Friday, February 24, 2017

A New Endoscopic Frontier: Bariatric Endoscopy
Ali A. Siddiqui, MD
Discuss endoscopic bariatric procedures, indications, and outcomes.

The Amazing Space Between: POEM, POEP, and the Future
Dennis J. Yang, MD
Describe submucosal tunneling for POEM, POEP, and other endoscopic treatments.

EMR vs ESD for Large Colon Polyps
Peter V. Draganov, MD, FACP, and Tolga Erim, DO
Summarize the evidence for using EMR vs ESD for large colon polyps and the expected outcomes using these techniques.

Is it Inflammatory Bowel Disease? Diagnostic Tools and Initial Work-up
Michael F. Picco, MD, PhD, FACP
Discuss medical, endoscopic, and surgical methods to diagnose IBD and the initial work-up once the diagnosis is established.

Management of Polyps in Inflammatory Bowel Disease and the Role of Image-enhanced Endoscopy
Michael B. Wallace, MD, MPH, FACP
Recognize what to do with polyps in patients with IBD.

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Esophageal Motility Disorders and the Role of Esophageal Manometry
Brenda G. Jimenez, MD
Explain the diagnosis and management of patients with esophageal motility disorders and the role of manometry.

Which One to Choose? Update on Hepatitis C Treatment
Fernando J. Castro, MD, FACP
Review currently available HCV treatments, and discuss efficacy and cost to help practitioners choose treatment options.

Can I Drive? Encephalopathy Due to Liver Disease
Miguel H. Malespin, MD, and Chris Nuland, Esq.
Recognize encephalopathy as a patient- and community-centered disease.

Social Media and Medicine
Steven D. Wexner, MD, PhD (Hon), FACS, FRCS, FRCS(Ed), FACP
Describe the role that social media plays in medical practice, how to incorporate it, and ethical considerations.

Ergonomics in Endoscopy
Silvio W. de Melo, Jr., MD
Recognize good ergonomic principles for endoscopists that may decrease risk of bodily injuries.

Role of Endoscopy in the Management of Esophageal Cancer
Abhitabh Patil, MD
Discuss GI-specific performance measures and quality metrics in patient care.
Sunday, February 26, 2017

Upper Variceal Bleeding  
Don C. Rockey, MD  
Review upper gastrointestinal variceal bleeding, diagnosis, and medical and endoscopic therapies with emphasis on cost control.

Post-polypectomy Bleeding Prevention and Management  
Silvio W. de Melo, Jr., MD  
Discuss anticoagulation management for colonoscopy, and endoscopic prevention and treatment of post-polypectomy hemorrhage.

Diagnosis and Management of Small Bowel Bleeding  
Don C. Rockey, MD  
Explain ACG guidelines for small bowel bleeding.

Acute Pancreatitis Diagnosis and Predictors of Outcome  
Luis F. Lara, MD  
Discuss tools to diagnose and predict the severity of acute pancreatitis.

Endoscopic Drainage of Pancreatic Fluid Collections  
Ali A. Siddiqui, MD  
Describe endoscopic procedures to drain pseudocysts and other fluid collections due to pancreatitis, with emphasis on stents.

Screening Colonoscopy in the Era of Stool DNA Testing  
Fernando J. Castro, MD, FACG  
Review current colonoscopy screening guidelines and tools, and compare to non-invasive colon neoplasia screening tools with emphasis on stool DNA testing.
Friday, March 3, 2017

Ancillary Revenue Sources for Clinical Practice  
Reed B. Hogan, II, MD  
Identify opportunities for the addition of ancillary services such as anesthesia, pathology, laboratory, imaging, or infusion services to a clinical practice to improve patient care while gaining a financial advantage.

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Fecal Microbiota Transplantation: Protocols and Pitfalls  
Monika Fischer MD, MS  
Describe the current status of fecal microbiota transplantation in the United States while defining common protocols as well as performance restrictions.

Management of Barrett’s Esophagus: State-of-the-Art  
Michael S. Smith, MD, MBA  
Define changes in published guidelines and management standards in the surveillance and treatment of Barrett’s esophagus.

Expanded Options for Biologic Therapy in IBD  
Edward V. Lotitus, Jr., MD, FACP  
Assess the utility of biologic agents that have been recently approved for use in the management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

Expert Management of Eosinophilic Esophagitis  
David A. Katzka, MD, FACP  
Evaluate expert recommendations regarding the management of eosinophilic esophagitis cases with review of recent advances in medical therapy.

Rome IV Criteria for IBS: Noteworthy Changes  
William D. Chey, MD, FACP  
Distinguish changes in definitions pertaining to functional bowel disorders while evaluating the significance of these changes.

Medicare Reporting Requirements and Payment Updates  
Caroll D. Koscheski, MD, FACP  
Accurately interpret trends in Medicare payment models and requirements for reporting that are impacting gastroenterology practices across the nation.

Evaluation of Non-cardiac Chest Pain  
Sami R. Achem, MD, MACG  
Discuss non-cardiac chest pain in regard to pathophysiology, evaluation, and treatment.

Complex Polypectomy in Routine Practice  
Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG  
Compare techniques employed by highly experienced endoscopists in challenging cases of colonic polypectomy.

Idiopathic Pancreatitis: Evaluation and Management  
Andres Gelrud, MD, MMSc  
List pathologies that are likely culprits in cases of idiopathic pancreatitis as well as the natural history, prevention, and management of complications in these cases.
HBV – Natural History and Management  
Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACG  
Discuss the natural history of hepatitis B, HBV serologies, the different immune stages of the disease, and screening recommendations for HCC in patients with HBV.

HBV – Treatment  
Tram T. Tran, MD, FACG  
Explain current recommendations for the treatment of HBV and summarize the use of anti-HBV drugs to minimize transmission risk during pregnancy and to prevent reactivation of occult HBV during immunosuppression.

HCV – Epidemiology, Screening, Natural History, and Extra-hepatic Manifestations  
Mark W. Russo, MD, MPH, FACG  
Describe the epidemiology of HCV, screening recommendations, and the natural history of HCV, as well as potential impacts on other organs besides the liver.

HCV – Treatment of Genotype 1: Now and in the Future  
David E. Bernstein, MD, FACG  
Summarize the current and future management options for patients with HCV genotype 1, including patients with cirrhosis.

HCV – Treatment of Genotypes 2-6: Now and in the Future  
Joseph K. Lim, MD, FACG  
Analyze the current and future management options for patients with HCV genotypes 2-6, including cirrhosis.

HCV – Retreatment of DAA Failures  
Tram T. Tran, MD, FACG  
Identify how to approach patients who have failed HCV treatment with the current DAA therapies and the role viral mutations/resistance may play in this process.

Treatment of Patients With Decompensated Cirrhosis and Liver Transplant Recipients  
Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG  
Differentiate HCV treatment in patients with decompensated cirrhosis, determine which patients should not be treated, and describe strategies for managing HCV after liver transplantation.

The Impact of Curing HCV on the Liver and the Extra-hepatic Manifestations  
Joseph K. Lim, MD, FACG  
List how HCV impacts other organs outside the liver and the impact of curing HCV on these extra-hepatic manifestations.

Treating and Monitoring Chronic HCV and Other Liver Diseases – The Role of the NP in Clinical Practice  
April G. Morris, FNP  
Outline the role of NPs in working with patients with liver disease to prepare them for treatment, obtain medication approval from the insurance carriers, and monitor patients during treatment.

Update on NAFLD  
Mark W. Russo, MD, MPH, FACG  
Describe the epidemiology, natural history, disease progression, mortality risk, and treatment options of NAFLD, and how it differs from NASH.

Disorders of Iron Metabolism in Patients With Liver Disease  
Joseph K. Lim, MD, FACG  
Describe disorders of iron metabolism and their diagnosis and treatment.

Primary Biliary Cholangitis  
Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACG  
Explain the epidemiology, natural history, treatment, and extra-hepatic manifestations of primary biliary cholangitis.
Hepatic Encephalopathy  
David E. Bernstein, MD, FACG  
Identify the classification, diagnostic testing, effect on morbidity and mortality, and treatment of hepatic encephalopathy.

Other Complications of Cirrhosis  
Tram T. Tran, MD, FACG  
Recognize complications of cirrhosis including ascites, hyponatremia, HRS, and variceal bleeding.

Hepatocellular Carcinoma  
Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG  
List risk factors, screening and evaluation methods, treatments, and outcome for patients with hepatocellular carcinoma.
Saturday, March 11, 2017

SESSION 1: COMMON GI QUESTIONS
Moderator: John E. Pandolfino, MD, MSCI, FACG

Heartburn
John E. Pandolfino, MD, MSCI, FACG
Analyze new surgical concepts available for the management of GERD.

Cannabis – What the Gastroenterologist Should Know
Mark E. Gerich, MD
Identify uses of cannabis for the treatment of gastrointestinal disorders and the medicolegal issues related to prescribing cannabis.

Chronic Bloating
Lin Chang, MD, FACG
Describe the causes and treatment of small bowel fungal overgrowth, irritable bowel syndrome, and microbiome-linked disease.

SESSION 2: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BOWEL MOVEMENTS
Moderator: Amy E. Foxx-Orenstein, DO, FACG

Evaluation of Constipation
William D. Chey, MD, FACG
Explain when and how to evaluate constipation.

Treatment Regimens for Chronic Constipation: What’s Good, What’s Acceptable, and What’s Bad?
Amy E. Foxx-Orenstein, MD, FACG
Compare and contrast treatment regimens for chronic constipation.

Clinical Assessment and Practical Approach for Treating Fecal Incontinence
Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, FACG
Discuss the assessment of fecal incontinence and appropriate use of ancillary testing in its evaluation.

Traveler’s Diarrhea: Prevention, Treatment, and Post-infection Symptoms
Mark S. Riddle, MD
Apply the appropriate recommendations for the evaluation and treatment of traveler’s diarrhea.

SESSION 3: THE GASTROENTEROLOGIST’S ROLE IN OBESITY
Moderator: John K. DiBaise, MD, FACG

Holistic Approach to Obesity
Robin Pavlich Blackstone, MD, FACS, FASMBS
Identify new ways to address obesity, including medical and surgical treatment.

Endoscopic Management of Bariatric Surgery Complications
John K. DiBaise, MD, FACG
Outline the various complications that can result from bariatric surgery and the appropriate endoscopic treatments for the management of each complication.

Endoscopic Treatment of Obesity: Should We Do It?
Christopher C. Thompson, MD, MSc, FACG
Recognize the various options for the endoscopic treatment of obesity, and the benefits and limitations of each.

Challenging GI Bleeding Conditions
Lisa L. Strate, MD, MPH, FACG
Evaluate malignant ulcers and discuss obscure bleeding brought on by anticoagulation or antiplatelet therapy.
AFTERNOON SESSIONS

The Latest Surgical Options for Severe GERD
Lauren B. Gerson, MD, MSc, FACG
Analyze new surgical concepts available for the management of GERD.

What’s New With FMT?
Neil H. Stollman, MD, FACG
Recognize the appropriate patient for FMT, interpret the evidence supporting FMT, and explain the logistics for performing FMT.

Practice Management in 2017
Costas H. Kefalas, MD, MMM, FACG
Compare MIPS and APMs, Medicare’s two Quality Payment Programs.

Evaluation and Emerging Therapies for Fatty Liver Disease
Violeta B. Popov, MD, PhD
Explain screening, diagnosis, and staging of fatty liver disease, and describe emerging therapies for non-alcoholic steatohepatitis.

Sunday, March 12, 2017

SESSION 4: ENDOSCOPY IN GI PRACTICE
Moderator: Simon K. Lo, MD, FACG

Endoscopic Evaluation and Treatment of Rectal Bleeding in the Setting of Diverticulosis
Shivangi T. Kothari, MD
Describe the approaches to evaluating and treating rectal bleeding involving diverticulosis, which can be quite challenging in clinical practice.

Non-esophageal Varices: What Should We Do?
Simon K. Lo, MD, FACG
Recognize the various types of non-esophageal varices and the current clinical recommendations for each.

Recognition and Management of Flat Lesions in the Colon
Qiang Cai, MD, PhD, FACG
List the types of flat lesions commonly and less commonly seen in the colon, and techniques to improve their detection.

Cryotherapy: Is it Ready for Prime Time?
Michael S. Smith, MD, MBA
Discuss the current state of cryotherapy and the applications for cryotherapy in the GI tract.

SESSION 5: PANCREATIC CANCER
Moderator: Simon K. Lo, MD, FACG

Risk Factors, Screening, and Diagnostic Approaches for Pancreatic Cancer
Simon K. Lo, MD, FACG
Identify patient groups and factors that increase the risk of pancreatic cancer, and explain screening and diagnostic approaches for individuals with these increased risk factors.

Personalized Medicine in Pancreatic Cancer: What’s on the Horizon?
Lynn M. Matrisian, PhD, MBA
Evaluate current and future personalized medicine approaches for the assessment and treatment of pancreatic cancer.
SESSION 6: UPDATES FOR 2017
Moderator: William D. Chey, MD, FACG

5 New Things Every Gastroenterologist Should Know About IBD in 2017
Lisa B. Malter, MD, FACG
Translate recent advances in IBD into meaningful changes to managing patients.

The Future of Medicine in 2017
William D. Chey, MD, FACG
Appraise the current trends in medicine and predict what emerging technologies and techniques will be important for the field of gastroenterology in the future.
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.
Saturday, August 26, 2017

SESSION 1: FUNCTIONAL BOWEL DISEASE  
Moderator: Darren M. Brenner, MD

Approach to Pain Management in Functional Bowel Disease  
Darren M. Brenner, MD  
Describe the pathogenesis of pain in functional disorders and develop a strategy to manage abdominal pain in patients with functional dyspepsia and IBS.

Management of Constipation: Focus on IBS-C and Pelvic Floor Dysfunction  
Greg S. Sayuk, MD  
Define management issues to target the specific pathogenesis behind IBS-C and pelvic floor dysfunction.

Bloating and Distention: The Role of Diet and the Microbiome  
William D. Chey, MD, FACG  
Evaluate the pathogenesis of bloating and the role of diet and the microbiome in symptom management.

SESSION 2: ESOPHAGEAL DISORDERS  
Moderator: John E. Pandolfino, MD, MSCI, FACG

GERD: A Personalized Medicine Approach  
John E. Pandolfino, MD, MSCI, FACG  
Discuss how to tailor therapy based on clinical presentation and physiologic biomarkers.

Dysphagia: A Simple Algorithmic Approach  
Ikuo Hirano, MD, FACG  
Differentiate and manage mechanical (strictures/EoE) and non-mechanical (esophageal motor disorders, functional) dysphagia.

Management of Barrett’s Esophagus: Surveillance to Ablation  
Srinadh Komanduri, MD, MS  
Identify the optimal strategy for preventing cancer in patients with intestinal metaplasia and low-grade dysplasia.

SESSION 3: COLITIS AND IBD  
Moderator: Russell D. Cohen, MD, FACG

Crohn’s and Ulcerative Colitis: Achieving Remission in the Refractory Patient  
Jean-Paul Achkar, MD, FACG  
Recognize the refractory patient and determine the best treatment course when patients fail standard first line therapy.

Maintaining Health and Remission in IBD  
Russell D. Cohen, MD, FACG  
Identify the best approach to maintain remission and reduce complications associated with Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

Options in Complicated C. difficile Colitis  
Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG  
Describe the management approach in patients who fail first line medical management, including those who are immune suppressed.

Understanding and Implementing Quality Payment Programs: What You Need to Know About MIPS and APMs  
Costas H. Kefalas, MD, MMM, FACG  
Discuss Quality Payment Programs including MIPS and APMs and identify ways to maximize the benefit to your practice.
SESSION 4: UPDATES IN LIVER DISEASE
Moderator: Manal F. Abdelmalek, MD, MPH, FACG

Treatment of Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis
Manal F. Abdelmalek, MD, MPH, FACG
Summarize the spectrum of NASH and the current treatments.

Who's a Good Candidate for Liver Transplantation?
Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG
Assess the indications for liver transplantation and the effect of new hepatitis C treatments on liver transplantation.

Management of Cirrhosis-Related Complications
Joseph Ahn, MD, MS, FACG
Evaluate the treatment of acute and chronic cirrhosis-related complications, including GI bleeding, hepatic encephalopathy and ascites.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Choosing the Right Esophageal Function Test: Case Studies
C. Prakash Gyawali, MD, FACG
Describe when and why to order esophageal manometry and ambulatory reflux testing.

Approach to the Patient With Nausea and Vomiting
Darren M. Brenner, MD
Identify the potential causes of nausea and vomiting and determine an efficient management approach.

Sphincter of Oddi Dysfunction: To Cut or Not
Patrick S. Yachimski, MD, MPH
Compare the 3 subtypes of SOD and gain an understanding of the common/current approach to treatment and the role of ERCP and sphincterotomy.

The Nuts and Bolts of Generator Settings
Neil Gupta, MD, MPH
Differentiate the different settings of commonly used generators and review which endoscopic maneuvers call for certain generator settings.

Sunday, August 27, 2017

SESSION 5: ENDOSCOPY POTPOURRI
Moderator: Vladimir M. Kushnir, MD

Indications and Diagnostic Yield of Balloon Enteroscopy
Christine Y. Hachem, MD, FACG
Describe the role of balloon enteroscopy in patients with occult GI bleeding, and for identification of lesions.

Update on Therapeutic Endoscopic Ultrasound for Pancreatic and Biliary Disease
Brooke Glessing, MD
Analyze the situations in which EUS can deliver therapy, such as celiac plexus neurolysis, biliary access, drainage of peripancreatic fluid collections, and placement of fiducial markers.

Endoscopic Treatment of Obesity
Vladimir M. Kushnir, MD
Compare the different options of FDA-approved devices for endoscopic therapy and determine which patients are good candidates for this therapy.
SESSION 6: COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING
Moderator: Dayna S. Early, MD, FACG

Family History But No “Syndrome”: When to Screen
Jean S. Wang, MD, PhD
Discuss the spectrum of risk in patients with a family history of CRC, and the rationale behind screening recommendations.

Alternatives to Colonoscopy for Colorectal Cancer Screening
Dayna S. Early, MD, FACG
Contrast FOBT, FIT, fecal DNA tests, and CT colonography as alternatives to colonoscopy for CRCS.

How to Achieve a High Quality Colonoscopy
Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACG
Describe the quality measures used in colonoscopy, and be familiar with patient and provider specific factors that can increase colonoscopy quality.
Saturday, September 9, 2017

**UPPER GI SESSION**

**Approach to and Management of Eosinophilic Esophagitis**
* Bryan G. Sauer, MD, MSc (Clin Res), FACG

Explain the algorithms of diagnosis and treatment for eosinophilic esophagitis.

**Management of Barrett’s Esophagus – From Imaging to Resection**
* Kenneth K. Wang, MD, FACG

Differentiate the strategies of using imaging or resection for Barrett’s esophagus.

**Nutritional Vitamin Deficiencies: Diagnosis, Manifestations, and Management**
* Puneet Puri, MD

Recognize nutritional deficiencies in GI patients.

**LOWER GI SESSION**

**Complicated Polypectomy of Large Flat Polyps**
* Jeffrey L. Tokar, MD

Develop strategies for polypectomy of large flat polyps.

**Colon Cancer Prevention: From FIT to ADRs – Maximizing Quality in Colonoscopy**
* David A. Johnson, MD, MACG

Determine the optimum colon cancer screening technique to optimize the use of colonoscopy.

**The Role of the Microbiome in IBS**
* George B. Smallfield, III, MD, MSPH

Describe the role of the microbiome in IBS.

**Keynote Lecture: Ergonomics and Endoscopy**
* Patrick E. Young, MD, FACG

Recognize good ergonomic principles for endoscopists that may decrease the risk of bodily injuries.

**LIVER SESSION**

**Bleeding in Cirrhosis: Defining, Preventing, and Treating**
* Hannah M. Lee, MD

Develop strategies in treating and preventing bleeding in cirrhosis patients.

**Preoperative/Perioperative Management of Liver Transplant Patients**
* Patrick G. Northup, MD

Assess the obstacles involved in the management of liver patients around the time of surgery.

**Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure: Definition, Diagnosis, and Management**
* Miguel H. Malespin, MD

Summarize the concept of acute-on-chronic liver failure.

**GI PRACTICE MANAGEMENT SESSION**

**Event Simulation Modeling and Its Use in Improving Quality and Efficiency of Health Care Delivery**
* Ziad F. Gellad, MD

Recognize and learn how event simulation modeling can improve both quality and efficiency of health care delivery.
Medicare Reporting Requirements and Payment Updates
Caroll D. Koscheski, MD, FACG
Analyze the reporting requirements and payment updates for Medicare.

Clinical Dilemmas and Cases Presented by Clinical Fellows from UVA, VCU, and Carilion
Neeral L. Shah, MD, FACG

Sunday, September 10, 2017

BILIARY SESSION

The Difficult ERCP: Tips for Success
Andrew Y. Wang, MD, FACG
Develop strategies for difficult ERCP cases.

ERCP: Managing Risks
John A. Martin, MD
Differentiate management strategies for different risks of ERCP.

Therapeutic Applications of Endoscopic Ultrasound
Uzma D. Siddiqui, MD
Define the therapeutic applications of endoscopic ultrasound.

IBD SESSION

The Use of Biologics as First-line Therapy in the Treatment of IBD: One Size Fits All?
David T. Rubin, MD, FACG
Differentiate the use of specific biologics as first-line therapy for IBD.

IBD Response to Therapy: Drug and Antibody Monitoring, Biomarkers, and Serum Testing
Jill K. Gaidos, MD, FACG
Identify and assess the methods used to measure IBD response to therapy.

Infection and Malignancy Risks With Immunomodulator and Biologic Therapies
Brian W. Behm, MD
Identify the risks of malignancy and infection with immunomodulatory therapies.
Saturday, December 2, 2017

UPPER GI SESSION

**Is There Anything New in the Treatment of H. pylori Infection?**
*Colin W. Howden, MD, FACG*
Identify an appropriate treatment care plan for patients with *H. pylori* infection.

**Evaluation and Management of Barrett’s Esophagus**
*Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, FACG*
Propose an appropriate evaluation strategy, as well as follow-up and treatment options, for patients with Barrett’s esophagus.

**Role of Esophageal Manometry in Management of Esophageal Motility Disorders**
*Nikrad Shahnavaz, MD*
Differentiate the various esophageal motility disorders and improve patient outcomes.

**Treatment of Gastroparesis: Drugs, Electronic Stimulators, and G-POEM**
*Qiang Cai, MD, PhD, FACG*
Describe an appropriate treatment care plan for hepatitis C patients.

PANCREAS SESSION

**Pancreatic Cancer: What Needs to be Done by the Gastroenterologist?**
*Evan L. Fogel, MD, MSc, FRCP(C)*
Formulate a multidisciplinary approach to staging and treatment of pancreatic cancer.

**Chronic Pancreatitis: Challenges, Diagnosis, and Treatment**
*Stephen T. Amann, MD, FACG*
Explain current knowledge and recommendations with regards to the challenges, diagnosis, and treatment of chronic pancreatitis.

ENDOSCOPY SESSION

**Bariatric Endoscopy: A New Endoscopic Frontier**
*Violeta B. Popov, MD, PhD, FACG*
Compare and contrast the various endoscopic approaches to weight loss.

**Advanced Endoscopy: From Mucosal Endoscopy to Submucosal Endoscopy**
*Qiang Cai, MD, PhD, FACG*
Evaluate endoscopic techniques of ESD, POEM and STER, EFTR, and more.

**Role of Endoscopy in the Management of Biliary Strictures**
*Steven A. Keilin, MD*
Define an appropriate differential and treatment care plan for difficult biliary strictures of all etiologies.

**Endoscopy in the Future**
*Christopher E. Forsmark, MD, FACG*
Recognize the best new endoscopic tools and their potential impact on future practice.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**Addressing Burnout – Pearls for Gastroenterologists**
*Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG*
Recognize causes of stress and burnout, and identify strategies to improve work-life balance.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Pancreatic Cysts: What Do We Need to Do?
Uzma D. Siddiqui, MD
Define and apply current management practices for pancreatic cysts.

Fecal Microbiota Transplantation: Current Status and Future
Neil H. Stollman, MD, FACG
Identify the patients who benefit most from FMT, and recognize management strategies for the fecal microbiome.

Diagnosis and Management of Small Bowel Bleeding
Seth A. Gross, MD, FACG
Formulate an appropriate evaluation strategy and treatment care plan for small bowel bleeding.

Episodes of Care as a Payment Model
Colleen M. Schmitt, MD, MHS, FACG
Vaughn Frigon, MD
Describe the challenges and opportunities with adopting episodes of care as a payment model for population-based healthcare management. This session will focus on the elements of the episodes of care as a payment model, specifically related to the TennCare episode reimbursement payment model, designed to reward providers who deliver cost-effective care and who meet certain quality thresholds.

Sunday, December 3, 2017

LIVER SESSION

Acute Liver Failure: A Disease for a Tertiary Center
Richard K. Sterling, MD, MSc, FACG
Apply an appropriate evaluation strategy and treatment plan for patients with acute liver failure.

Management of Patients With Abnormal Liver Chemistries
Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG
Identify an appropriate evaluation and treatment care plan for patients with abnormal liver chemistries.

Abnormal Liver Chemistries With Pregnancy: When Is It an Emergency?
Tram T. Tran, MD, FACG
Interpret abnormal liver chemistries associated with pregnancy.

Update on Hepatitis C Treatment
Bruce R. Bacon, MD, MACG
Describe an appropriate treatment care plan for hepatitis C patients.

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Preventative Care Essentials for IBD
David T. Rubin, MD, FACG
Apply an appropriate preventive care plan for patients with IBD.

Lower GI Bleeding: From Diagnosis to Management
Lisa L. Strate, MD, MPH, FACG
Identify and manage patients with acute lower GI bleeding.

Advanced Management for Inflammatory Bowel Diseases
John F. Valentine, MD, FACG
Define the appropriate time to use serum drug and antibody levels, when to use dual therapy, and when to switch class in IBD therapy.

Fecal Incontinence: Diagnosis and Treatment
Jennifer A. Christie, MD
Formulate an appropriate evaluation strategy and treatment options for patients with fecal incontinence.