



JANUARY 27-29, 2023

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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

2023 ACG HEPATOLOGY SCHOOL & WESTERN REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE

ACG'S HEPATOLOGY SCHOOL

WESTERN REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE

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ACG HEPATOLOGY SCHOOL & WESTERN REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE

JOIN COLLEAGUES IN LAS VEGAS FOR ACG'S 1-DAY HEPATOLOGY SCHOOL AND WEEKEND WESTERN REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE.

ACG's newly revamped Hepatology School, to be held on Friday, January 27, is a day-long interactive program that provides comprehensive education for GI clinicians in the diagnosis and treatment of a variety of liver disease states. This program is designed to better enable clinical gastroenterologists and their advanced practice provider colleagues to triage, treat, and refer patients more efficiently.

Led by Course Directors Swapna Gayam, MD, FACP, and V. Raman Muthusamy, MD, MAS, FACP, the Western Regional Postgraduate Course, offered on Saturday and Sunday, January 28-29, will explore areas the gastroenterologist often faces in clinical practice and addresses management updates in a variety of gastrointestinal and hepatic areas. During this course, multiple topic areas will be covered including esophagus, pancreaticobiliary, common office consults, colon/IBD, liver, bariatric endoscopy, as well as an endoscopic video forum. The structure of the program includes a mix of didactic presentations delivered by expert faculty, case presentations, and significant question and answer opportunities.

Both programs will take place at world-famous Caesars Palace which offers luxurious accommodations, over a dozen restaurants, shopping, and exciting casino action. The venue is centrally located on the Las Vegas Strip, where additional dining and entertainment options are a short walk away. Take a long weekend and earn CME and MOC while enjoying a little rest and relaxation after a busy holiday season.

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2023

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

ACG's Hepatology School

ACG's Hepatology School is a day-long interactive educational program combining immersion in hepatology and a clinical update on new therapeutic and monitoring approaches. The program content is tailored to reflect the rapid changes in treatment options and national trends meeting the standard of care. After completing ACG's Hepatology School, attendees will be able to summarize the current management options for HCV and HBV infections and understand the timeline of new drug development for their treatment. Participating in this educational activity will also enable learners to analyze the challenges of treating patients with NAFLD, cirrhosis, hepatic encephalopathy, hepatocellular carcinoma, alcoholic liver disease, primary biliary cholangitis, autoimmune hepatitis, and drug-induced liver injury. The structure of the program includes a mix of didactic presentations and case-based presentations delivered by expert faculty.

This program is designed for gastroenterologists, primary care physicians, nurses, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners interested in the latest information on liver diseases and state-of-the-art treatment of these illnesses.

Western Regional Postgraduate Course

The field of gastroenterology continues to experience an introduction of novel diagnostic techniques and therapeutic options affecting numerous areas of GI disease management and patient care. This program explores those areas which the gastroenterologist often faces in clinical practice and addresses management updates in a variety of gastrointestinal and hepatic areas. During this course, multiple topics will be covered including personalized approaches for GERD, ERCP tips and tricks, causes of gas and bloating, cancer screening in IBD, acute-on-chronic liver failure, endoscopic treatment of obesity, as well as a series of case-based sessions on Saturday afternoon. The structure of the program includes a mix of didactic presentations delivered by expert faculty, breakout sessions, and significant question and answer opportunities.

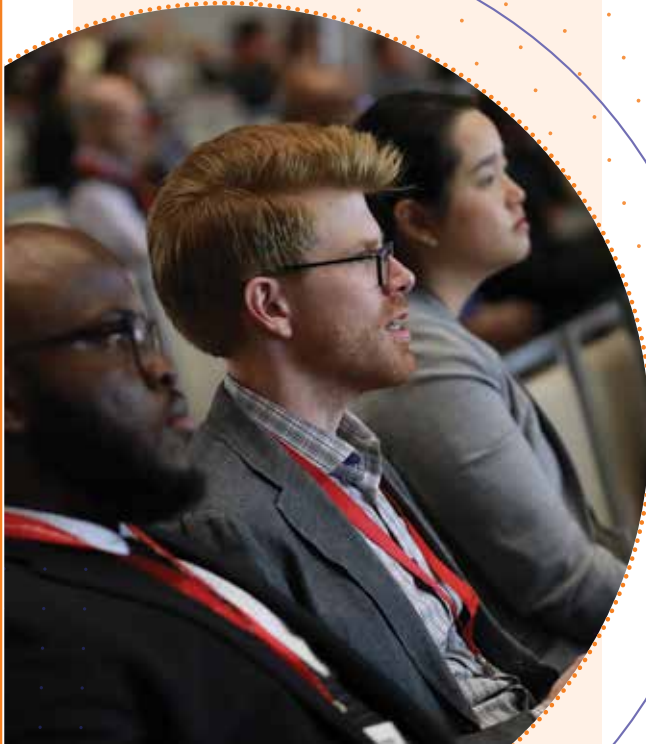
This program is designed for gastroenterologists, gastroenterology trainees, primary care physicians, nurses, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners interested in the latest information on diagnostic GI and state-of-the-art treatment of GI illnesses.



REGISTER BY JANUARY 2 AND SAVE: [MEETINGS.GI.ORG](https://meetings.gi.org)

COURSE DIRECTORS:

DAVID E. BERNSTEIN, MD, MACG,
PAUL Y. KWO, MD, FACG, AND
MITCHELL L. SHIFFMAN, MD, MACG

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023**

7:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 am Welcome and Introductions
David E. Bernstein, MD, MACG

SESSION 1: Viral Hepatitis

8:10 am HAV and HEV: More Common Than You Think

David E. Bernstein, MD, MACG
Discuss the epidemiology, varied clinical presentations, and how to monitor hepatitis A and E infections.

8:30 am HBV: Who Should Be Treated and Who Can Be Monitored

Calvin Q. Pan, MD, FACG
Discuss the indications for treatment of hepatitis B and patient populations who require prophylaxis to prevent active infection or transmission.

8:50 am HCV: It Doesn't Get Any Easier Than This

Feng Su, MD
Summarize the current management for chronic hepatitis C infection, whether any patients should be excluded or deferred from treatment, and how to assess and manage treatment failure.

9:10 am HDV: The New Kid on the Block

Anne M. Larson, MD
Summarize the epidemiology and natural history of hepatitis D, as well as treatment and prevention options.

9:30 am Q & A

9:50 am Refreshment Break / Visit the Exhibit Hall

SESSION 2: Non-Viral Chronic Liver Disease

10:05 am NAFL and NASH: Two Sides of the Coin

Hugo E. Vargas, MD, FACG
Discuss the differences between NAFL and NASH, how to differentiate the two disorders of NAFLD, and treatment options for each.

10:25 am ALD: By the Glass, Bottle or Can - It All Adds Up Over Time

Anne M. Larson, MD
Summarize safe levels of alcohol consumption and how best to monitor alcoholic liver disease patients; outline treatment options, including medications and liver replacement.

10:45 am PBC: The 7-Year Itch*Ani Kardashian, MD*

Discuss the diagnostic criteria and management of primary biliary cholangitis, and its disease-specific complications, including osteoporosis, itching, and hypercholesterolemia.

11:05 am Persistent Undefined Elevation in AST, ALT, ALP, and TBILI – What Do I Do Now?*Marlyn J. Mayo, MD, FACG*

Summarize the diagnostic approach for evaluating persistent elevations in liver chemistries when routine serology is negative, the role of non-invasive testing such as imaging and ultrasound, and when a liver biopsy is indicated.

11:25 am Q & A**11:45 am Break - Lunch Provided****12:00 pm Lunch with the Faculty and Case Presentations / Q & A***Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, MACG***SESSION 3: Managing the Complications of Cirrhosis****1:20 pm HE: I'm All Confused***Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MS, FACG*

Discuss the management of patients with hepatic encephalopathy, causes of refractory HE, and when measuring ammonia is helpful.

1:40 pm TIPS: Indications and Contraindications*Hugo E. Vargas, MD, FACG*

Discuss the indications, contraindications, and potential complications of TIPS, and review data on the efficacy of TIPS.

2:00 pm AKI, CKD, HRS: Kidney Dysfunction in Patients With Cirrhosis*Ani Kardashian, MD*

Discuss why patients with cirrhosis develop acute kidney injury, the new definition of HRS and how to manage patients with AKI, CKD, or HRS.

2:20 pm Pre-Operative Assessment: Is it Safe?*Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, MACG*

Summarize the risk that a patient with cirrhosis has when undergoing surgery, and how to assess and lower pre-operative risk.

2:40 pm Q & A**3:00 pm Refreshment Break / Visit the Exhibit Hall****SESSION 4: Hepatology Potpourri****3:15 pm The Liver Mass: It's All in the Contrast***Calvin Q. Pan, MD, FACG*

Discuss how to evaluate a liver mass, interpret radiology reports describing liver masses, diagnosis, and how to manage various liver masses.

3:35 pm Pregnancy in Patients With Chronic Liver Disease: It's a Long 9 Months*Marlyn J. Mayo, MD, FACG*

Review how pregnancy can affect the liver and how cirrhosis can impact pregnancy.

3:55 pm DVT, PE, PVT, CAD: The Use of Anti-Coagulation in Patients With Cirrhosis*Feng Su, MD*

Discuss the risks and benefits of various anticoagulants in patients with chronic liver disease and cirrhosis, and how patients with cirrhosis and thrombotic events should be managed.

4:15 pm Post-LT: Long-Term Care of the Liver Transplant Recipient*Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG*

Review how liver transplant recipients should be monitored long-term if they leave their liver transplant center behind.

4:35 pm Q & A**4:55 pm Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points***Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG***5:15 pm Course Adjourns**



COURSE DIRECTORS:

SWAPNA GAYAM, MD, FACG, AND
V. RAMAN MUTHUSAMY, MD, MAS, FACG

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023

6:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall

7:30 am Welcome and Introductions
*Swapna Gayam, MD, FACG, and
V. Raman Muthusamy, MD, MAS, FACG*

SESSION 1: Esophagus

Moderator: Rena H. Yadlapati, MD, MSHS, FACG

7:35 am Barrett's Esophagus: Tips to Optimize Inspection and Maximize Dysplasia Detection
Sachin B. Wani, MD

Discuss recently revised BE guidelines on diagnosis, optimal screening and surveillance techniques, and current treatment recommendations.

7:55 am GERD: Time to Adopt a Personalized Approach?
Rena H. Yadlapati, MD, MSHS, FACG
Outline evidence-based best practices that guide providers in managing GERD symptoms in an individualized and shared decision manner.

8:15 am Eosinophilic Esophagitis: What's New?
Jennifer Horsley-Silva, MD
Describe new diagnostic strategies along with available and upcoming treatment options for EoE.

8:35 am Panel Discussion / Q & A

SESSION 2: Pancreaticobiliary*Moderator: V. Raman Muthusamy, MD, MAS, FACG***8:55 am An Evidence-Based Approach to Chronic Pancreatitis***Eun Ji Shin, MD*

Define the diagnostic criteria for chronic pancreatitis and outline the medical, endoscopic, and surgical options to treat the pain and exocrine insufficiency resulting from chronic pancreatitis.

9:15 am Managing the Incidental Pancreas Cyst*V. Raman Muthusamy, MD, MAS, FACG*

Explain the diagnostic tests used to differentiate pancreatic cysts, summarize the current management approach, and describe novel diagnostic and therapeutic techniques.

9:35 am ERCP Tips and Tricks to Achieve Cannulation and Minimize Adverse Events*Uzma D. Siddiqui, MD, FACG*

Summarize best practices regarding selective duct cannulation techniques to prevent procedure-related pancreatitis and associated adverse events.

9:55 am An Update on Screening and Diagnostic Approaches to Detect Pancreas Cancer*Srinadh Komanduri, MD, FACG*

Recognize risk factors for the development of pancreatic cancer and assess the diagnostic utility of various serologic and imaging studies in detecting pancreatic lesions.

10:15 am Panel Discussion / Q & A**10:35 am Refreshment Break / Visit the Exhibit Hall****SESSION 3: Common Office Consults***Moderator: Swapna Gayam, MD, FACG***10:55 am *H. pylori*: Resistance and Recommendations***William D. Chey, MD, FACG*

Review updates on resistance patterns, diagnostic choices, and treatment strategies of *Helicobacter pylori*.

11:15 am Gas Bloat: Better Out Than In!*Lin Chang, MD, FACG*

Discuss different causes of “gas” and bloating, diagnostic and management strategies, and how to approach “tough” cases.

11:35 am “I Have Diarrhea and Constipation”: IBS-D and IBS-C — How to Tailor Algorithms and Therapies*Swapna Gayam, MD, FACG*

Outline case-based scenarios for discussing individualized diagnostic and treatment options in IBS, and what to reach for in refractory cases.

11:55 am Panel Discussion / Q & A**12:15 pm Break - Lunch Provided****12:40 pm Working Luncheon Presentation: Lunch at the Movies! Endoscopy Video Forum***Moderator: V. Raman Muthusamy, MD, MAS, FACG*

Faculty Panel: Sachin B. Wani, MD; Shailendra Singh, MD; Eun Ji Shin, MD; Srinadh Komanduri, MD, MS; Uzma D. Siddiqui, MD, FACG

Illustrate optimal techniques for performing a variety of GI procedures and managing procedure-related adverse events.

1:40 pm Break / Dessert in the Exhibit Hall

SATURDAY AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSIONS / HANDS-ON WORKSHOP SESSIONS*:

**Hands-on workshops do not offer CME.*

- 2:00 pm Artificial Intelligence in GI Endoscopy: What's Here and What's Coming**
Sravanthi Parasa, MD
 Discuss the utility of currently available AI applications in endoscopy and outline potential future roles of AI in managing digestive diseases.
*OR Hands-on Workshop Session**
- 2:55 pm The Role of Nutritional Counseling in Managing GI Disease**
Nancee Jaffee, RD
 Summarize the role of dietary counseling in managing eosinophilic esophagitis, celiac disease, inflammatory bowel disease, and other GI conditions.
*OR Hands-on Workshop Session**
- 3:50 pm Guideline Review: Management of Anticoagulants and Antiplatelets During Acute Gastrointestinal Bleeding and the Periendoscopic Period**
Jennifer J. Telford, MD, FACC
 Outline best practices regarding managing patients taking anticoagulants or antiplatelet agents who are undergoing an endoscopic procedure or experiencing GI bleeding.
*OR Hands-on Workshop Session**
- 4:45 pm How to Utilize Social Media to Benefit Your Practice and Your Patients**
Mohammad Bilal, MD
 Evaluate potential benefits of social media to educate patients and colleagues about digestive health and your practice.
*OR Hands-on Workshop Session**
- 5:30 pm Adjourn for the Day**

HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in Hands-on Workshop sessions at no additional charge. These sessions focus on specific endoscopic procedures and offer participants a chance to gain tactile experience using a variety of tools and techniques. Faculty will demonstrate a device and/or technique, and attendees will have the opportunity to practice. While the Hands-on Workshop sessions do not offer CME, they are a valuable learning experience, and give attendees the chance to interact with the experts. Hands-on workshops will be concurrent with the general sessions on Saturday afternoon. **There are limited spaces available.**

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Regional Course Workshop Directors:

Christine Y. Hachem, MD, FACC, and
 Ronald K. Hsu, MD, FACC

5 hands-on stations will be offered:

- ✓ Foreign Body Removal
- ✓ Mucosal Ablation: RFA
- ✓ Hemorrhoid Banding
- ✓ EMR
- ✓ Endosuturing



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

7:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall

7:55 am Welcome and Announcements
Swapna Gayam, MD, FACG, and V. Raman Muthusamy, MD, MAS, FACG

SESSION 4: Colon/IBD

Moderator: Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACG

8:00 am CRC Screening: How Can We Improve?
Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACG

Discuss disparities in colorectal cancer screening in different populations before, during, and after COVID-19, and strategies for closing screening gaps.

8:20 am Screening for Cancer in IBD: Advanced Imaging, Dysplasia, Pseudopolyps, Biomarkers
Tonya R. Kaltenbach, MD, MS, FACG

Identify risk factors for various cancers in IBD, how to screen, prevent, and identify them, and treatment of pre-malignant lesions to prevent cancer.

8:40 am IBD: Past, Current, and Future Options – Tailoring Treatments

Siddharth Singh, MD, MS

Explain various IBD treatment options and how to tailor the right fit for individual patients.

9:00 am “I Am Taking My Medicine as Prescribed But I Still Have Diarrhea and Bleeding”: How to Approach Treatment Failures and Refractory IBD

Jonathan A. Leighton, MD, FACG

Outline approaches and algorithms to managing refractory symptoms and treatment failures in IBD by utilizing drug monitoring strategies.

9:20 am Panel Discussion / Q & A

9:40 am Refreshment Break / Visit the Exhibit Hall

SESSION 5: Liver

Moderator: Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MS, FACG

10:00 am Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure

Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MS, FACG

Discuss recently-released ACG guidelines on the risk factors, manifestations, diagnostic approach, complications, treatment options and prognosis in acute-on-chronic liver failure.

10:20 am NASH: Can We Stop the Epidemic? Beyond Scans and Diet

Rohit Loomba, MD

Discuss the epidemiology, social disparities of NAFLD/NASH, and approaches to breaking the cycle, as well as screening and diagnostic strategies, and current and future treatment options.

10:40 am Panel Discussion / Q & A

SESSION 6: Bariatric Endoscopy

Moderator: Shailendra Singh, MD

11:00 am Endoscopic Management of Post-Bariatric Surgery Complications and Weight Regain
C. Roberto Simons Linares, MD

Identify the types of adverse events and causes of weight regain associated with bariatric surgery procedures and endoscopic techniques to manage them.

11:20 am Primary Endoscopic Treatment of Obesity: Has the Time Finally Arrived?

Shailendra Singh, MD

Outline the types of bariatric procedures performed and devices used, and compare their clinical outcomes.

11:40 am Panel Discussion / Q & A

12:00 pm Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points

Swapna Gayam, MD, FACG, and

V. Raman Muthusamy, MD, MAS, FACG

12:15 pm Course Adjourns



REGISTER ONLINE: MEETINGS.GI.ORG

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

There are separate registration fees for ACG's Hepatology School and the Western Regional Postgraduate Course. The registration fee for each course includes admission to all sessions, continental breakfasts, lunch on Friday for ACG's Hepatology School attendees, lunch on Saturday for Western Regional Postgraduate Course attendees, 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 **January 2, 2023**. No refunds will be given after this date. Attendees must register online at meetings.gi.org.

ACG'S HEPATOLOGY SCHOOL REGISTRATION		
ACG MEMBER TYPE	EARLY BIRD (by 1/2)	FEE (After 1/2)
Physician	\$125	\$200
Resident / Trainee / Candidate	\$125	\$200
Associate / Advanced Practice Provider	\$125	\$200
NON-MEMBER TYPE		
Physician / PharmD / PhD / Guest	\$175	\$250
Resident / Trainee	\$175	\$250
NP / PA / Allied Health (RN, LPN)	\$175	\$250

WESTERN REGIONAL COURSE REGISTRATION		
ACG MEMBER TYPE	EARLY BIRD (by 1/2)	FEE (After 1/2)
Physician	\$449	\$499
Resident / Trainee / Candidate	\$179	\$254
Associate / Advanced Practice Provider	\$289	\$364
NON-MEMBER TYPE		
Physician / PharmD / PhD / Guest	\$549	\$599
Resident / Trainee	\$229	\$304
NP / PA / Allied Health (RN, LPN)	\$339	\$414



MOBILE APP INFORMATION

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

The American College of Gastroenterology is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

ACG's Hepatology School

The American College of Gastroenterology designates this live activity for a maximum of 8.25 *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 8.25 Medical Knowledge MOC points in the ABIM's

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.

Western Regional Postgraduate Course

The American College of Gastroenterology designates this live activity for a maximum of 12.5 *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 12.5 Medical Knowledge MOC points in the ABIM's

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Caesars Palace is considered one of the top luxury hotels in the world and features almost 4,000 rooms, restaurants to please every palate, numerous pools, shops, and a world-class spa. The Forum Shops, located on the property, feature 160 high-end retailers from around the world.

To make your reservation, you may book online <https://book.passkey.com/go/SCACG3>. Special meeting rates per night are \$169 plus tax on Thursday, January 26, and \$209 plus tax on Friday and Saturday, January 27-28, for single or double rooms. An additional resort fee of \$45 plus tax will be charged per room, per night. The resort fee includes unlimited local calls, two guest admissions per day to the fitness center, and in-room internet access for up to two devices per room, per day. **Reservations must be made by January 2, 2023** 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 penalized for one night's room and tax. Check-in is 4:00 pm. Check-out is 11:00 am. Caesars Palace is located at 3570 S. Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89109. Visit caesarspalace.com for additional information about the hotel.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about these programs, contact ACG at education@gi.org. Americans with Disabilities Act: Attendees of these ACG programs who need additional reasonable accommodations or who have special needs (please indicate any dietary needs on the registration form) should contact the ACG office by email at registration@gi.org no later than **January 2, 2023**.



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