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Hawaii Convention Center, (808) 792-6633

### Video Press Briefings Feature Abstract Authors and Renowned GI Experts Discussing Key Science Presented at the American College of Gastroenterology's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**Honolulu, Hawaii (October 19, 2015)**– Featured abstract authors and renowned experts in the field of gastroenterology offer clinical insight and real-world perspective in a series of [video press briefings](#) that highlight the key science presented this week at the American College of Gastroenterology's (ACG) 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting in Honolulu. More than 4,000 gastroenterologists, physicians and other health care professionals from around the world will convene at the Hawaii Convention Center to review and present the latest scientific advances in gastrointestinal research, treatment of digestive diseases and clinical practice management.

**Please note that all research presented at the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting is strictly embargoed until Monday, October 19 at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.**

**Access Video Press Briefings that Include Expert Commentary, Author Insight and Abstracts**

#### ACG 2015 Highlights – Overview of Key Sessions, Science and Trends

- **John R. Saltzman, MD, FACG**, Chair, ACG Educational Affairs Committee, Director of Endoscopy, Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston and Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School – Overview of ACG 2015 including must-see sessions, lectures [Watch the briefing](#)
- **Jordan J. Karlitz, MD**, Chair, ACG Public Relations, Tulane University – Overview of Key Abstracts [Watch the briefing](#)

**Fecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT): Beyond the "Ick" Factor** – *Predictors and Outcomes of Failure, Delivery Options, Stool Banks and Can FMT Really Make You Fat?* [Watch the briefing](#)

**Moderator: Colleen Kelly, MD, FACG**, Brown University, (author of late-breaking abstract **Oral 44**: A Multicenter, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Double Blind Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Fecal Microbiota Transplantation in Patients with Recurrent *Clostridium difficile* Infection) [Access abstract](#)

#### Panelists:

- **Sahil Khanna, MBBS**, Mayo Clinic – **Oral 4** Gut Microbiota Changes as Predictors of Treatment Failure in Primary *Clostridium difficile* Infection; and **Poster 1495** Management and Outcomes of Patients With Failed Fecal Microbiota Transplantation for Recurrent *Clostridium difficile* Infection Access author insight and abstracts [Oral 4](#) and [Poster 1495](#)

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- **Monika Fischer, MD, MS**, Department of Medicine, Indiana University – **Oral 39** Predictors of Failure After Fecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT) for the Therapy of *Clostridium difficile* Infection; and **Poster 795** - Weight Change After Fecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT) Is Not Associated With Donor Body Mass Index (BMI) **Access author insight and abstracts** [Oral 39](#) [Poster 795](#)
- **Dina Kao, MD, University of Alberta** - **Poster 103** - A Dual Center, Randomized Trial Comparing Colonoscopy and Oral Capsule Delivered Fecal Microbiota Transplantation in the Treatment of Recurrent *Clostridium Difficile* Infection: Preliminary Results [Access author insight and abstract](#)
- **Zain Kassam, MD, MPH**, OpenBiome, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, **Oral 38**, The Cost-Effectiveness of Competing Strategies for Managing Multiply Recurrent *Clostridium difficile* Infection: Examining the Impact of Universal Stool Banks and Encapsulated Fecal Microbiota Transplantation [Access author insight and abstract](#)

**Let's Talk Constipation:** *GI Complications in the 'Young and the Poopless'; Importance of Screening Constipated Patients for Depression; Patient Dissatisfaction with Treatment Options; and Necessity of Evidence-Based Dietary Interventions for Symptom Relief* [Watch the briefing](#)

**Moderator:** **Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, FACG**, Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas

**Panelists:**

- **Lauren B. Gerson, MD, FACG**, California Pacific Medical Center, **Oral 40** Association of Chronic Constipation with Gastrointestinal Complications in Younger Patients [Access abstract](#)
- **Kyle Staller, MD, MPH**, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, **Poster 322** Restricted Eating Patterns in Chronic Constipation Are Associated With Bloating and Abdominal Symptoms More so Than Rectal and Stool Symptoms; and **Poster 323** Co-morbid Depression, Not Symptom Severity or Disease-Specific Quality of Life, Predicts Work Absenteeism in Chronic Constipation **Access author insight and abstracts** [Poster 322](#) [Poster 323](#)
- **William M. Spalding**, Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, **Poster 1724** Patients' Use of and Experience with Medications for Management of Symptoms of Chronic Constipation [Access author insight and abstract](#)

**Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome: A GI Reality Check** – *Increasing Healthcare Burdens; Impact of Obesity in GI Bleeding Mortality; Prevalence of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease even after bariatric surgery and absence of metabolic syndrome; Older age and Hispanic Ethnicity linked to Significantly Higher Risk of Metabolic Syndrome; Severe Obesity as Predictor of Adverse Outcomes in Acute Pancreatitis.* [Watch the briefing](#)

**Moderator:** **Gerard E. Mullin, MD, MS, FACG**, Johns Hopkins University Hospital

**Panelists:**

- **Marwan S. Abougergi, MD**, Catalyst Medical Consulting, **Oral 7** Does Obesity Impact Mortality and Other Outcomes in Patients With Upper Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage? A Nationwide Analysis and **Poster 98** Obesity Impacts Resource Utilization but Not Mortality Among Patients Admitted with Lower Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage: A Nationwide Analysis **Access author insight and abstracts** [Oral 7](#) [Poster 98](#)

- **Salman Nusrat, MD**, Department of Medicine, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, **Poster 557** Inpatient Burden of Morbid Obesity in U.S.: An Analysis of Time Trends From 1997 to 2012 [Access author insight and abstract](#)
- **Kamran Qureshi, MD**, Temple University School of Medicine, **Poster 1141** Prevalence of Biopsy Proven Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease in Severely Obese [Access abstract](#)
- **Ben Da, MD**, University of Southern California, **Poster 5** Severe Obesity Predicts Adverse Outcomes in Acute Pancreatitis [Access author insight and abstract](#)
- **Robert Wong MD**, Highland Hospital, Oakland CA, **Poster 1928** One in Five Adults in the United States Who Are Not Obese Have Metabolic Syndrome: An Analysis of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 2001-2012; **Poster 1929** Older Age and Hispanic Ethnicity Are Associated With Significantly Higher Risk of Metabolic Syndrome [Access author insight and abstracts](#) [Poster 1928](#) [Poster 1929](#)

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Press room and video recording facilities will be available onsite. To arrange an interview with any ACG experts or abstract authors please contact Jacqueline Gaulin of ACG via email [jgaulin@gi.org](mailto:jgaulin@gi.org) or by phone at 301-263-9000. From Sunday, October 18 - Wednesday, October 21, in ACG Press Room (Room 317B; Phone: (808) 792-6633 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu.

### About the American College of Gastroenterology

Founded in 1932, the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) is an organization with an international membership of more than 13,000 individuals from 80 countries. The College's vision is to be the pre-eminent professional organization that champions the evolving needs of clinicians in the delivery of high quality, evidence-based, and compassionate health care to gastroenterology patients. The mission of the College is to advance world-class care for patients with gastrointestinal disorders through excellence, innovation and advocacy in the areas of scientific investigation, education, prevention and treatment. [www.gi.org](http://www.gi.org). Visit the [ACG Blog](#) for all news, featured research and expert insights related to the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting. Follow ACG on [Twitter](#) and share your live updates [#ACG2015](#).

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