What's New in GI Pharmacology Course
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ACG's What's New in GI Pharmacology Course provides an intensive review of key GI pharmacology, including comparisons and contrasts between conventional and emerging pharmacological treatment options. This course focuses on such topics as use of biosimilars to treat IBD, treatment options for functional GI disorders, review of new anticoagulants, a GI’s guide to vaccinations, pharmacological therapy during pregnancy, treatment options for primary biliary cirrhosis, and medico-legal issues in pharmacology. The course is designed primarily for physicians in GI/hepatology, as well as physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other advanced practice healthcare professionals interested in the latest information on state-of-the-art treatment of these illnesses.

Update on Biosimilars and New Agents in the Management of IBD
Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACG
Explain where and when the new treatments for IBD should be used in practice.

Pharmacology of Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders: Seeing Through the Haze
Kenneth R. DeVault, MD, FACG
Assess current pharmacologic treatment options for non-acid-responsive dyspepsia and GERD.

Understanding the New Anticoagulant Medications
David A. Greenwald, MD, FACG
Outline the use and management of new anticoagulation medications in patients undergoing endoscopy or with GI bleeding.

A Gastroenterologist's Guide to Vaccinating Your Patient on Steroids, Immunosuppressors, or Biologic Agents
Francis A. Farraye, MD, MSc, FACG
Identify appropriate vaccinations and their safety for patients on steroids, immunosuppressors, or biologic agents.

Medication Use in Pregnancy
Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACG
Summarize available pharmacological therapies that are safe for treatment of GI disorders in the pregnant patient.

Pharmacologic Treatment of PBC and its Extrahepatic Manifestations
Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACG
Explain the latest evaluation and expected treatment options for PBC.

Medical Legal Issues in Pharmacology
Scott M. Tenner, MD, MS, MPH, JD, FACG
Discuss the physician’s responsibilities for appropriate drug monitoring and informed consent for patients’ pharmacologic agents.