

ACG Allied Health Professionals Symposium Collaborating for Excellent Patient Care

Monday, October 26, 2009
12:15 pm – 2:40 pm • Room 30 A-D

Course Co-Directors: Jean-Paul Achkar, MD, FACG and Lynn Borkenhagen, RN, MS, CNP

Members/Fellows (includes Allied Health Members): \$35*
Non-Members: \$50*

ACG will host its 3rd Annual Allied Health Professionals Symposium. During this symposium, allied health professionals caring for patients with digestive diseases will be able to increase their knowledge about the current status of diagnostic tests and evidenced based treatments for some of the most common and chronic GI disorders. The program will feature leading physician and non-physician experts.

Allied health professionals caring for patients with digestive diseases will be able to increase their knowledge and expertise about the current status of diagnostic tests and evidenced based treatments for some of the most common and chronic GI disorders including: management of the cirrhotic patient, treatment of GERD and Barrett's Esophagus, evaluation of the patient with GI blood loss, and diagnosis of fatty liver disease. In addition, they will understand the current colorectal cancer screening recommendations for patients as outlined in the ACG's newest guideline. This symposium is designed for nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and other allied health professionals interested in the latest information on diagnostic gastroenterology and state of the art treatment of gastroenterologic illnesses. Physicians are strongly encouraged to attend this symposium with their allied health personnel, as the optimal management of patients with digestive diseases often requires a dedicated and knowledgeable "team" of health care providers.

*Pre-registration required. Boxed lunch will be provided.

Accreditation

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

The American College of Gastroenterology designates this educational activity for a maximum of 2.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



This program has been reviewed and is approved for a maximum of 2.25 hours of AAPA Category I CME credit by the Physician Assistant Review Panel. Physician assistants should claim only those hours actually spent participating in the CME activity. This program was planned in accordance with AAPA's CME Standards for Live Programs and for Commercial Support of Live Programs.

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc., an accredited approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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Agenda

12:15 pm **Welcome and Introduction**
Jean-Paul Achkar, MD, FACG, Course Co-Director
Lynn Borkenhagen, RN, MS, CNP, Course Co-Director

- 12:30 pm **Complexity of Cirrhosis: How Do We Simplify and Streamline Management?**
K. Rajender Reddy, MD, FACG
Brenda Appolo, PA-C
- Define optimal team-based approaches to the management of the cirrhotic patient in a clinic setting.
- 1:00 pm **“Feeling the Burn”: A Team Approach to GERD and Its Complications**
- Explain the pathogenesis and treatment of GERD.
 - Describe the team approach to the treatment of GERD and BE.
- How to Score a Touchdown with GERD**
Lynn Borkenhagen, RN, MS, CNP
- When to Punt and When to Play: Timing of Ablation in Barrett’s Esophagus**
Kenneth K. Wang, MD, FACG
- Importance of the Huddle: Mid-Level and Physician Working Team**
Lynn Borkenhagen, RN, MS, CNP
Kenneth K. Wang, MD, FACG
- 1:30 pm **Evaluation of the Patient with Obscure GI Blood Loss**
Jonathan A. Leighton, MD, FACG
- Compare and contrast the testing choices available for the patient with obscure GI blood loss.
- 1:50 pm **Q & A**
- 2:10 pm **Clinical Pearls**
- New CRC Guidelines – What the Practitioner Needs to Know**
Carol A. Burke, MD, FACG
- Identify new recommendations for colorectal cancer screening included in the 2008 ACG CRC Guidelines.
- The Ultrasound Shows Fatty Liver – Now What Do I Do?**
K. Rajender Reddy MD, FACG
- Define the approach to a patient found to have changes of fatty liver on imaging studies.
- 2:30 pm **Q & A**
- 2:40 pm **Course Adjourns**