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Join us in March at the 4th Annual Digestive Diseases: New Advances

The complexity and magnitude of medical advances in the management of digestive diseases make it ever more challenging for clinicians to apply this tremendous amount of information to their practice. This activity will provide learners with a comprehensive overview of the state-of-the-art advances in the diagnostic, therapeutic, and preventive modalities of digestive diseases based on the latest evidence, literature, and clinical research. A thorough review of the current treatment landscape is vital to both clinicians and patients who can benefit from the expansion of therapeutic options.

We look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia from March 24-25, 2017. Don’t miss out: Register today and save $200 with our early bird discount which ends January 13, 2017.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

This conference is designed for gastroenterologists, primary care physicians, advanced practice nurses, nurses, pharmacists, and physician assistants involved in the diagnosis, evaluation, management, and treatment of patients with digestive diseases.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be better able to:

- Define Barrett’s esophagus and implement the appropriate treatment plan to achieve the desired clinical end point
- Explain the clinical manifestations, treatment, and prognosis of esophageal cancer
- Outline the pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of eosinophilic esophagitis
- Compare and contrast the clinical features of small bowel bleeding and obscure gastrointestinal bleeding
- Describe the advantages and disadvantages of various technologies available for the diagnosis of small bowel bleeding
- Recognize the manifestations of celiac disease and use appropriate tests to identify the disease
- Apply a multidisciplinary approach to treatment of celiac disease, combining the skills of the primary care physician, a gastroenterological specialist, the nutritionist, and a registered nurse
- Compare treatment options available for the management of gastroparesis
- Recognize the need for aggressive management of gastroduodenal ulcers in all patients as well as the appropriate role of PPIs to reduce the overse of these agents
- Describe the association between small intestinal bacterial overgrowth and various chronic conditions as well as the controversies surrounding the diagnosis and management of the condition
- Recognize key clinical issues in bariatric surgery, including patient selection criteria, risks and benefits, and peri- and post-operative management
- Identify barriers to colorectal cancer screening and utilize appropriate strategies to identify and address these barriers
- Differentiate irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) from other common gastrointestinal disorders
- Describe new and emerging management strategies for IBS
- Review the most current perspectives and clinical guidelines for the use of biologic agents in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
- Incorporate a treatment approach for those patients with IBD that are difficult to treat
- Assess optimal management strategies for patients with hepatic encephalopathy
- Recognize, prevent, and treat fatty liver diseases, including nonalcoholic fatty liver disease and alcohol liver disease
- Explain the cause, expected course of disease progression, and therapeutic options, including liver transplantation, for portopulmonary hypertension
- Outline the diagnosis and treatment strategies for patients with hepatitis B
- Evaluate the efficacy and safety of current and emerging therapeutic strategies for the treatment of hepatitis C virus (HCV)
- Describe HCV risk factors and indications for screening and improve markers of patient care
- Identify treatment choices for primary biliary cholangitis, including new treatment options, and be aware that treatment selection depends upon accurate evaluation of the stage of the disease
- Apply the latest diagnostic tools for identifying hepatocellular carcinoma and select the best available therapeutic options for patients
- Discuss the emerging paradigm for diagnosis and management of acute pancreatitis
- Identify optimal strategies for identifying and managing gallstones and bile duct stones

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS:

Authors are invited to submit abstracts to be considered for posters at the 4th Annual Digestive Diseases: New Advances. Posters can only be submitted by registered attendees. Please visit www.globalacademycme.com/gastroenterology for more information and to download forms. Submit your completed form by February 13, 2017.
**CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017**
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM  Registration: Pick up Badges

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017**
6:45 AM  Registration, Continental Breakfast and Visit Exhibits
7:25 AM  Welcome and Introductions  
Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA

**UPPER GI SESSION**
7:45 AM  Barrett’s Esophagus: An Overview  
Stuart J. Spechler, MD
8:15 AM  Esophageal Cancer Update  
Sushil Ahlawat, MD
8:45 AM  Eosinophilic Esophagitis: An Update  
Stuart J. Spechler, MD
9:15 AM  Interactive Panel Discussion
9:30 AM  Break and Visit Exhibits/Posters
10:00 AM  Occult GI Bleeding: Is It Obscure?  
David C. Metz, MD
10:30 AM  Celiac Disease  
Peter H.R. Green, MD
11:00 AM  Gastroparesis: Are We Moving On?  
Anthony J. Lembo, MD
11:30 AM  Gastrointestinal Ulcers: Do They Still Exist?  
David C. Metz, MD
12:00 PM  Interactive Panel Discussion
12:15 PM  Pick Up Lunch and Visit Exhibits
1:00 PM  Keynote Presentation  
Vicente H. Gracias, MD

**OBESITY/GUT MICROBIOTA**
1:45 PM  Gut Microbiota and SIBO: An Overview  
Mark Pimentel, MD
2:15 PM  Obesity: Bariatric Surgery  
Subhashini Ayloo, MD

**COLORECTAL/IBD/IBS SESSION**
2:45 PM  Colorectal Screening: An Update  
Mark Pimentel, MD
3:15 PM  Irritable Bowel Syndrome: New Management Approaches  
Mark Pimentel, MD
3:45 PM  Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD): Clinical Presentation and Diagnosis  
Steven R. Brant, MD

**4:15 PM**  IBD: Difficult to Treat Populations  
Mark T. Osterman, MD, MSCE
4:45 PM  Interactive Panel Discussion
5:00 PM  Clinical Case Conundrums
5:30 PM  Adjourn

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017**
7:00 AM  Registration, Continental Breakfast and Visit Exhibits
7:55 AM  Welcome Back  
Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA

**HEPATOLOGY SESSION**
8:00 AM  Hepatic Encephalopathy: What?  
Kevin Mullen, MD
8:20 AM  Fatty Liver Disease… We Are Progressing  
Zobair M. Younossi, MD, MPH
8:40 AM  Portopulmonary Hypertension Syndrome  
Marc Klapholz, MD
9:00 AM  Alcoholic Liver Disease: An Update  
Kevin Mullen, MD
9:30 AM  Break and Visit Exhibits/Posters
10:00 AM  Viral Hepatitis B – Still An Issue  
Vinod K. Rustgi, MD, MBA
10:30 AM  Treatment Strategies for Hepatitis C: One Size Fits All or Not There Yet?  
Kimberly A. Brown, MD
11:00 AM  Hepatitis C: Do We Really Have Difficult to Treat Populations?  
Zobair M. Younossi, MD, MPH
11:30 AM  Primary Biliary Cholangitis: Old Disease New Treatments?  
Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA
12:00 PM  Interactive Panel Discussion
12:30 PM  Pick Up Lunch and Visit Exhibits

**PANCREAS/BILIARY/HCC SESSION**
1:30 PM  Hepatocellular Carcinoma  
Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA
2:00 PM  Acute Pancreatitis: An Overview  
C.S. Pitchumoni, MD, MPH
2:30 PM  Gall and Choledochal Stones  
Sushil Ahlawat, MD
3:00 PM  Interactive Panel Discussion
3:15 PM  Clinical Case Conundrums
3:40 PM  Outstanding Poster Award Presentation
3:45 PM  Conference Ends - See you in 2018!

*Sessions/Faculty Subject to Change*

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