2017 ACG’S IBD SCHOOL & EASTERN REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE

APRIL 7–9, 2017 MARRIOTT MARQUIS, WASHINGTON, DC

IBD School has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ and ABIM MOC Points.
ENJOY SPRINGTIME IN WASHINGTON, DC WHEN YOU JOIN COLLEAGUES FOR THE 2017 ACG’S IBD SCHOOL AND EASTERN REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE.

The programs will take place during the height of the 90th National Cherry Blossom Festival. Bring your family with you and enjoy all the festivities taking place.

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ACG’S IBD SCHOOL

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017

COURSE DIRECTORS: Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACG, and David T. Rubin, MD, FACG

Inflammatory bowel disease is an area of gastroenterology that continues to see rapid developments in diagnostic and medical therapeutic options.

ACG’s IBD School is a day-long interactive educational program combining an immersion in IBD management with a clinical update on new therapeutic and monitoring approaches. The goals of this course are to improve clinical judgment and to address the art and science of IBD management. ACG’s IBD School will educate attendees in a very practical manner regarding the natural history of disease, modifiable risk factors for adverse outcomes, diagnostic and prognostic testing, and rational decision making for medical treatment. The program will also address changes in epidemiologic trends, advances in laboratory, radiographic, and endoscopic modalities that directly impact diagnosis and management of IBD, as well as developments in surveillance of dysplasia in ulcerative colitis and Crohn’s colitis. Some of the most challenging clinical scenarios, such as the approach to primary medication failure or secondary loss of response, will be discussed in great detail.
EASTERN REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE EDUCATIONAL AGENDA

COURSE DIRECTORS:
James C. Reynolds, MD, FACG, and Patrick E. Young, MD, FACG

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017

6:45 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall

7:40 am  Welcome Remarks and Announcements
James C. Reynolds, MD, FACG, and Patrick E. Young, MD, FACG

SESSION 1: ESOPHAGUS AND STOMACH
Moderator: James C. Reynolds, MD, FACG

7:45 am  Eosinophilic Esophagitis: Pitfalls and Progress
Gary W. Falk, MD, MS, FACG
Describe errors in diagnosing EoE and advances in the management of this disorder including diet, new treatments, and monitoring treatment success.

8:05 am  Dysphagia: Impact of the Chicago Criteria in Managing the Achalasia Spectrum of Esophageal Motility Disorders
Kristle L. Lynch, MD
Recognize how the Chicago Criteria can guide interventions for dysphagia due to hypercontractile states of the esophagus from botulinum toxin to POEM.
8:25 am  Gastroparesis: New Approaches to Treatment
James C. Reynolds, MD, FACG
Explain the limitations of gastric emptying studies in diagnosing gastroparesis, and recognize the benefits of electrical gastric stimulators in the era of newly developing pharmacological treatments for gastroparesis.

8:45 am  Panel Discussion / Q & A

SESSION 2: LIVER
Moderator: Dawn M. Torres, MD
9:05 am  Abnormal Liver Enzymes: What’s New in the Guidelines?
Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MSc, FACG
Evaluate the patient with abnormal liver-associated enzymes in an evidence-based and cost-effective manner.

9:25 am  Navigating a Shifting “C”: Current Best Practices for Hepatitis C Therapy
Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACG
Formulate treatment plans for a variety of patients with hepatitis C, including patients with uncommon genotypes, cirrhosis, and failed prior therapies.

9:45 am  Beyond the Biopsy: How and When to Use Non-invasive Markers of Fibrosis
Dawn M. Torres, MD
Identify patients for which non-invasive methods of assessing hepatic fibrosis provide a viable alternative to liver biopsy, and create an effective plan for employing these methods in practice.

10:05 am  Panel Discussion / Q & A

10:25 am  Refreshment Break / Visit the Exhibit Hall

SESSION 3: OBESITY
Moderator: Gregory G. Ginsberg, MD, FACG
10:45 am  First Things First: The Non-surgical Management of Obesity
Scott I. Kahan, MD, MPH
Describe the currently available weight loss therapies, their indications, contraindications, and potential adverse effects.

11:05 am  The Expanding Toolbox: Endoscopic Therapy for Obesity
Gregory G. Ginsberg, MD, FACG
Choose which patients are good candidates for endoscopic bariatric procedures and describe the process of procedure selection, application, and follow-up.

11:25 am  Managing the Complications of Weight Loss Surgery
Vivek Kumbhari, MD
Identify the most useful endoscopic tools and techniques for commonly-encountered complications of bariatric surgery.

11:45 am  Panel Discussion / Q & A

12:05 pm  Break / Lunch

12:20 pm  Keynote Lunch Presentation
You Are What You Eat: The Effect of Diet on Gastrointestinal Health and Disease
William D. Chey, MD, FACG
Explain the relationship between diet and the maintenance of gastrointestinal health and its impact on common GI conditions.

1:05 pm  Dessert Break / Visit the Exhibit Hall
SATURDAY AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSIONS/HANDS-ON WORKSHOP SESSIONS*:

*Hands-on workshops do not offer CME.

1:25 pm  How Can Advanced Practice Nurses and Physician Assistants Enhance the Mission of Improved Quality of Care in Your Practice?
Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACG, and April G. Morris, FNP
Appraise the impact of advanced practitioners in the modern gastroenterology and hepatology practice and their roles in delivering higher efficiency and quality of care.
OR Hands-on Workshop Session*

2:15 pm  Take on the Big Polyp and Win!
Patrick E. Young, MD, FACG
Recognize the optimal techniques for removing large and/or sessile polyps, prevention and management of complications, and follow-up after resection.
OR Hands-on Workshop Session*

3:05 pm  Celiac Disease: Diet, Drugs, and Dysbiosis
William D. Chey, MD, FACG
Apply current best practices in celiac disease diagnosis and management, and examine the potential role of celiac-specific drug therapy and the possible link between intestinal dysbiosis and celiac disease.
OR Hands-on Workshop Session*

3:55 pm  What Is the Role of EMR in the Management of Dysplastic Barrett’s: Is RFA Enough?
Gary W. Falk, MD, MS, FACG
Describe when EMR should be used in the management of dysplastic Barrett’s metaplasia and when RFA alone may provide sufficient ablative value.
OR Hands-on Workshop Session*

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP SESSIONS

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP DIRECTORS: Qiang Cai, MD, FACG, and Shivangi T. Kothari, MD

8 hands-on stations will be offered*. The stations are:

- Mucosal Ablation: RFA
- Mucosal Ablation: Cryotherapy
- EMR
- ESD
- ERCP
- Foreign Body Removal
- Hemostasis
- Hemorrhoid Therapy
SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

7:00 am  Continental Breakfast
in the Exhibit Hall

7:55 am  Welcome and Announcements
James C. Reynolds, MD, FACP, and
Patrick E. Young, MD, FACP

SESSION 4: INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASES
Moderator: Manish B. Singla, MD

8:00 am  Ulcerative Colitis: An Update on the
New Guidelines
David T. Rubin, MD, FACP
Discuss the new ACG guidelines for
ulcerative colitis and describe any new
changes in evidence-based care for
these patients.

8:20 am  Crohn's Disease: An Update on the
New Guidelines
Gary R. Lichtenstein, MD, FACP
Explain the new ACG guidelines for
Crohn's disease and describe any new
changes in evidence-based care for
Crohn's patients.

8:40 am  An Ounce of Prevention: Chronic
Care of the IBD Patient
Manish B. Singla, MD
Propose a system for ensuring
IBD patients are receiving optimal
preventive care.

9:00 am  Panel Discussion / Q & A

9:20 am  Refreshment Break /
Visit the Exhibit Hall

SESSION 5: PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

9:40 am  Reimbursements Future: The Impact
of MACRA and MIPS on Your Income
Immanuel K. H. Ho, MD, FACP
Interpret the new MACRA and
MIPS regulations and their impact
on GI practices.

SESSION 6: FUNCTIONAL LOWER GI DISORDERS
Moderator: Brian E. Lacy, MD, PhD, FACP

10:10 am  Enhancing the Value of Breath
Testing in Your Practice
Mark Pimentel, MD, FACP
Outline new guidelines for breath
testing and ways to use various breath
tests to more accurately diagnose
disorders of small intestinal function.

10:30 am  Medical Management of
Severe Constipation
Brian E. Lacy, MD, PhD, FACP
Describe the value of new and old
medications as well as biofeedback
and rectal stimulators in the
management of severe constipation.

10:50 am  Incontinence: Medical and Surgical
Treatments for a Vexing Problem
Asyia S. Ahmad, MD
Compare advantages and
disadvantages of biofeedback,
medical management, rectal
stimulators, and surgery in the
management of fecal incontinence.

11:10 am  Panel Discussion / Q & A

11:30 am  Course Wrap-up and
Take-away Points
James C. Reynolds, MD, FACP and
Patrick E. Young, MD, FACP

11:45 am  Course Adjourns
EASTERN REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE

The field of gastroenterology continues to experience introductions of new and novel diagnostic techniques and therapeutic options affecting numerous areas of gastrointestinal disease management and patient care. This program is designed to explore those areas and will address management updates in a variety of GI and hepatic areas. The program will explore esophagus and stomach disorders, liver, obesity, inflammatory bowel diseases, functional lower GI disorders, and practice management topics. The structure of the program includes a mix of didactic presentations delivered by expert faculty, question and answer periods, smaller afternoon general sessions, and non-CME hands-on workshop sessions.

This program is designed for gastroenterologists, primary care physicians, nurses, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners interested in the latest information on diagnostic GI and liver diseases and state-of-the-art treatment of these illnesses.
HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS
Hands-on workshops are available to all course attendees at no additional charge. These sessions focus on specific endoscopic procedures, and offer participants an opportunity to gain tactile, first-hand experience using a variety of tools and techniques. Faculty will demonstrate a device and/or technique, and attendees will then have an opportunity to practice. While the hands-on workshop sessions do not offer CME, they are a valuable learning experience for attendees, and also provide an opportunity for attendees to interact with the experts. Hands-on workshops will be concurrent with the general sessions Saturday afternoon. There are limited spaces available. Registrants are able to select their top two stations when they register for the course. The College will assign stations based on availability.

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

Eastern Regional Postgraduate Course
The American College of Gastroenterology designates this live activity for a maximum of 10.75 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 10.75 MOC points in the ABIM’s 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.

ACG’s IBD School
This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. In addition, participants may earn points in the American Board of Internal Medicine’s (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program equivalent to the amount of CME credits claimed for the activity (actual credits and points to be determined with final agenda).
REGISTRATION / ACCOMMODATIONS

REGISTRATION—NEW EARLY BIRD RATES!
There are separate registration fees for ACG’s IBD School and the ACG Eastern Regional Postgraduate Course. The registration fee for each course includes admission to sessions, continental breakfasts, lunch on Friday for ACG’s IBD School attendees, lunch on Saturday for Eastern Regional Postgraduate Course attendees, and refreshment breaks.

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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 Wednesday, March 15th. No refunds will be given after this date.

MOBILE APP
Included with your registration is complimentary access to the course presentations via the ACG Mobile App. The app can be used to view faculty presentations on 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 available.)
ACCOMMODATIONS
The program will be held at the Marriott Marquis in the heart of downtown Washington, DC. The hotel is within walking distance to many Metro stops. The hotel is also in close proximity to Union Station for those taking the train to Washington, DC.

To make your hotel reservation, please contact the Marriott Marquis directly at 1-888-236-2427 or 202-824-9200 to reserve your room. Special meeting room rates per night are $239 for single/double plus tax. Valet parking is $47 per day plus tax. Reservations must be made by March 15, 2017. Complimentary in-room internet will be provided for ACG attendees. All major credit cards are accepted. Reservations must be made before March 15, 2017 in order to receive the special meeting rate. Only a certain number of rooms are available at this rate and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Once ACG’s room block is sold out, the hotel may charge a higher rate for any additional rooms made available. All reservations require a deposit of one night’s room and tax upon reservation. Cancellations made within 24 hours of check-in will be charged one night’s room and tax. Check-in time is 3:00 pm. Check-out time is 12:00 noon. The Marriott Marquis is located at 901 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20001.

MORE INFORMATION
For more information about the meeting, contact ACG at education@gi.org.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): Attendees of this ACG Regional Course who need additional reasonable accommodations or who have special needs (including dietary needs) should contact the ACG office at registration@gi.org no later than Wednesday, March 15th.
ATTENDEES:
use the ACG Mobile App to access faculty presentations (See PG 10)

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!
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