Saturday, August 25, 2018

SESSION 1: LOWER GI
Moderator: John R. Saltzman, MD, FACG

Acute Lower GI Bleeding: Review of the Newest Management Guidelines
John R. Saltzman, MD, FACG
Describe the various endoscopic modalities for hemostasis, the importance of prep and timing of endoscopy in acute lower GI bleeding, and strategies to prevent recurrent bleeding.

New Developments in Non-Surgical Management of the Patient With Diverticular Disease
Lisa L. Strate, MD, MPH, FACG
Discuss the emerging literature regarding epidemiology and pathophysiology of diverticulitis, and discuss current management strategies for acute and chronic diverticular disease.

New Therapies for IBS: Present and Future
Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACG
Examine the safety and efficacy of current and future pharmacotherapy, and discuss the role of dietary manipulations and psychological interventions in treating patients with IBS.

SESSION 2: IBD
Moderator: Ece A. Mutlu, MD, MS, MBA, FACG

Incorporating New Therapies Into the Care of Your IBD Patient: Where Are We Headed in 2018?
Anita Afzali, MD, MPH, FACG
Identify the available therapies for IBD, their applications in special populations, such as the elderly, pregnant women, patients with a cancer history, and identify new treatments in the pipeline and which IBD patients they would most benefit.

Managing IBD for Optimal Patient Care: Medical Homes, Telemedicine, Apps, and Beyond
Miguel D. Regueiro, MD, FACG
Define goals of optimal treatment in the IBD patient, and review practical issues for quality improvement in IBD care, including setting up a medical home and implementing telemedicine in practice.

Therapeutic Drug Monitoring in the IBD Patient: Reactive or Proactive?
Jeffry A. Katz, MD
Describe the current guidelines on therapeutic drug monitoring, available tests and their interpretations, and discuss the evidence for reactive vs. proactive TDM.

SESSION 3: HEPATOLOGY
Moderator: Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MSc, FACG

Alcoholic Hepatitis: Treatment and Transplant Considerations
Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MSc, FACG
Discuss the treatment options beyond steroids for alcoholic hepatitis, examine whether or not alcoholics should be transplanted, and identify when to refer these patients.

HCV Treatment: Drug Therapy and Long-Term Follow-Up for HCC
Nancy S. Reau, MD, FACG
Explain treatment options for HCV and discuss whether or not HCV treatment increases the risk of HCC.

What's New in Cirrhosis Management: Medications, Treatment Complications, and Referral for Transplant
David E. Bernstein, MD, FACG
Examine portal vein thrombosis in cirrhosis patient management and assess the management of commonly prescribed and OTC medications.
LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

Burnout Among Gastroenterologists: Strategies for Practitioners at Risk!
Carol A. Burke, MD, FACG
Recognize causes of stress and burnout, and identify strategies to improve work-life balance.

SESSION 4: OBESITY
Moderator: Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACG

Non-Surgical Management Options for Obesity
Reem Z. Sharaiha, MD, MSc
Demonstrate the new endoscopic treatments for obesity including intragastric balloons and ESG, and examine the pharmacologic options for weight loss.

Hot Topic! How to Start a Bariatrics Program in Your Practice
Shelby A. Sullivan, MD, FACG
Outline the type of endoscopic training involved, define key team members, and establish the approach to the obese patient in your practice.

Fatty Liver: Non-Invasive Assessment and Treatment Updates
Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACG
Discuss the non-invasive assessments, treatments in the pipeline, and the risk of liver decompensation for patients with fatty liver.

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSION

How I Do It: Resection of Large Colon Polyps
Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG
Discuss the various techniques and benefits of submucosal injections, as well as techniques to minimize bleeding, perforation, and recurrence in patients with large colon polyps.

The Hot Seat: Challenging Cases of Pancreatic Cystic Neoplasms – Are the Newest Guidelines Helpful?
Case Presentation: Ajaypal Singh, MD
Panel Members: Zachary L. Smith DO, Reem Z. Sharaiha, MD, MSc, and John R. Saltzman, MD, FACG
Demonstrate the clinical approach to cystic pancreatic lesions for the general gastroenterologist, and describe the recent guidelines with regard to the role of observation, endoscopic evaluation, and surgical referral for patients with pancreatic cystic neoplasms.

Try This at Home: Difficult Common Bile Duct Stones and Options for Extraction
Ashley L. Faulx, MD, FACG
Describe the various methods of bile duct stone extraction, and evaluate the risks of large stone extraction and the management of these complications.

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SESSION 5: COLON CANCER SCREENING
Moderator: Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG

Colon Cancer Genetic Syndromes in 2018
Carol A. Burke, MD, FACG
Summarize various polyposis syndromes and develop strategies for diagnosis and management, and referral for further genetic work-ups.

Serrated Colon Polyps: How Can We Better Identify Them?
Joshua E. Melson, MD, MPH
Distinguish the different types of serrated polyps and serrated polyposis syndrome, compare the associated risk of colon cancer development to traditional adenomas, and examine the recent guidelines on the management of serrated polyps.
Is There a Role for Chromoendoscopy and Advanced Imaging in Colonoscopy in Your Practice?
Anna M. Buchner, MD, PhD
Evaluate chromoendoscopy and advanced imaging, their roles in practice, including IBD patients, and demonstrate how to implement these techniques in routine practice.

Non-Invasive Colon Cancer Screening: Where Do We Stand in 2018?
Zachary L. Smith, DO
Describe the available and future non-invasive colon cancer screening tests, their benefits and limitations, and their appropriateness in special groups such as the elderly.

SESSION 6: GENERAL GI
Moderator: Gary W. Falk, MD, MS, FACG

PPIs: What Are the Real Risks of Long-Term Use and Should We Focus on Weaning Patients Off?
Gary W. Falk, MD, MS, FACG
Evaluate the data and their validity regarding the risks of long-term PPI therapy, and assess when providers should consider weaning patients off PPIs.

Eosinophilic Esophagitis: Medical and Endoscopic Management
Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, FACG
Accurately diagnose EoE with an understanding of histologic findings, describe the role of medical therapies including PPIs, steroids, and immunological therapies that are being developed, and identify the indications and risks of endoscopic therapy.

Modulation of the GI Tract Bacteria: Is There Clinical Data for Probiotics and Fecal Transplant in GI Disease?
Monika Fischer, MD, MS, FACG
Distinguish the various GI diseases that may benefit from FMT, and interpret the clinical data that exists regarding the utility of probiotics in various disease states.

Surveillance and Treatment Guidelines for Barrett’s Esophagus
Prasad G. Iyer, MD, MS, FACG
Apply current guidelines for surveillance of Barrett’s esophagus, with attention to surveillance intervals, and discuss pros and cons of current treatments.

Antithrombotics and Antiplatelet Agents: Optimal Management in GI Bleeding and Endoscopy
John R. Saltzman, MD, FACG
Compare the most common antithrombotic and antiplatelet agents, and discuss if and when these agents should be held for endoscopic interventions and their management in the GI bleeding patient.