Saturday, April 8, 2017

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

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.

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.

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.

SESSION 2: LIVER
Moderator: Dawn M. Torres, MD

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.

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.

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.

SESSION 3: OBESITY
Moderator: Gregory G. Ginsberg, MD, FACG

First Things First: The Non-surgical Management of Obesity
Scott Kahan, MD, MPH
Describe the currently available weight loss therapies, their indications, contraindications, and potential adverse effects.

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.

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.
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.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS

How Can Advanced Practice Nurses and Physician Assistants Enhance the Mission of Improved Quality of Care in Your Practice?
Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACG
Appraise the impact of advanced practitioners in the modern gastroenterology and hepatology practice and their roles in delivering higher efficiency and quality of care.

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.

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.

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.

Sunday, April 9, 2017

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

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

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

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.

SESSION 5: PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Reimbursements Future: The Impact of MACRA and MIPS on Your Income
Immanuel K. H. Ho, MD, FACG
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, FACG

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

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

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