ACG Virtual Hepatology School
Friday, September 10, 2021
6:00 – 9:30 pm Eastern
Live Q & A and Cases With the Faculty

COURSE DIRECTORS:
David E. Bernstein, MD, FACG, Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG, and Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACG

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021
SESSION 1 - Q & A
6:00 - 6:45 pm EASTERN
David E. Bernstein, MD, FACG
Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG
Manal F. Abdelmalek, MD, MPH, FACG
Philippe J. Zamor, MD
Alfred Sidney Barritt, IV, MD, MSCR, FACG
Zachary H. Henry, MD

SESSION 2- Case With the Faculty
7-8:30 pm EASTERN
ALL FACULTY

SESSION 3 - Q & A
8:45 - 9:30pm EASTERN
Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACG
Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MSc, FACG
Michael M. Babich, MD
Jennifer Lai, MD
Neeral L. Shah, MD, FACG
Assessing and Treating HBV
David E. Bernstein, MD, FACG
Identify the various phases of HBV and how to identify which patients should be considered for treatment, including patients who are pregnant or have cirrhosis.

Assessing and Treating HCV in Special Situations
Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG
Review important issues regarding assessment and treatment options for patients with cirrhosis, chronic renal failure, acute HCV, and use of HCV+ donors for transplantation.

Assessing and Selecting Patients With Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease for Treatment
Manal F. Abdelmalek, MD, MPH, FACG
Explain the natural history of NAFLD, testing to identify patients for treatment, and recently approved treatments for NASH.

Recognizing and Managing Alcoholic Liver Disease
Philippe J. Zamor, MD
Discuss how alcohol can damage the liver, who is at risk and treatment options for severe alcohol induced liver injury.

Autoimmune Hepatitis and the Impact of Autoimmune Diseases on the Liver
Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG
Review the natural history of autoimmune hepatitis, diagnostic criteria, and treatment options for patients who are refractory or intolerant to standard immune suppression.

Primary Biliary Cirrhosis, Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis, and Other Cholestatic Liver Disorders
David E. Bernstein, MD, FACG
Identify the causes and diagnostic evaluation of cholestasis and the natural history and treatment of PBC, PSC, and other cholestatic disorders.

Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency and Wilson's Disease
Alfred Sidney Barritt, IV, MD, MSCR, FACG
Explain the genetics of these two liver disorders, who is at risk to develop liver injury, and treatment options.

Assessing Fibrosis in Patients With Chronic Liver Disease
Zachary H. Henry, MD
Review various diagnostic tests which can be utilized to assess fibrosis in patients with chronic liver disease.

Assessing and Managing Acute Liver Failure in the Community
Philippe J. Zamor, MD
Recognize how to evaluate and treat ALF in a non-liver transplant hospital and how to recognize patients who should be transferred to a liver transplant center.
Assessing and Managing Hepatic Encephalopathy  
*Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MSc, FACG*  
Discuss the spectrum of HE including covert HE, the role of serum ammonia, and treatment of HE including patients refractory to medical therapy.

Assessing and Managing Acute Kidney Injury in Patients With Cirrhosis  
*Michael M. Babich, MD*  
Discuss the causes of and ways to manage AKI in patients with cirrhosis and how to recognize and treat HRS.

Preventing and Managing Frailty in Patients With Cirrhosis  
*Jennifer Lai, MD*  
Identify and manage patients with cirrhosis who may be at risk of developing frailty.

Managing Esophageal Varices and Other Vascular Features of Portal Hypertension  
*Michael M. Babich, MD*  
Identify which patients with cirrhosis should be screened for esophageal varices, treatment options when varices are found, and how to manage varices that bleed.

Thrombocytopenia and the Risk of Bleeding in Patients With Cirrhosis  
*Jennifer Lai, MD*  
Discuss the impact etiology for thrombocytopenia in patients with cirrhosis, the risk of bleeding in patients with thrombocytopenia, and strategies to correct it.

Thrombosis and Use of Anticoagulation in Patients With Cirrhosis  
*Neeral L. Shah, MD, FACG*  
Explain the etiologies for portal and hepatic vein thrombosis in patients with and without cirrhosis, diagnostic testing, natural history, and treatment options.

Assessing Iron as a Cause for and Consequence of Chronic Liver Disease  
*Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACG*  
Review mechanisms of iron metabolism, how to interpret measurements of iron stores, and how to treat iron overload and iron deficiency in patients with chronic liver disease.
ACG/VGS/ODSGNA Regional Postgraduate Course
Saturday, September 11, 2021
12:00 Noon – 4:45 pm EASTERN
Live Q & A With the Faculty

COURSE DIRECTORS:
Anne G. Tuskey, MD, FACG, and Eileen Dauz, BSN, RN, CGRN, CFER
COURSE CO-DIRECTORS:
Jeffrey P. LaFond, MD, and Donna Dickinson, MSN, RN, CGRN, CMSRN, CFER

12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm Q & A
Session 1 Q&A – 30 minutes
VGS President’s Address & Upper GI
Moderator: Anne G. Tuskey, MD, FACG
Andrew Y. Wang, MD, FACG
Gary W. Falk, MD, MS, FACG
Douglas R. Morgan, MD, MPH, FACG
Ali Rezaie, MD, MSc

Session 2 Q & A – 30 minutes
Small Bowel and Nutrition and Pancreas/Biliary
Moderator: Jeffrey P. LaFond, MD
Carol Rees Parrish, MS, RD
Andrew P. Copland, MD
Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACG
Timothy B. Gardner, MD, MS, FACG

15-minute break

1:15 - 2:15 pm Q & A
Session 3 Q & A – 30 minutes
Liver and Social Media
Moderator: Jeffrey P. LaFond, MD
Alfred Sidney Barritt, IV, MD, FACG
Craig J. McClain, MD, FACG
Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MSc, FACG

Session 4 Q&A – 30 minutes
IBD
Moderator: Anne G. Tuskey, MD, FACG
Ashwin N. Ananthakrishnan, MD, MPH
Maithili V. Chitnavis, MD
Millie D. Long, MD, MPH, FACG

15-minute break

2:30 - 3:30 pm Q & A
Session 5 Q & A – 30 minutes
Cases & Journal
Moderator: Anne G. Tuskey, MD, FACG
Matthew J. Stotts, MD
Esteban J. Figueroa, MD
Session 6 Q & A – 30 minutes
GI Bleeding & CRC Roundtable
Moderator: Jeffrey P. LaFond, MD
          Vivek Kaul, MD, FACP
          George Smallfield, MD, MSPH
          Zachary H. Henry, MD
          Cynthia M. Yoshida, MD

15-minute break

3:45 - 4:45 pm Q & A
Session 7 Q & A – 30 minutes
Endoscopy Session
Moderators: Andrew Y. Wang, MD, FACP, and Tilak U. Shah, MD, MHS
          Paul Yeaton, MD
          Doumit S. BouHaidar, MD
          John M. DeWitt, MD, FACP

Session 8 Q & A – 30 minutes
Endoscopy Session (SGNA)
Moderators: Eileen Dauz, BSN, RN, CGRN, CFER
          Janet King, BSN, RN, CGRN
          Frank Daniels, MSHA, CFER, CER, AGTS
          Lisa Brown, BPH, ACNA, AGTS, CER
          Azela Guzman, BSN
          Elizabeth Mattern, BSN, RN, CGRN
          Eileen Dauz, BSN, RN, CGRN, CFER
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VGS President’s Address
Andrew Y. Wang, MD, FACG

Beyond EoE: Management of Eosinophilic Gastritis and Enteritis
Gary W. Falk, MD, MS, FACG
Outline the work-up and treatment of the “other” eosinophilic GI disorders.

Follow-Up on the Gastric Biopsy: Gastric Intestinal Metaplasia and Atrophic Gastritis
Douglas R. Morgan, MD, MPH, FACG
Outline the work-up and management for gastric intestinal metaplasia and atrophic gastritis when found on biopsy.

The Role of Breath Testing in Diagnosis of Bacterial Overgrowth and Prediction of Treatment Response
Ali Rezaie, MD, MSc
Summarize the updated consensus recommendations on breath testing and describe clinical application and prediction of treatment response.

Session 2 Q & A – 30 minutes
Small Bowel and Nutrition and Pancreas/Biliary
Moderator: Jeffrey P. LaFond, MD

Optimizing the SBS Patient: Diet and Hydration
Carol Rees Parrish, MS, RD
Recognize the factors contributing to diarrhea and malabsorption in SBS review implementation of the short bowel diet, and outline other approaches to prevent dehydration.

Maximizing Short Bowel Function Through Pharmacology
Andrew P. Copland, MD
Discuss the best agents to minimize diarrhea, maximize absorption, and prevent medication overburden in short bowel patients, understand how to appropriately utilize bile acid binders, antibiotics and pancreatic enzymes in patients with SBS, and identify the SBS patient who might benefit from the use of a trophic agent.

Diagnosis and Treatment of IgG4-Related Pancreaticobiliary Disease
Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACG
Discuss the approach to and treatment of autoimmune pancreatitis and IgG4-related sclerosing cholangitis.

Updates on the Management of Chronic Pancreatitis
Timothy B. Gardner, MD, MS, FACG
Examine the current best practices for the diagnosis and management of chronic pancreatitis.

15-minute break
Initial Work-Up and Evaluation of a Patient With NAFLD
Alfred Sidney Barritt, IV, MD, MSCR, FACG
Describe an evidence-based approach for the general gastroenterologist in the initial screening, diagnosis, and work-up of patients with NAFLD and NASH, with a focus on which patients should be evaluated and which patients should be treated.

Nutrition in Chronic Liver Disease
Craig J. McClain, MD, FACG
Discuss the importance of adequate protein intake on the management of ascites and encephalopathy and review the implications of malnutrition on the survival of patients with compensated and decompensated chronic liver disease including those with NAFLD.

Using Social Media to Increase Visibility for Clinical Research: Lessons from #LiverTwitter
Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MSc, FACG
Describe strategies for using social media to effectively promote GI clinical research and elevate your personal brand.

Session 4 Q & A – 30 minutes
IBD
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Inpatient Management of Acute Severe UC
Ashwin N. Ananthakrishnan, MD, MPH
Outline the current treatment strategies for the inpatient with acute severe ulcerative colitis.

Pregnancy in IBD
Maithili V. Chitnavis, MD
Discuss IBD management strategies before and during pregnancy.

Dysplasia Surveillance in IBD: Applying the Guidelines to Your Practice
Millie D. Long, MD, MPH, FACG
Interpret the guidelines and apply them to practice for primary and secondary cancer prevention in IBD patients, including the use of chromoendoscopy.

15-minute break
Approach to Cholestatic Liver Disease
Matthew J. Stotts, MD
Outline a practical approach to the work-up of cholestatic liver disease.

Friday Afternoon Triage: The IBD Flare
Esteban J. Figueroa, MD
Formulate appropriate questions to aid in triage and first-line management of IBD patients reporting flare symptoms.

Management of Gas and Bloating
Jeanetta W. Frye, MD
Review clinical pearls for the management of symptomatic gas and bloating.

Red Journal Wrap-Up
Brennan M. Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACG
Review the highest impact articles published in the AJG in the last year.

Session 6 Q & A – 30 minutes
GI Bleeding & CRC Roundtable
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Management of Anticoagulants in Acute Bleeding
Vivek Kaul, MD, FACG
Discuss the safe management of anticoagulants before and after endoscopy for acute bleeding.

Updates on Nonvariceal Upper GI Bleeding
George B. Smallfield, MD, MSPH
Compare the newer techniques and therapies to control nonvariceal GI bleeding.

Management of Gastric and Ectopic Varices
Zachary H. Henry, MD
Outline the standard and state-of-the-art treatment options for the management of gastric and ectopic varices.

Virginia Colorectal Cancer Roundtable
Cynthia M. Yoshida, MD

15-minute break
Approach to Palliating Patients With Malignant Gastroduodenal Outlet Obstruction
Paul Yeaton, MD
Describe the indications, risks, and benefits of PEG-J, surgical bypass, endoluminal stenting, and EUS gastrojejunostomy.

Biliopancreatic Endoscopy in Surgically Altered Anatomy
Doumit S. BouHaidar, MD
Discuss methods for performing ERCP and/or obtaining biliary access in patients with surgically altered gastroduodenal anatomy, including surgically-assisted, enteroscopy-assisted, and EUS-assisted routes.

Alvin M. Zfass, MD, MACG Lectureship: Advances in EUS for Vascular and Liver Disease
John M. DeWitt, MD, FACP
Describe EUS-liver biopsy, recognize EUS as a modality for direct portal pressure measurement, and outline the role for EUS in the management of GI bleeding and vascular pseudoaneurysms.

SGNA Presidential Message
Janet King, BSN, RN, CGRN

Scope Reprocessing: Best Practices in the Post-COVID Era
Frank Daniels, MSHA, CFER, CER, AGTS
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Burnout and Stress Relief in Endoscopy
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