2020
ACG/LGS REGIONAL
POSTGRADUATE COURSE
MARCH 6–8, 2020 | HILTON NEW ORLEANS RIVERSIDE HOTEL
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

COURSE DIRECTORS: Ronald A. Leo, MD, and Arnab Ray, MD, FACG
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ACG/LGS REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE, MARCH 6-8, 2020, AT THE HILTON NEW ORLEANS RIVERSIDE HOTEL IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

JOIN COLLEAGUES IN THE “BIG EASY”

Join your colleagues at one of the fastest growing gastroenterology learning weekends in the country. Outstanding faculty in a collegial setting produce a conference that delivers the opportunity to learn, interact, and network with GI thought leaders and colleagues from around the nation. This year’s course of ers attendees the opportunity to gain cutting-edge knowledge on topics such as ERCP, hepatitis B, IBD, pancreatitis, obesity, eosinophilic esophagitis, ulcerative colitis, GI bleeding, SIBO, and social media, while enjoying the sights, sounds, and tastes of New Orleans.

Guests at the spacious and centrally-located Hilton New Orleans Riverside will enjoy stunning views of both the Mississippi River and the city. Step outside the hotel and explore the Riverwalk, New Orleans Cruise Port, or nearby Harrah’s Casino. Ride the historic New Orleans streetcar lines for a unique and fun way to see the city, or enjoy a leisurely riverboat cruise at sunset. The hotel is conveniently located within a few blocks of a variety of attractions: the Aquarium of the Americas, Arts and Warehouse District, Canal Street shops, the French Quarter, and Jackson Square, among others.
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The current pace of scientific discovery makes mastery of advancing knowledge, new diagnostic techniques, and progress in therapeutics a challenge for the gastroenterologist or generalist. At the same time, the rigors of the profession demand a deeper understanding of changes occurring within the healthcare system. Nationally-recognized expert faculty will provide insight into these areas through a combination of didactic presentations and interactive discussions. Attendees will leave the program ready to immediately implement the knowledge gained to improve their clinical practice.

This program is designed for gastroenterologists, gastroenterology trainees, primary care physicians, nurses, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners interested in the latest information on diagnostic GI and state-of-the-art treatment of GI illnesses.
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020

5:30 pm  Registration Open

5:45 pm  Welcome Reception

6:30 pm  Luis A. Balart, MD, MACG Memorial Lecture:
The Do's and Don'ts of Social Media:
A Gastroenterologist's Guide
Sophie M. Balzora, MD, FACG
Describe the benefits and pitfalls of posting and advertising on social
media for gastroenterologists.

7:30 pm  Dinner Sponsored by LGS - RSVP required to attend

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

7:00 am  Course Registration & LGS Annual Business Meeting

7:00 am  Continental Breakfast / Visit Exhibits

7:50 am  Welcoming Remarks / Introductions
Ronald A. Leo, MD, and Arnab Ray, MD, FACG

SESSION 1

8:00 am  Inpatient Management of Severe Complicated
C. difficile Infection
Monika Fischer, MD, MS
Discuss recent studies to develop an algorithmic approach to using FMT
in severe cases of C. difficile infection in the hospital.

8:30 am  Challenges in ERCP
Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACG
Identify common challenges and solutions encountered in performing
ERCP using a case-based format.

9:00 am  Hepatitis B Update
Nancy S. Reau, MD, FACG
Explain the guidelines for and highlight treatment conundrums in
hepatitis B infection.

9:30 am  Q & A

9:45 am  Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits

SESSION 2

10:15 am  Recurrent Acute Pancreatitis: When It's Not Obvious
Timothy B. Gardner, MD, MS, FACG
Evaluate and manage patients presenting with idiopathic acute
pancreatitis including testing for hereditary pancreatitis and complex
biliary pathology.

10:45 am  How I Do It: Personalized Approach to IBD Treatment
Shamita B. Shah, MD
Demonstrate how to use treatment levels to optimize treatment
plans for IBD.

11:15 am  Managing Obesity and Bariatric Surgery Complications
Violeta B. Popov, MD, PhD, FACG
Identify endoscopic approaches to managing bariatric surgery
complications.
11:45 am  Q & A
12:00 pm  Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits
12:30 pm  Luncheon Presentation
   Are Government Regulations Helping or Hurting GI Practices?
   Ralph D. McKibbin, MD, FACG
   Assess information on future payment and care models the federal
government is formulating and recognize how they may impact the field
of gastroenterology.
1:15 pm  Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits

SESSION 3
1:30 pm  Eosinophilic Esophagitis: What’s Coming Down the Pipe?
   Nirmala Gonsalves, MD
   Describe new eosinophilic esophagitis therapies and review current
treatment guidelines.
2:00 pm  New Ulcerative Colitis Guidelines
   Millie D. Long, MD, MPH, FACG
   Identify the key take-away points and treatment changes detailed in
the recent ACG UC Guidelines.
2:30 pm  Liver and the GI Microbiome
   Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, MACG
   Discuss the relationship between the gastrointestinal microbiome,
NAFLD, and encephalopathy.
3:00 pm  Q & A
3:15 pm  Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits
3:45 pm  Fellow Presentations:
   Case Studies and Original Research from Ochsner Health System, Louisiana State University, and Tulane University
4:30 pm  Daily Wrap-Up and Poster Awards
   Ronald A. Leo, MD, and Arnab Ray, MD, FACG
4:45 pm  Course Adjourns for the Day
5:00 pm  Reception for Advanced Practice Providers
   *Sponsored by LGS*
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

7:00 am  Continental Breakfast / Visit Exhibits

7:50 am  Welcoming Remarks / Announcements
  Ronald A. Leo, MD, and Arnab Ray, MD, FACG

SESSION 4

8:00 am  Small Bowel GI Bleeding
  Daniel L. Raines, MD, FACG
  Identify endoscopic tools for management of small bowel bleeding.

8:30 am  Treating Non-Achalasia Motility Disorders
  John E. Pandolfino, MD, MSCI, FACG
  Describe diagnostic criteria and non-surgical treatment approaches to non-achalasia esophageal motility disorders.

9:00 am  What’s New in SIBO? Is There a Fungus Among Us, and Should We Be Thinking About SIFO?
  Ali Rezaie, MD
  Discuss updated diagnostic tools and understanding of the mechanism and treatment of SIBO / SIFO.

9:30 am  Q & A

9:45 am  Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits
SESSION 5

10:00 am Ergonomics of Endoscopy
Patrick E. Young, MD, FACG
Demonstrate the current best ergonomic practices to prevent injury in the endoscopist.

10:30 am Dietary Management in IBS and IBD
Gabriela Gardner, RDN-AP, LD, CNSC
Analyze personalized dietary recommendations for irritable bowel syndrome and inflammatory bowel disease.

11:00 am Q & A

11:15 am Course Wrap-Up and Key Take-Away Points
Ronald A. Leo, MD, and Arnab Ray, MD, FACG

11:30 am Course Adjourns

Register by FEBRUARY 17th and SAVE: meetings.gi.org
REGISTRATION AND MOBILE APP

Included with your registration is complimentary access to the course presentations via the ACG Mobile App. The app can be used to view faculty presentations on tablets, mobile devices, and laptops. Attendees will be able to take notes and highlight key points on the presentation slides at the event, and can continue reviewing them after the course. PDFs of the presentations can be downloaded directly from the app or can be printed from the website version of the app. Pre-registrants will receive access to the app prior to the course to view, download, or print the presentation slides. (NOTE: A printed syllabus will not be provided.)

ACCREDITATION / CME / MOC

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the American College of Gastroenterology and the Louisiana Gastroenterology Society. The American College of Gastroenterology is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The American College of Gastroenterology designates this live activity for a maximum of 115 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 115 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.
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The registration fee includes admission to all sessions, the Friday evening welcome reception, continental breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday, lunch on Saturday, and refreshment breaks. All registrants must pay the full registration fee; partial registration is not available. Full refund of registration fees will be given, less a $25 administrative fee, if written notice of cancellation is received by ACG by February 17, 2020. No refunds will be given after this date. Attendees must register online at meetings.gi.org.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

The program will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, conveniently located within walking distance to the French Quarter and Jackson Square as well as numerous restaurants, shops, and galleries.

To make reservations, you may book online at book.passkey.com/go/11e1c01b or call 1-800-HILTONS (800-445-8667). Special meeting rates per night are $229 single/double, plus taxes (currently 16.2% guestroom tax, and $3 occupancy fee per room, per night). Room rates include complimentary basic guestroom internet access, and complimentary health club access. The hotel accepts all major credit cards.

Reservations must be made by February 17, 2020, in order to receive the special meeting rate. Only a certain number of rooms are available at this rate and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Once ACG’s room block is sold out, the hotel may charge a higher rate for any additional rooms made available. Requests for reservations received after
this date will be on a space-available basis only. All reservations require a deposit of one night’s room and tax. Cancellations made within 72 hours of arrival will be charged one night’s room and tax. Check-in time is at 4:00 p.m. Check-out time is at 11:00 a.m. Valet parking is $49 per day; self-parking (garage) is $44 per day. The Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel is located at 2 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this program, contact ACG at education@gi.org.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): Attendees of these programs who need additional reasonable accommodations or who have special needs (including dietary needs) should contact the ACG office by email at registration@gi.org no later than February 17, 2020.

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