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## ACG / LGS REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE

**MARCH 9–11, 2018** | HYATT FRENCH QUARTER,  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

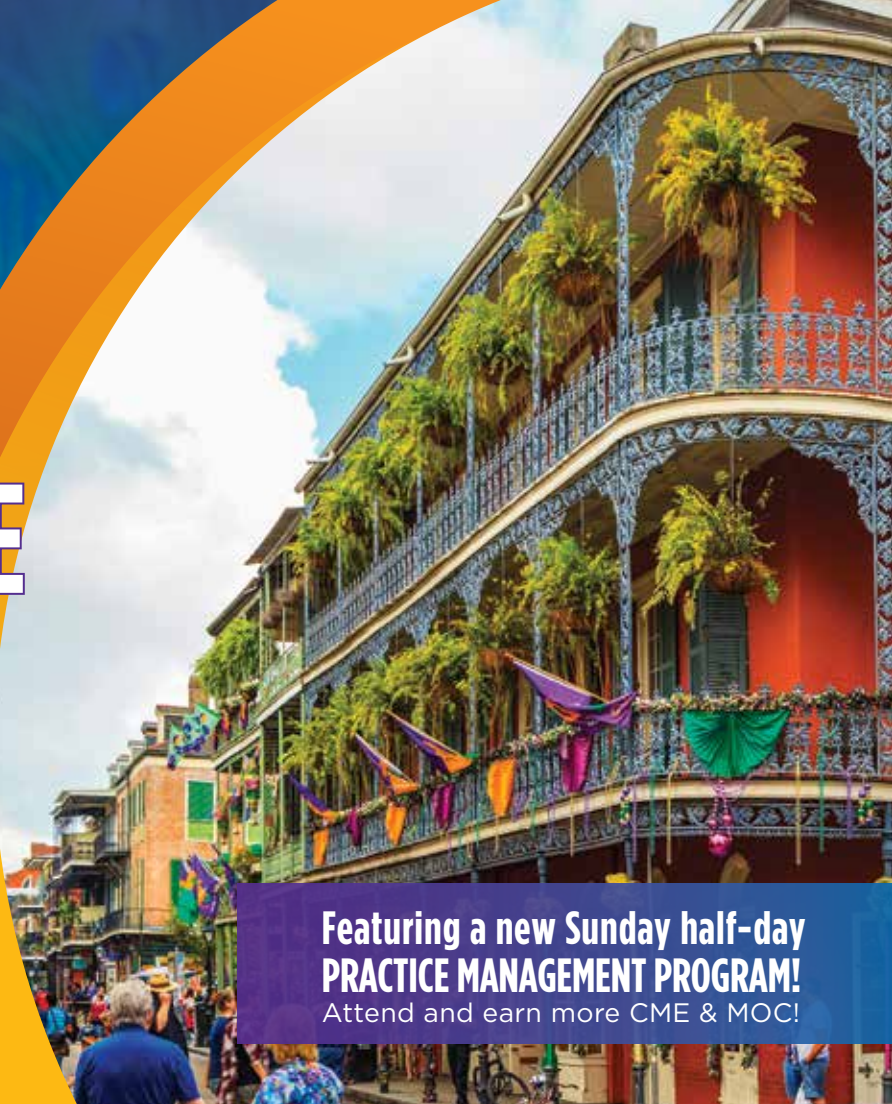
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### **JOIN COLLEAGUES IN THE “BIG EASY.”**

Designed to meet the needs of the entire GI practice, 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 9-11, at the Hyatt French Quarter in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Led by Course Directors Ronald A. Leo, MD, and Daniel L. Raines, MD, FACG, leading experts will discuss such clinical topics as portal hypertension, NASH, hepatitis C, IBD, foregut surgical complications, and endoscopic mucosal resection. An expanded program on Sunday will focus on practice-related issues, such as CMS reimbursement, use of advanced practitioners, as well as supplemental pursuits, such as telemedicine, becoming an expert witness, and implementing clinical trials. Friday evening’s keynote presentation is, “Chronic PPI Therapy for GERD: Risks, Benefits, and Alternatives,” and Saturday’s luncheon talk will be, “Neurobiology of Stress and IBS.”

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Attend the course and enjoy New Orleans' cultural history. Walk its historic neighborhoods, enjoy the historic sites, numerous world-class restaurants, shopping, live music venues, and more.

**REGISTER ONLINE: [MEETINGS.GI.ORG](https://meetings.gi.org)**

## AGENDA

### FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018

5:30 pm **Registration Opens**

5:45 pm **Welcome Reception**

6:30 pm **Keynote Presentation and Dinner—*(sponsored by LGS)***  
**Chronic PPI Therapy for GERD: Risks, Benefits,  
and Alternatives**

*Kenneth R. DeVault, MD, FACG*

Identify ongoing concerns regarding the risks of chronic PPI therapy, evidence supporting the use of this therapy, and other options for management of GERD.



# ACG/LGS REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE—AGENDA

## *Saturday* **SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018**

**7:00 am Course Registration & LGS Annual Business Meeting**

**7:00 am Continental Breakfast / Visit Exhibits**

**7:50 am Welcoming Remarks / Introductions**  
*Ronald A. Leo, MD, and Daniel L. Raines, MD, FACG*

### **LIVER DISEASE SESSION**

**8:00 am Diagnosis and Management of Portal Hypertension: New Recommendations**  
*Fredric G. Regenstein, MD, FACG*  
Assess recent developments on the topic of portal hypertension and how these developments impact our current understanding and treatment of this disorder.

**8:30 am Evolving Treatment of NASH**  
*Zobair M. Younossi, MD, FACG*  
Evaluate current therapy recommendations for NASH, as well as novel therapies currently in development which show promise in managing this condition.

**9:00 am Conquering the Hepatitis C Epidemic**  
*Jorge L. Herrera, MD, MACG*  
Analyze the status of the hepatitis C epidemic, including current treatment options and eradication initiatives.

**9:30 am Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits**

### **INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE SESSION**

**10:00 am Recognizing and Treating Extraintestinal Manifestations of IBD**  
*Shabana F. Pasha, MD*  
Review complications of inflammatory bowel disease found outside the gastrointestinal tract, as well as treatment options tailored to individual pathologies.

**10:30 am Biologic Therapy in IBD: Beyond Anti-TNF Agents**  
*Kara M. De Felice, MD*  
Explain the utility of recently introduced and future biologic therapy agents in the IBD treatment algorithm.

**11:00 am State-of-the-Art Surveillance in IBD**  
*Samir A. Shah, MD, FACG*  
Assess current recommendations and practice standards for colorectal cancer surveillance in IBD populations.

**11:30 am Visit Posters and Exhibits**

**12:00 pm Lunch Session: Neurobiology of Stress and IBS**  
*Lin Chang, MD, FACG*  
Describe interactions between the central nervous system and gastrointestinal tract, including assessing the impact of psychological factors such as stress on symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome.

**12:45 pm Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits**

## ENDOSCOPY SESSION

**1:00 pm Peri-endoscopic Management of Anti-thrombotics**

*Daniel L. Raines, MD, FACG*

Discuss current guidelines regarding the management of anti-platelet and anti-coagulant agents around the time of endoscopy.

**1:30 pm Endoscopic Treatment of Foregut Surgical Complications**

*John E. Pandolfino, MD, MSCI, FACG*

Review complications of surgery involving the upper gastrointestinal tract and the role of endoscopy in their management.

**2:00 pm Simple Endoscopic Mucosal Resection**

*John R. Saltzman, MD, FACG*

Identify the indications, risks, and techniques for endoscopic mucosal resection which may be useful to general gastroenterologists as well as therapeutic endoscopists.

**2:30 pm Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits**

**3:00 pm Fellow Presentations: Case Studies and Original Research from Ochsner Health System, Louisiana State University, and Tulane University**

**3:45 pm Daily Wrap-up and Poster Awards**

*Ronald A. Leo, MD, and Daniel L. Raines, MD, FACG*

**4:00 pm Adjourn for the Day**

**6:00 pm Reception for Advanced Practice Providers–Nurses/NPs/PAs at Bourbon House Restaurant—(sponsored by LGS)**



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*Sunday*

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018**

**7:00 am Continental Breakfast / Visit Exhibits**

**7:50 am Welcoming Remarks / Introductions**

*Ronald A. Leo, MD, and Daniel L. Raines, MD, FACG*

### **PRACTICE MANAGEMENT SESSION**

**8:00 am Efficiencies in Your Endoscopy Unit**

*Klaus Mergener, MD, PhD, FACG*

Recognize opportunities to improve endoscopy unit protocols in order to positively impact both patient care and revenue.

**8:30 am Expected Changes in CMS Reimbursement**

*Caroll D. Koscheski, MD, FACG*

Discuss projected changes in Medicare reimbursement in the U.S., including adjustments in physician, facility, and anesthesia fees.

**9:00 am Optimizing the Use of Advanced Practitioners**

*Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACG*

Identify how advanced practitioners can play a critical role in digestive disease healthcare models in both academic and private practice settings.

**9:30 am Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits**

## SUPPLEMENTAL PURSUITS

### 10:00 am **Developing a Clinical Trials Program**

*Harry E. Sarles, Jr., MD, FACG*

Describe models for initiating and managing an effective clinical trials program which brings value to patients while providing a financial advantage.

### 10:30 am **Serving as an Expert Witness**

*Richard E. Moses, DO, JD, FACG*

Recognize the role of gastroenterologists in evaluating legal cases as a supplement to clinical practice, including discussion of case recruitment, payment rates, skill-set, and pitfalls.

### 11:00 am **Telemedicine**

*Raymond K. Cross, Jr., MD, MS*

Define how telemedicine can be used to enhance and expand your current practice.

### 11:30 am **Course Wrap-up and Key Take-aways**

*Ronald A. Leo, MD, and Daniel L. Raines, MD, FACG*

### 11:40 am **Course Adjourns**

Register by **JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>** and **SAVE!**: [meetings.gi.org](http://meetings.gi.org)



# PROGRAM DESCRIPTION / REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## 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 Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American College of Gastroenterology designates this live activity for a maximum of 10.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. 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 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, new developments in and understanding about areas such as GERD therapy, liver disease, IBD, and endoscopy will be presented by nationally recognized experts, as will two sessions focused on enhancing and improving your practice's bottom line. 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 INFORMATION

ACG / LGS MEMBER TYPE	EARLY BIRD (by 1/23)	FEE (AFTER 1/23)
Physician	\$275	\$350
Resident / Trainee / Candidate	\$125	\$200
Associate / Advanced Practice Provider	\$125	\$200
NON-MEMBER TYPE		
Physicians / PharmD / PhD / Guest	\$375	\$450
NP /PA / Allied Health (RN, LPN) / Resident / Trainee	\$175	\$250

Full refund of registration fees will be given, less a \$25 administrative fee, if written notice of cancellation is received by ACG by **February 20, 2018**. No refunds will be given after this date. Attendees must register online at [meetings.gi.org](http://meetings.gi.org).

## REGISTRATION AND MOBILE APP

The registration fee includes admission to all sessions, continental breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday, lunch on Saturday, dinner on Friday, and refreshment breaks. 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 view faculty presentations on tablets, mobile devices, and laptops. Attendees will be able to take notes and highlight key points on the presentation slides at the event and continue reviewing them when you get home. PDFs of the presentations can be downloaded directly from the app or can be printed from the website version of the app. Pre-registrants will receive access to the app prior to the course, to view, download, or print the presentation slides. **(NOTE: A printed syllabus will not be provided.)**



# ACCOMMODATIONS



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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 above group rate three (3) days before and after the meeting dates, subject to room availability. Reservations must be made by February 19, 2018 at 5:00 pm 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. All major credit cards are accepted. Cancellations made within 24 hours of check-in will be charged one night's room and tax. Check-in is 3:00 pm. Check-out time is 12:00 noon.

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, and business center. 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. Visit [www.frenchquarter.hyatt.com](http://www.frenchquarter.hyatt.com) for more information.

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the meeting, contact [education@gi.org](mailto: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](mailto:registration@gi.org) no later than **February 20, 2018**.



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