



**25th Annual Baylor College of Medicine GI and Hepatology Conference:
Incorporating New Techniques and Guidelines in Everyday Practice**

March 28-29, 2026

Conference Agenda



REGISTRATION

Saturday, March 28

8:00–8:10 Welcome Remarks Wasif Abidi, MD, PhD

Time	Title	Speaker
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SESSION 1. THE OLD AND THE NEW. Moderators: Waqar Qureshi MD, Gottumukkala S. Raju MD

8:10 - 8:20 AM	A Legacy of Teaching and Education at BCM Gastroenterology and Hepatology	David Graham, MD
8:20 - 8:30 AM	A Legacy of Research and Innovation at BCM Gastroenterology and Hepatology	Hashem El-Serag, MD, MPH
8:30 - 8:45 AM	Endoscopic Suturing: Making Advanced Closure Part of Your Repertoire	Wasif Abidi, MD, PhD
8:45 - 9:05 AM	Beyond CADe: How Else Can AI Help Your Practice?	Nabil Mansour, MD
9:05 - 9:35 AM	Imaging IBD in Real Time: Transabdominal Intestinal Ultrasound in Clinical Practice	Michael Dolinger, MD, MBA
9:35 - 9:50 AM	Questions	
9:50 - 10:00 AM	Break	

SESSION 2. I CAN DO THAT! BECOMING AN EXPERT IN A NEW AREA. Moderators: Syed F. Jafri MD, Manish Rungta, MD

10:00 - 10:25 AM	Barrett’s Esophagus: From A to Z-Line—New Techniques in Management	Amitabh Chak, MD
10:25 - 10:40 AM	Overcoming Challenges of <i>H. pylori</i> Treatment in Specialized Populations	Rollin George, MD
10:40 - 10:55 AM	Becoming a Novice “Motility Person” Using FLIP	Fares Ayoub, MD
10:55 - 11:15 AM	Pharmacologic Management of Obesity: The Making of a Metabolic Gastroenterologist	Vani Potluri, MD
11:15 - 11:45 AM	Creating Sufficiency in Pancreatic Insufficiency	Jodie Barkin, MD
11:45 - 12:05 PM	Questions	

Lunch & Networking

12:05 - 1:10 PM	Lunch Hands-On Stations in Dining Hall APP Social Luncheon
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Saturday, March 28 (Afternoon)

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SESSION 3. PANEL DISCUSSIONS

13:10 - 2:15 PM Multidisciplinary Approach to Gastrointestinal Bleeding: From Endoscopy to IR and Surgery

Discussion Leaders: Suneal Agarwal, MD
Clark Hair, MD

Panelists: Andy Tau, MD
Kaiming Wu, MD
Ryan Dumas, MD
Kalpesh Patel, MD

14:20 - 3:25 PM Multidisciplinary Management of Acute Pancreatitis

Discussion Leaders: Tara Keihanian, MD
Jordan Sparkman, MD

Panelists: Natalia Khalaf, MD, MPH
Ryan Dumas, MD
Zachary Nuffer, MD
Salmaan Jawaid, MD

15:25 - 3:40 PM Break

SESSION 4. CARING FOR THE SURGICAL PATIENT Moderators: Rehman Sheikh MD, Ruben Hernaez, MD, MPH, PhD

15:40 - 4:00 PM "Help! I Can't Swallow After Surgery" Reena Chokshi, MD

16:00 - 4:20 PM "My Stomach Still Hurts!"—Working Up Chronic Abdominal Pain After Surgery Robert Southard, MD

16:20 - 4:40 PM "I'm Having Bag Blues"—Common Problems and New Solutions in Ostomy Management Punam Amin, MD

16:40 - 5:00 PM Questions



Sunday, March 29

8:00 - 8:05 AM Welcome Back! Jessica Bernica, MD

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SESSION 5. GUIDELINES! Moderators: Shifa Umar MD, Hamidreza Moein, MD

8:05 - 8:20 AM	The Clear Choice: Multi-Society Recommendations on Bowel Prep	David Szafron, MD
8:20 - 8:35 AM	Navigating Surgery and Cirrhosis: AASLD Guidelines on Perioperative Risk Assessment	Nagasri Shankar, MD
8:35 - 8:50 AM	When Hypermobility Affects the Gut: Identifying GI Symptoms in Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome	Jessica Bernica, MD
8:50 - 9:05 AM	Can I remove it? Endoscopic Resection for Early Colorectal Cancer	Mohamed Othman, MD
9:05 - 9:20 AM	Questions	
9:20 - 9:35 AM	Nutrition Assessment and Malnutrition Recommendations in Liver Disease	Avegail Flores, MD
9:35 - 9:50 AM	Staying Ahead in IBD: Updates in Preventive Care	Richa Shukla, MD
9:50 - 10:15 AM	IBD Therapeutics: What's New in the Guidelines and What's Next	Jared Sninsky, MD
10:15 - 10:25 AM	Questions	
10:25 - 10:35 AM	Break	

SESSION 6. EXTERNAL FORCES IN GI. Moderators: George Cholankeril, MD, Milena Suarez, MD

10:35 - 10:50 AM	Backing Up Into the Liver: Hepatology in Heart Failure	Prasun Jalal, MD
10:50 - 11:20 AM	ETHICS: Combating Mistrust in Science and Traditional Medicine	Nicole Rich, MD
11:20 - 11:40 AM	ETHICS: The Scope of Politics: Navigating the Legislative Forces Reshaping GI	Maryam Zafer, MD
11:40 - 11:55 AM	Questions	
11:55 - 12:00 PM	Summary and Adjourn	