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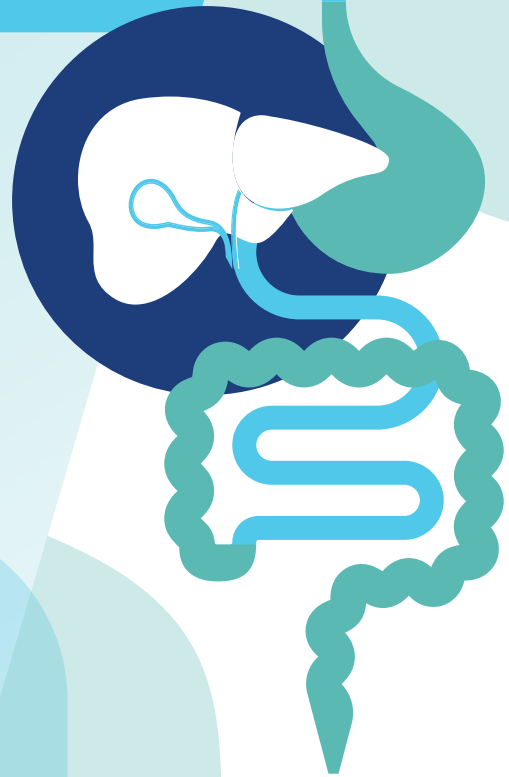
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**Incorporating new techniques and
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SATURDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 – 8:10 a.m. Welcome remarks

Wasif Abidi, M.D., Ph.D.

SESSION 1. THE OLD & THE NEW

Moderators: **Waqar Qureshi, M.D.**
GS Raju, M.D.

8:10 – 8:20 a.m. A legacy of teaching & education at BCM gastroenterology & hepatology **David Graham, M.D.**

8:20 – 8:30 a.m. A legacy of research & innovation at BCM gastroenterology & hepatology **Hashem El-Serag, M.D., MPH**

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Endoscopic suturing: making advanced closure part of your repertoire **Wasif Abidi, M.D., Ph.D.**

8:45 – 9:05 a.m. Beyond CADe: how else can AI help your practice? **Nabil Mansour, M.D.**

9:05 – 9:35 a.m. Imaging IBD in real time: transabdominal intestinal ultrasound in clinical practice **Michael Dolinger, M.D., MBA**

9:35 – 9:50 a.m. Questions

9:50 – 10 a.m. Break

SESSION 2. I CAN DO THAT! BECOMING AN EXPERT IN A NEW AREA

Moderators: **Syed F. Jafri M.D.**
Manish Rungta, M.D.

10 – 10:25 a.m. Barrett's esophagus: from A to Z-line—new techniques in management **Amitabh Chak, M.D., MS**

10:25 – 10:40 a.m. Overcoming challenges of H. pylori treatment in specialized populations **Rollin George, M.D.**

10:40 – 10:55 a.m. Becoming a novice “motility person” using FLIP **Fares Ayoub, M.D.**

10:55 – 11:15 a.m. Pharmacologic management of obesity: the making of a metabolic gastroenterologist **Olubunmi Oladunjoye, M.D., MPH**

11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Creating sufficiency in pancreatic insufficiency **Jodie Barkin, M.D.**

11:45 – 12:05 p.m. Questions

LUNCH & NETWORKING

12:05 – 1:10 p.m. Lunch | Hands-on stations in dining hall | APP social luncheon

SESSION 3. PANEL DISCUSSIONS

1:10 – 2:15 p.m. Multidisciplinary approach to gastrointestinal bleeding: from endoscopy to IR and surgery

Discussion leaders: **Suneal Agarwal, M.D.**
Clark Hair, M.D.

Panelists: **Andy Tau, M.D.** **Ryan Dumas, M.D.**
Kaiming Wu, M.D. **Kalpesh Patel, M.D.**

2:20 – 3:25 p.m. Multidisciplinary management of acute pancreatitis

Discussion leaders: **Tara Keihanian, M.D.**
Jordan Sparkman, M.D.

Panelists: **Salmaan Jawaid, M.D.**
Ryan Dumas, M.D.
Zachary Nuffer, M.D.

3:25 – 3:40 p.m. Break

SESSION 4. CARING FOR THE SURGICAL PATIENT

Moderators: **Rehman Sheikh**
Ruben Hernaez, M.D., MPH, Ph.D.

3:40 – 4:00 p.m. “Help! I can’t swallow after surgery” **Reena Chokshi, M.D.**

4:00 – 4:20 p.m. “My stomach still hurts!”—working up chronic abdominal pain after surgery **Robert Southard, M.D.**

4:20 – 4:40 p.m. “I’m having bag blues”—common problems and new solutions in ostomy management **Punam Amin, M.D.**

4:40 – 5:00 p.m. Questions

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Jessica Bernica, M.D.

SESSION 5. GUIDELINES!

Moderators: Shifa Umar, M.D.
Hamidreza Moein, M.D.

8:05 – 8:20 a.m. The clear choice: multi-society recommendations on bowel prep

David Szafron, M.D.

8:20 – 8:35 a.m. Navigating surgery and cirrhosis: AASLD guidelines on perioperative risk assessment

Nagasri Shankar, M.D.

8:35 – 8:50 a.m. When hypermobility affects the gut: identifying GI symptoms in Ehlers-Danlos syndrome

Jessica Bernica, M.D.

8:50 – 9:05 a.m. Can I remove it? Endoscopic resection for early colorectal cancer

Mohamed Othman, M.D.

9:05 – 9:15 a.m. Questions

9:15 – 9:30 a.m. Nutrition assessment and malnutrition recommendations in liver disease

Avegail Flores, M.D.

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Staying ahead in IBD: updates in preventive care

Richa Shukla, M.D.

9:45 – 10:10 a.m. IBD therapeutics: what's new in the guidelines and what's next

Jared Sninsky, M.D.

10:10 – 10:20 a.m. Questions

10:20 – 10:35 a.m. Break

SESSION 6. EXTERNAL FORCES IN GI

Moderators: George Cholankeril, M.D.
Milena Suarez, M.D.

10:35 – 10:50 a.m. Backing up into the liver: hepatology in heart failure

Prasun Jalal, M.D.

10:50 – 11:20 a.m. ETHICS: Combating mistrust in science and traditional medicine

Nicole Rich, M.D.

11:20 – 11:40 a.m. ETHICS: The scope of politics: navigating the legislative forces reshaping gastroenterology

Maryam Zafer, M.D.

11:40 – 11:55 a.m. Questions

11:55 – 12:05 p.m. Summary and adjourn

Needs statement

Updating practicing physicians and other health professionals in both the diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal and liver diseases/conditions is essential to providing quality care leading to improved patient outcomes. This activity is designed to increase knowledge, improve competence and enhance performance of the physician learners in practice to ultimately better patient care and outcomes in gastroenterology.

Target audience

Gastroenterologists, hepatologists, internists, primary care physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, fellows, medical trainees and students in the field of Gastroenterology.

Learning objectives

At the conclusion of the conference, participants should be able to:

- Identify selected new diagnostic tools, new drugs and treatment strategies in inflammatory bowel disease.
- Summarize current management of exocrine pancreatic insufficiency (EPI) and key recent updates.
- Improve competency in the evaluation and management of post-surgical dysphagia and ostomy-related complications in patients with prior gastrointestinal surgeries.
- Summarize updated gastroenterology and hepatology guidelines related to bowel preparation, cirrhosis associated malnutrition and perioperative risk, GI manifestations of hypermobile Ehlers Danlos syndrome and preventive and pharmacologic strategies for IBD/Crohn's disease.
- Apply a multidisciplinary approach to the care of patients with GI Bleeding and acute pancreatitis.
- Apply ethical, patient centered strategies to effectively engage and support individuals who exhibit medical mistrust

Educational methods

Lecture, question & answer session and panel discussion

Activity evaluation

Evaluation by questionnaire will address program content, presentation and possible bias.

Accreditation/credit designation statement

Physician

Baylor College of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Baylor College of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 11.00 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Ethics

The presentation "The scope of politics: navigating the legislative forces reshaping gastroenterology" and "Combating mistrust in science and traditional medicine," has been designated by Baylor College of Medicine for 1.00 credit of education in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility.

ABIM MOC points

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 11.00 MOC points in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. Participants will earn MOC points equivalent to the amount of CME credits claimed for the activity. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit.

