Join us in June at the 2nd Annual Digestive Diseases: New Advances

The complexity and magnitude of medical advances in the management of digestive diseases make it ever more challenging for clinicians to apply this tremendous amount of information to their practice. This knowledge-based activity will provide learners with a comprehensive overview of the state-of-the-art advances in the diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive modalities of digestive diseases based on the latest evidence, literature, and clinical research. A thorough review of the current treatment landscape is vital to both clinicians and patients who can benefit from the expansion of therapeutic options.

We look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia from June 12-13, 2015. Don't miss out; register today and save $100 with our early bird discount which ends April 15, 2015.

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“Digestive Diseases: New Advances gives clinicians a superb update on cutting-edge developments in gastroenterology and hepatology. Interact directly with our clinical faculty and learn about practical approaches to problems you encounter every day.”
- Dr. Pyrsopoulos, Program Chair

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This conference is designed for gastroenterologists, primary care physicians, advanced practice nurses, nurses, pharmacists, and physician assistants involved in the diagnosis, evaluation, management, and treatment of patients with digestive diseases.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be better able to:

- Review the most current perspectives and clinical guidelines for the use of biologic agents in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
- Identify various IBD risk factors, including a patient's level of immune suppression, which influence the timing of surgery
- Review the pathophysiology, epidemiology, and clinical presentation of hepatocellular carcinoma
- Assess the need of management strategies of patients with hepatic encephalopathy
- Differentiate irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) from other common gastrointestinal disorders
- Implement diagnostic and management strategies for IBS
- Recognize barriers to colorectal cancer screening and utilize appropriate strategies to identify and address these barriers
- Evaluate the efficacy and safety of current and emerging therapeutic strategies for the treatment of hepatitis C virus (HCV)
- Describe HCV risk factors and indications for screening and improve markers of patient care
- Assess the current literature and emerging clinical research for liver disease management and its impact on clinical practice
- Examine key clinical issues in liver transplantation including patient selection criteria, risks and benefits, and peri- and post-operative management
- Explain the cause, expected course of disease progression, and therapeutic options, including liver transplantation, to patients with portopulmonary hypertension
- Recognize, prevent, and treat drug-induced liver injury
- Discuss the appropriate treatment of bile duct stones
- Describe the medical management of pancreatitis

For additional information, questions, concerns, or if you require special arrangements to attend this activity, please contact Nick Rillo at 240.221.4404 or n.rillo@globalacademycme.com.
**CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**Friday, June 12, 2015**

6:45 AM  **Registration/Continental Breakfast/Visit Exhibits**

7:25 AM  **Welcome and Introductions**
Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA, FACP, AGAF

**Upper GI Session**
Moderator: Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA, FACP, AGAF

7:45 AM  **Barrett’s Esophagus: Old Dog, New Tricks**
Stuart J. Spechler, MD

8:15 AM  **Obscure GI Bleeding: Did You Find It?**
Jamie S. Barkin, MD, MACP, MACG, AGAF, FASGE

8:45 AM  **Esophageal Stents—When and How**
Sushil Ahlawat, MD

9:15 AM  **Interactive Panel Discussion**

9:45 AM  **Break and Visit Exhibits**

10:15 AM  **Small Bowel Failure: An Update**
Lauren K. Schwartz, MD

10:45 AM  **Celiac Disease Overview**
Peter H.R. Green, MD

11:15 AM  **Eosinophilic Esophagitis: The New Kid on the Esophageal Block**
Stuart J. Spechler, MD

11:45 AM  **Peptic Ulcer Disease: How to Treat**
David C. Metz, MD

12:15 PM  **Interactive Panel Discussion**

12:40 PM  **Lunch with the Professors**

**Colorectal/IBD Session**
Moderator: David S. Weinberg, MD, MSc

1:30 PM  **Colon Polyps: Not All of Them Are the Same**
Sushil Ahlawat, MD

2:00 PM  **Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD): Clinical Presentation and Mechanism**
Kiron M. Das, MD, PhD, FRCP, FACG, FACP, AGAF

2:30 PM  **IBD: How to Diagnose and Treat**
Mark G. Lazarev, MD

3:00 PM  **Colorectal Cancer Screening—What’s New**
David S. Weinberg, MD, MSc

3:25 PM  **Irritable Bowel Syndrome: Is it in Your Head or Gut?**
Anthony J. Lembo, MD

3:50 PM  **Break and Visit Exhibits**

4:15 PM  **Clinical Case Conundrums**

5:15 PM  **Day Concludes**

**Saturday, June 13, 2015**

7:00 AM  **Registration/Continental Breakfast/Visit Exhibits**

7:55 AM  **Welcome Back**
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**Hepatology Session**
Moderator: Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA, FACP, AGAF

8:00 AM  **Hepatic Encephalopathy: Are We Still Confused?**
Kevin D. Mullen, MD, FRCPI

8:30 AM  **Management of Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease**
Zobair M. Younossi, MD, MPH, FACP, FACC, AGAF, FAASLD

9:00 AM  **Portopulmonary Hypertension Syndrome: Is it the Heart, the Lungs or the Liver?**
Marc Klapholz, MD, FACC, FAHA

9:30 AM  **Break and Visit Exhibits**

10:00 AM  **Update on Viral Hepatitis B**
Eugene Schiff, MD, MACP, FRCP, MACG, AGAF

10:30 AM  **DILI in 2015**
James H. Lewis, MD, FACP, FACC

11:00 AM  **Treatment Strategies for Hepatitis C**
Douglas Dieterich, MD

11:30 AM  **Update on the Medical Management of Liver Transplantation**
Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA, FACP, AGAF

12:00 PM  **Interactive Panel Discussion**

12:30 PM  **Lunch with the Professors**

**Pancreas/Biliary/HCC Session**
Moderator: Jamie S. Barkin, MD, MACP, MACG, AGAF, FASGE

1:30 PM  **Hepatocellular Carcinoma: How to Proceed**
Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA, FACP, AGAF

2:00 PM  **Pancreatitis: Management Approaches**
Jamie S. Barkin, MD, MACP, MACG, AGAF, FASGE

2:25 PM  **Treatment of Bile Duct Stones: Can You Crush It?**
Sushil Ahlawat, MD

3:00 PM  **Interactive Panel Discussion**

3:15 PM  **Clinical Case Conundrums**

4:00 PM  **Conference Ends - See you in 2016!**

*Sessions/Faculty Subject to Change

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