Friday, March 9, 2018

Chronic PPI Therapy for GERD: Risks, Benefits, and Alternatives
Kenneth R. DeVault, MD, FACG
Identify ongoing concerns regarding the risks of chronic PPI therapy, evidence supporting the use of this therapy, and other options for management of GERD.

Saturday, March 10, 2018

LIVER DISEASE SESSION

Diagnosis and Management of Portal Hypertension: New Recommendations
Fredric G. Regenstein, MD, FACG
Assess recent developments on the topic of portal hypertension and how these developments impact our current understanding and treatment of this disorder.

Evolving Treatment of NASH
Zobair M. Younossi, MD, MPH, FACG
Evaluate current therapy recommendations for NASH as well as novel therapies currently in development which show promise in managing this condition.

Conquering the Hepatitis C Epidemic
Jorge L. Herrera, MD, MACG
Analyze the status of the hepatitis C epidemic, including current treatment options and eradication initiatives.

INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE SESSION

Recognizing and Treating Extraintestinal Manifestations of IBD
Shabana F. Pasha, MD
Review complications of inflammatory bowel disease found outside of the gastrointestinal tract, as well as treatment options tailored to individual pathologies.

Biologic Therapy in IBD: Beyond Anti-TNF Agents
Kara M. De Felice, MD
Explain the utility of recently introduced and future biologic therapy agents in the IBD treatment algorithm.

State-of-the-Art Surveillance in IBD
Samir A. Shah, MD, FACG
Assess current recommendations and practice standards for colorectal cancer surveillance in IBD populations.

Neurobiology of Stress and IBS
Lin Chang, MD, FACG
Describe interactions between the central nervous system and gastrointestinal tract, including assessing the impact of psychological factors such as stress on symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome.

ENDOSCOPY SESSION

Peri-endoscopic Management of Anti-thrombotics
Daniel L. Raines, MD, FACG
Discuss current guidelines regarding the management of anti-platelet and anti-coagulant agents around the time of endoscopy.

Endoscopic Treatment of Foregut Surgical Complications
John E. Pandolfino, MD, MSCI, FACG
Review complications of surgery involving the upper gastrointestinal tract and the role of endoscopy in their management.
Simple Endoscopic Mucosal Resection
John R. Saltzman, MD, FACG
Identify the indications, risks, and techniques for endoscopic mucosal resection which may be useful to
general gastroenterologists as well as therapeutic endoscopists.

Saturday, March 11, 2018

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT SESSION

Efficiencies in Your Endoscopy Unit
Klaus Mergener, MD, PhD, MBA, FACG
Recognize opportunities to improve endoscopy unit protocols in order to positively impact both patient care
and revenue.

Expected Changes in CMS Reimbursement
Caroll D. Koscheski, MD, FACG
Discuss projected changes in Medicare reimbursement in the U.S., including adjustments in physician, facility,
and anesthesia fees.

Optimizing the Use of Advanced Practitioners
Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACG
Identify how advanced practitioners can play a critical role in digestive disease healthcare models in both
academic and private practice settings.

SUPPLEMENTAL PURSUITS SESSION

Developing a Clinical Trials Program
Harry E. Sarles, Jr., MD, FACG
Describe models for initiating and managing an effective clinical trials program which brings value to patients
while providing a financial advantage.

Serving as an Expert Witness
Richard E. Moses, DO, JD, FACG
Recognize the role of gastroenterologists in evaluating legal cases as a supplement to clinical practice,
including discussion of case recruitment, payment rates, skill-set, and pitfalls.

Telemedicine
Raymond K. Cross, Jr., MD, MS
Define how telemedicine can be used to enhance and expand your current practice.