Friday, March 4, 2016

POEM With the Flexible Scope as a Treatment for Achalasia and Zenker's Diverticulum  
*Abraham Mathew, MD*
Describe the per oral approach for myotomy; describe endoscopic diverticulotomy; and identify complications related to POEM.

Saturday, March 5, 2016

Physician Burnout: How the Gastroenterologist Can Cope With the Stresses of Modern Practice  
*Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG*
Describe definitions of burnout and discuss its contributing factors and identify ways to recognize, prevent and treat burnout.

Chronic Abdominal Pain: It’s Not Always Visceral  
*Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, FACC*
Evaluate and manage patients presenting with chronic abdominal pain.

Dietary Contributions to Symptoms and Treatment of IBS: Is There a “Food Print” in this Disease?  
*Paul Moayyedi, BSc, MB ChB, PhD, MPH, FACC*
Compare current data supporting a dietary cause of IBS symptoms; examine the validity of dietary manipulations in IBS treatment and discuss the direction of future research in dietary manipulation for IBS.

Changing Face of Liver Transplantation in the United States  
*Nigel Girgrah, MD, PhD*
Identify the evolving indications for liver transplantation in our country and future advances in the field.

Use of Biomarkers in the Diagnosis and Prognosis of Inflammatory Bowel Disease  
*John F. Valentine, MD*
Incorporate into practice the advances made in the biochemistry of IBD.

Adapting to Future Health Care Delivery Systems  
*Kenny J. Cole, MD*
Explain the methods and metrics used by large provider organizations in designing health care delivery systems.

Fellow Presentations: Case Studies and Original Research From Tulane and LSU Fellows  
*Illustrate difficult GI management issues using case presentations.*

Diagnosis and Management of Chronic Pancreatitis  
*Stephen T. Amann, MD, FACC*
Summarize the challenges of identifying, treating and monitoring this growing but under-recognized cohort.

Nonsurgical Treatment of Obesity and the Gastroenterologist  
*Frank Greenway, MD*
Evaluate the patient selection, drug choices and therapeutic challenges of this growing epidemic.

PBC and NASH: Progress on the Horizon  
*Mary E. Rinella, MD, FACC*
Discuss the diagnosis, illness burden, prognostication and advances in the treatment of PBC and NASH.