ACG/LGS
Regional Postgraduate Course
MARCH 3–4, 2017  HYATT FRENCH QUARTER, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

COURSE DIRECTOR: DANIEL L. RAINES, MD, FACG

ATTENDEES: USE THE ACG MOBILE APP TO ACCESS FACULTY PRESENTATIONS (See PG 6)

EARN UP TO 8.25 CME CREDITS
EARN UP TO 8.25 MOC POINTS
JOIN COLLEAGUES IN THE “BIG EASY.”

The American College of Gastroenterology and the Louisiana Gastroenterology Society invite colleagues from across the U.S. to join us at the ACG/LGS Regional Postgraduate Course, March 3 and 4, at the Hyatt French Quarter in New Orleans, Louisiana. Led by Course Director Daniel L. Raines, MD, FACG, leading experts will discuss idiopathic pancreatitis, changes in ROME IV criteria, biologic therapy in IBD, complex polypectomy, guidelines and management strategies in surveillance and treatment of Barrett’s esophagus, protocols and pitfalls in FMT, expert recommendations in EoE management, and non-cardiac chest pain. Friday evening’s keynote presentation is, “Ancillary Revenue Sources for Clinical Practice,” and Saturday’s luncheon talk will be, “Medicare Reporting Requirements and Payments Updates.”

REGISTER ONLINE: MEETINGS.GI.ORG
Attend the course and enjoy New Orleans cultural history. Walk its historic neighborhoods, enjoy the numerous world-class restaurants and jazz clubs, and more. Average daytime temperatures for March are in the 60s, making it great weather to explore the city.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017

5:30 pm  Registration Opens

5:45 pm  Welcome Reception

6:30 pm  Keynote Presentation Dinner
Ancillary Revenue Sources for Clinical Practice
Reed B. Hogan, III, MD

Identify opportunities for the addition for ancillary services such as anesthesia, pathology, laboratory, imaging, or infusion services to a clinical practice to improve patient care while gaining a financial advantage.
EDUCATIONAL AGENDA

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017

7:00 am  Course Registration & Continental Breakfast With Exhibitors

7:15 am  LGS Annual Business Meeting

7:50 am  Welcoming Remarks / Introductions
  Daniel L. Raines, MD, FACG

8:00 am  Fecal Microbiota Transplantation: Protocols and Pitfalls
  Monika Fischer, MD
  Describe the current status of fecal microbiota transplantation in the United States while defining common protocols as well as performance restrictions.

8:45 am  Management of Barrett’s Esophagus: State-of-the-Art
  Michael S. Smith, MD, MBA
  Define changes in published guidelines and management standards in the surveillance and treatment of Barrett’s esophagus.

9:30 am  Expanded Options for Biologic Therapy in IBD
  Edward V. Loftus, Jr., MD, FACG
  Assess the utility of biologic agents that have been recently approved for use in the management of inflammatory bowel disease.

10:15 am  Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits

10:45 am  Expert Management of Eosinophilic Esophagitis
  David A. Katzka, MD, FACG
  Evaluate expert recommendations regarding the management of eosinophilic esophagitis cases with review of recent advances in medical therapy.

11:30 am  Rome IV Criteria for IBS: Noteworthy Changes
  William D. Chey, MD, FACG
  Distinguish changes in definitions pertaining to functional bowel disorders while evaluating the significance of these changes.

12:15 pm  Break

12:30 pm  Luncheon Session
  Medicare Reporting Requirements and Payment Updates
  Caroll D. Koscheski, MD, FACG
  Accurately interpret trends in Medicare payment models and requirements for reporting that are impacting gastroenterology practices across the nation.
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<td>Evaluation of Non-cardiac Chest Pain</td>
<td>Sami R. Achem, MD, MACG</td>
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<td>Discuss non-cardiac chest pain in regard to pathophysiology, evaluation, and treatment.</td>
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<td>Complex Polypectomy in Routine Practice</td>
<td>Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG</td>
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<td>Compare techniques employed by highly experienced endoscopists in challenging cases of colonic polypectomy.</td>
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<td>Idiopathic Pancreatitis: Evaluation and Management</td>
<td>Andres Gelrud, MD, MMSc</td>
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<td>List pathologies that are likely culprit in cases of idiopathic pancreatitis as well as the natural history, prevention, and management of complications in these cases.</td>
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION / ACCOMMODATIONS

ACCREDITATION / CME / MOC
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the American College of Gastroenterology and the Louisiana Gastroenterology Society. The American College of Gastroenterology is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American College of Gastroenterology designates this live activity for a maximum of 8.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 8.25 MOC points in the American Board of Internal Medicine’s (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. Participants will earn MOC points equivalent to the amount of CME credits claimed for the activity. It is the CME activity provider’s responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The current pace of scientific discovery makes mastery of advancing knowledge, new diagnostic techniques, and progress in therapeutics a challenge for the gastroenterologist or generalist. At the same time, the rigors of the profession demand a deeper understanding of changes occurring within the healthcare system. This program will offer attendees experiences in both areas. During this program, breakthroughs in scientific fields such as fecal microbiota transplantation, inflammatory bowel disease, eosinophilic esophagitis and idiopathic pancreatitis will be presented by nationally recognized experts. The structure of the program includes a mix of didactic presentations delivered by expert faculty combined with interactive discussions. Attendees will leave the program ready to immediately implement the knowledge gained to improve their clinical practice.

This program is designed for gastroenterologists, primary care physicians, nurses, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners interested in the latest developments in the science of gastroenterology and the art of health care.

REGISTRATION & MOBILE APP
The registration fee includes admission to all sessions, continental breakfast, a mid-morning coffee break, and lunch on Saturday. All registrants must pay the full registration fee; one-day registration is not available.

Included with your registration is complimentary access to the course presentations via the ACG Mobile app. The app can be used to download faculty presentations onto tablets, mobile devices, and laptops, and provides note-taking and highlighting capabilities. Take notes at the event and continue reviewing them when you get home. Presentations will also be available online in PDF format. You will have access prior to the course to download or print the slides.

(NOTE: A printed syllabus will not be provided.)
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Full refund of registration fees will be given, less a $25 administrative fee, if written notice of cancellation is received by ACG by February 9, 2017. No refunds will be given after this date. Attendees may register online at meetings.gi.org

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Reservations can be made by calling the Hyatt French Quarter at 1-888-421-1442 or 1-402-592-6464. Attendees should ask for the American College of Gastroenterology meeting group block rate. The special group rate for attendees is $209 for a single or double room. All guest rooms are subject to the 14.75% city and state sales tax. The Hotel shall honor the group rate three (3) days before and after the meeting dates, subject to room availability. Reservations must be made by February 9, 2017 at 5:00 pm. Reservation requests received after this date will be on a space-available basis only. All reservations must be accompanied by a first night’s room deposit for room and tax (14.75%). Reservations may be charged to American Express, VISA, MasterCard, or Diners Club. Individual attendees will be charged for one night’s room and tax if they cancel within 24 hours of arrival. Cancellations made prior to 24 hours will not be penalized. Check-out time is 12:00 noon. Rooms may not be available for check-in until after 3:00 pm. Valet parking is available for $42 per night ($48 for oversized vehicles) plus applicable taxes.

The Hyatt French Quarter is a beautifully restored historic hotel offering guest rooms with expansive 12-foot ceilings, plush bedding, modern in-room amenities, and balconies overlooking the historic French Quarter, gorgeously landscaped courtyards or New Orleans’ famous Bourbon Street. The hotel offers restaurant and bar service, room service, a 24-hour fitness center, a heated outdoor swimming pool, a business center, and wireless internet access. Complimentary guest room internet access is available for all attendees booking a room within the ACG hotel room block. The hotel is located at 800 Iberville Street, New Orleans, LA 70112. Visit www.frenchquarter.hyatt.com for more information.

**MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about the meeting, contact education@gi.org.

Americans with Disabilities Act: Attendees of this ACG Regional Course who need additional reasonable accommodations or who have special needs (including dietary needs) should contact the ACG office by email at registration@gi.org no later than February 9, 2017.
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