Join us in March at the 7th 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.

Join me and my esteemed colleagues in the Washington, DC metro area, from March 27-28, 2020. Don’t miss out: Register today!

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

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

- Outline the recommended screening tests for colorectal cancer.
- Analyze barriers to colorectal cancer screening.
- Discuss evidence comparing Peroral endoscopic myotomy (POEM) with laparoscopic Heller myotomy (LHM) for achalasia.
- Explain treatment strategies for patients with esophageal motility disorders (EMD).
- Integrate endoscopic approaches in the management of EMD.
- Describe the pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of eosinophilic esophagitis.
- Describe the types of variates commonly encountered in patients with cirrhosis.
- Develop an evidence-based treatment approach for variates that incorporates current recommendations and treatment strategies for appropriately selected patients.
- Delineate a noninvasive diagnostic approach for gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).
- Delineate the characteristic symptoms of gastroparesis to facilitate diagnosis.
- Summarize strategies to manage gastroparesis.
- Outline advances in recommendations for diagnosis and treatment of Crohn’s and ulcerative colitis in the 2018 and 2019 ACG guidelines.
- Review the most current perspectives and clinical guidelines for the management of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).
- Delineate the role of biosimilar therapies in the management of IBD.
- Differentiate between common gastrointestinal disorders: irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), IBD, peptic ulcer disease.
- Analyze new and emerging management strategies for IBS.
- Outline the emerging paradigm for diagnosis and management of acute pancreatitis.
- Identify appropriate candidates with acute pancreatitis for minimally invasive approaches to treatment.
- Formulate a diagnostic evaluation strategy for patients suspected of having alcoholic hepatitis (AH)/advanced liver disease.
- Summarize medical treatments and lifestyle modifications to manage AH.
- Recognize symptoms and histologic features that support a diagnosis of autoimmune hepatitis.
- Develop strategies to identify patients at risk for or with cardiac manifestations of liver disease.
- State factors that may be used to predict which patients with compensated cirrhosis may transition to decompensated cirrhosis.
- Assess optimal management strategies for patients with decompensated cirrhosis and its consequences, including hepatic encephalopathy and hepatorenal syndrome.
- Outline the vaccination and screening recommendations for hepatitis B virus (HBV).
- Discuss diagnostic and monitoring recommendations for HBV.
- List patient and clinician barriers to optimal treatments for HBV.
- Summarize the treatment recommendations for their hepatitis C virus (HCV).
- Identify difficult-to-treat populations and discuss their HCV treatment options.
- Explain factors that increase risk for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) in order to optimize early detection and diagnosis.
- Summarize challenges in the diagnosis and management of HCC.
- List the expanded donor organ criteria and novel technologies for improved organ preservation.
- Formulate treatment strategies for nonalcoholic steatohepatitis.
- Identify current and emerging treatments for primary biliary cholangitis (PBC) and PBC-associated symptoms.
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TOPICS
• Hepatitis B & C
• Liver Cancer
• Irritable Bowel Syndrome
• Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease
• Inflammatory Bowel Disease
• NASH
• Colorectal Cancer Screening
• Primary Biliary Cholangitis
• Gut Microbiota and Liver Disease
• Liver Transplant
  and more!

Earn up to 14.25 CME/CE Credits

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020**

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| 8:20 AM    | **Novel Endoscopic Approaches for Esophageal Disorders**  
Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA |
| 8:50 AM    | **The Pancreatitis Conundrum in 2020**  
Jamie S. Barkin, MD |
| 9:20 AM    | **Minimally Invasive Approaches to Lower GI Disorders**  
David L. Carr-Locke, MD |
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| 10:35 AM   | IBD Epidemiology                          |
| 11:05 AM   | New Treatment Modalities for Patients with IBD  
Farzona Rashid Hossain, MD |
| 11:35 AM   | Treatment for Challenging IBD Patients     |
| 12:05 PM   | **Colorectal Screening: How to Maximize the Potential**  
Steven H. Itzkowitz, MD |
| 12:35 PM   | Interactive Panel Discussion               |
| 12:50 PM   | Luncheon                                   |
| 2:05 PM    | **Introduction of the 7th Annual Digestive Diseases:**  
New Advances Distinguished Lecturer 2020  
Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA |
| 2:35 PM    | Cardiac Manifestations of Patients with Liver Disease  
Marc Klapelos, MD, MBA |
| 3:00 PM    | First Aid for Decompensated Cirrhotic Patients  
Patrick S. Kamath, MD |
| 3:35 PM    | Esophageal, Gastric Varices and Gastroopathy Management  
Hashem B. El-Serag, MD, MPH |
| 4:05 PM    | Alcoholic Hepatitis, Anything New?          |
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Jordan Feld, MD, MPH |
| 8:45 AM    | Update on Hepatitis B                      |
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Do They Exist?  
Jordan Feld, MD, MPH |
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Vinod K. Rustgi, MD, MBA |
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| 10:45 AM   | Gut Microbiota and Liver Diseases          |
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Arun Sanjay, MD |
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| 12:15 PM   | Primary Biliary Cholangitis – New Treatment Options?  
Marilyn Mayo, MD |
| 12:45 PM   | Maximizing the Donor Potential for Liver Transplant  
James V. Guarnera, MD |
| 1:10 PM    | Interactive Panel Discussion               |
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| 2:35 PM    | **Diagnostic Approaches for GERD, Barrett’s**  
Stuart J. Spechler, MD |
| 3:05 PM    | Treatment and Management of Gastroparesis.  
Are We Moving On?  
Anthony J. Lembo, MD |
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Stuart J. Spechler, MD |
| 4:50 PM    | Residents or Clinical Case Conundrums/ Outstanding Poster Award Presentation |
| 5:15 PM    | Conference Ends                            |

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