ablate Everyone?
Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, FACP
Determine which patients may benefit most from ablative therapy for their Barrett’s esophagus.

2:25 pm Eosinophilic Esophagitis
Kathy A. Peterson, MD
Compare the role of medical and dietary management in patients with eosinophilic esophagitis.

2:45 pm Refractory GERD
Kenneth R. DeVault, MD, FACP
Identify the approach to managing a patient with gastroesophageal reflux disease with ongoing symptoms despite standard therapy.

3:05 pm Panel Q&A

3:25 pm Break

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm Simultaneous Sessions (see page 26)
Sunday Simultaneous Symposia Sessions
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

SYMPOSIUM D: Liver Disease
MODERATOR: Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG
3:45 pm Coinfection – HCV and HBV and/or HIV
Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG
Describe the treatment of patients with multiple simultaneous viral infections.
4:05 pm Hepatocellular Carcinoma – How Best to Find It
Hashem B. El-Serag, MD, MPH
Assess the merits of different hepatocellular screening regimens.
4:25 pm Hepatocellular Carcinoma – Which Treatment Modality for Which Tumor?
K. Rajender Reddy, MD, FACG
Compare the different treatments for hepatocellular carcinoma, including medical, surgical, and radiological.
4:45 pm Panel Q & A

SYMPOSIUM E: IBD
MODERATOR: Miguel D. Regueiro, MD, FACG
3:45 pm When Should I Have My Colon Removed?
Miguel D. Regueiro, MD, FACG
Discuss the indications for colectomy in the patient with ulcerative or Crohn’s colitis.
4:05 pm I Have a Pouch, But Am Still Having Problems!
Bo Shen, MD, FACG
Describe the evaluation and management of patients with inflammatory bowel disease who have ongoing symptoms after ileal pouch-anal anastomosis.
4:25 pm Chromoendoscopy – Should It Be Standard of Care in IBD?
John F. Valentine, MD, FACG
Determine which patients with inflammatory bowel disease should be offered chromoendoscopy with their colonoscopic surveillance.
4:45 pm Panel Q & A

SYMPOSIUM F: Motility
MODERATOR: John E. Pandolfino, MD, MSCI, FACG
3:45 pm Achalasia: Inject, Dilate, or Surgery?
John E. Pandolfino, MD, MSCI, FACG
Compare and contrast different treatments for achalasia.
4:05 pm Motility Disorders: Choosing and Interpreting the Right Test for the Right Patient
Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, FACG
Critically assess the available testing options in the work-up of gastrointestinal motility disorders.
4:25 pm Dyssynergic Defecation
Satish S.C. Rao, MD, PhD, FACG
Discuss the etiology and treatment of dyssynergic defecation and related disorders.
4:45 pm Panel Q & A

5:00 pm Postgraduate Course Adjourns
5:15 pm – 6:30 pm Poster Session Authors Present
Exhibit Hall C
5:15 pm – 7:00 pm Opening Welcome Reception
Reception will be held in the Exhibit Hall.

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