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Join us in March at the 5th 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 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 March 16-17, 2018. Don’t miss out: Register today and save up to $270 with our early bird discount which ends December 15, 2017.

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:

- Outline the pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment of eosinophilic esophagitis.
- Discuss the risk-benefit ratio of proton pump inhibitors (PPIs).
- Recognize the manifestations of celiac disease and use appropriate tests to identify the disease.
- Apply a multidisciplinary approach to the treatment of celiac disease. Compare treatment options available for the management of gastroparesis.
- Identify barriers to colorectal cancer screening and utilize appropriate strategies to address these barriers.
- Differentiate irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) from other common gastrointestinal disorders.
- Describe new and emerging management strategies for IBS.
- Review the most current perspectives and clinical guidelines for the management of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).
- Incorporate a treatment approach for those patients with IBD that are difficult to treat.
- Assess optimal management strategies for patients with hepatic encephalopathy.
- Outline the diagnosis and treatment strategies for patients with hepatitis B.
- Evaluate the efficacy and safety of current and emerging therapeutic strategies for the treatment of hepatitis C virus (HCV).
- Describe the recent advances in the management of hepatocellular carcinoma.
- Discuss the emerging paradigm for diagnosis and management of acute pancreatitis.
- Discuss evolving concepts regarding the role of gut microbiome in GI health and disease.
- Identify strategies for the management of biliary structures.
- Recognize the signs and symptoms of GI bleeding and develop therapeutic management plans.
- Implement endoscopic ultrasound treatment strategies for patients with digestive diseases and recognize the role of new techniques and technology to improve and expand treatment options.
- Discuss the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine strategy to eliminate viral hepatitis.
- Assess current concepts in cirrhotic cardiomyopathy.
- Implement treatment and management strategies to optimize outcomes in HCV patients in populations that are difficult-to-treat.
- Describe current standards of care for management of alcoholic hepatitis.
- Describe current and emerging strategies for diagnosing, treating, and managing patients with nonalcoholic steatohepatitis.
- Summarize bundle payment programs for colonoscopies and managing gastrointestinal diseases associated with the implementation of quality improvement measures.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS:

Authors are invited to submit abstracts to be considered for posters at the 5th Annual Digestive Diseases: New Advances. Posters can only be submitted by registered attendees. Please contact Steven Krawitz, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Assistant Program Director, Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, Newark, NJ at sak290@njms.rutgers.edu for more information and to submit your poster.

“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
CONFERENCE AGENDA*

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM  Registration: Pick up Badges

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018
6:30 AM  Registration, Continental Breakfast and Visit Exhibits/Posters
7:55 AM  Welcome and Introductions

Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA

UPPER GI SESSION
Moderator: Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA
8:00 AM  GI Bleeding – What Has Changed?
Jamie S. Barkin, MD
8:30 AM  Treatment and Management of Gastroparesis
Anthony Lembo, MD
9:00 AM  Eosinophilic Esophagitis: An Update on Diagnosis and Management
Stuart J. Spechler, MD
9:30 AM  Interactive Panel Discussion
9:45 AM  Break and Visit Exhibits/Posters

UPPER GI SESSION II
Moderator: David C. Metz, MD
10:15 AM  The Risk and Benefits of Proton Pump Inhibitors
David C. Metz, MD
10:45 AM  Gluten Free Diet: Is it New Fad?
Peter H.R. Green, MD
11:15 AM  Irritable Bowel Syndrome: New Management Approaches
Anthony J. Lembo, MD
11:45 AM  Endoscopic Ultrasound: What’s New?
Sushil Ahlawat, MD
12:15 PM  Interactive Panel Discussion
12:30 PM  Break and Pick-up Lunches/Visit Exhibits and Posters/Fellows Corner
12:45 PM  Lunch/Break/Visit Exhibits and Posters
1:45 PM  Introduction of the 5th Annual Digestive Diseases: New Advances Distinguished Lecturer 2018
Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA
5th Annual Digestive Diseases: New Advances Distinguished Lecturer 2018
A National Strategy for the Elimination of Hepatitis B and C
Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH

IBD/IBS SESSION
Moderator: Mark G. Lazarev, MD
2:30 PM  IBD Epidemiology
Mark G. Lazarev, MD
2:55 PM  Bundled Payment Programs
Charles Accurso, MD, FACG
3:20 PM  IBD Difficult to Treat Populations: Pregnancy, etc.
Mark T. Osterman, MD
3:45 PM  Colorectal Cancer Screening: Are We Missing Something?
Siddharth Verma, DO, JD

REGISTRATION FEES

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SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018
6:30 AM  Registration, Continental Breakfast and Visit Exhibits/Posters
7:45 AM  Break and Visit Exhibits/Posters
7:55 AM  Welcome Back

Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA

LIVER SESSION I
Moderator: Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA
8:00 AM  Treatment Strategies for Hepatitis C
Kris V. Kowdley, MD
8:30 AM  Hepatitis C – Difficult to Treat Populations
Paul Y. Kwo, MD
9:00 AM  Primary Biliary Cholangitis
Kris V. Kowdley, MD
9:30 AM  Update on Hepatitis B
Paul Y. Kwo, MD
10:00 AM  Interactive Panel Discussion
10:15 AM  Break and Visit Exhibits/Posters

LIVER SESSION II
Moderator: Kybermber D. Watts, MD
10:45 AM  Optical Management of Hepatic Encephalopathy
Paul Martin, MD
11:10 AM  Cirrhotic Cardiomyopathy: Fact or Fiction
Marc Klapalhaz, MD
11:35 AM  Management of Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis: Are We Progressing?
Vinod Rustgi, MD
12:00 PM  Gut Microbiota and GI Health
Kymberly D. Watts, MD
12:25 PM  Interactive Panel Discussion
12:35 PM  Break and Pick-up Lunches/Visit Exhibits and Posters

PANCREAS/BILIARY/HCC SESSION
Moderator: C.S. Pitchumoni, MD, MPH
1:45 PM  Advances in the Management of Hepatocellular Carcinoma
Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, MD, PhD, MBA
2:10 PM  Acute Pancreatitis: An Overview
C.S. Pitchumoni, MD, MPH
2:35 PM  Biliary Strictures: Best Approaches
Sushil Ahlawat, MD
3:00 PM  Alcoholic Hepatitis: Current Challenges and Future Directions
Kris V. Kowdley, MD
3:25 PM  Interactive Panel Discussion
3:40 PM  Residents or Clinical Case Conundrums/Outstanding Poster Award Presentation
4:00 PM  Conference Ends - See you in 2019!

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