MARCH 1-3, 2024
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON NEW ORLEANS
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

2024
ACG / LGS REGIONAL
POSTGRADUATE COURSE

EARN UP TO 11.5 CME CREDITS | EARN UP TO 11.5 MOC POINTS
JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES AT ONE OF ACG’S LONGEST-RUNNING REGIONAL COURSES.

Outstanding faculty in a collegial setting combine to produce a conference that delivers the opportunity to learn, interact, and network with GI thought leaders from around the country.

Led by Course Directors Stephen W. Landreneau, MD, FACG, and Eric P. Trawick, MD, the 2024 ACG/LGS Regional Postgraduate Course offered on Friday - Sunday, March 1-3, will explore areas the gastroenterologist often faces in clinical practice and address management updates on a variety of gastrointestinal and hepatic topics. This course will cover multiple areas, including IBS and motility, liver, pancreaticobiliary, IBD, upper GI bleeding, eosinophilic esophagitis, and anorectal disease. The program’s structure includes a mix of didactic presentations delivered by expert faculty, case presentations, and numerous Q & A opportunities.

Guests at the DoubleTree by Hilton New Orleans will enjoy stunning views of the city and the Mississippi River. Step outside the hotel and explore the Riverwalk, the French Quarter, or the local cuisine! Take part in a tour of the garden district, a swamp tour on an airboat, or enjoy a leisurely riverboat cruise at sunset. The hotel is located within a few blocks of various attractions including world famous restaurants like Commander’s Palace, the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, the arts and warehouse district, the National WWII Museum, Mardi Gras World, and Jackson Square.

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COURSE 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 implement the knowledge gained to improve their clinical practice. This program is designed for gastroenterologists, 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.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Bring your entire practice and join colleagues at the outstanding ACG/LGS Regional Postgraduate Course. This program was developed specifically for gastroenterologists, gastroenterology trainees, primary care physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists, therapists, and other members of the GI patient care team.
FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

5:30 pm  Registration Opens
5:45 pm  Welcome Reception - Open to All Course Attendees
6:30 pm  Luis A. Balart, MD, MACG Memorial Lecture – Hepatitis C: From the Interferon Era to Direct-Acting Antivirals
Jorge L. Herrera, MD, MACG
Explain the evolution of hepatitis C treatment from non-AB hepatitis to current therapies.
7:30 pm  Louisiana GI Society Membership Dinner (invitation only)

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

7:00 am  Registration and LGS Annual Business Meeting
7:00 am  Continental Breakfast / Visit Exhibits
7:50 am  Welcome and Introductions
Stephen W. Landreneau, MD, FACG - LGS President and Eric P. Trawick, MD - LGS Past President

SESSION 1: Irritable Bowel Disease and Motility
Moderator: Stephen W. Landreneau, MD, FACG
8:00 am  Diet and IBS: The Role of Diet and Nonpharmacologic Therapy
William D. Chey, MD, FACG
Discuss integrated care models with behavioral interventions, dietary modifications, and medications for patient success in IBS management.

SESSION 2: Liver
Moderator: Hrishikesh Samant, MD, FACG
10:15 am  Updates in Cirrhosis: Inpatient Management
Marco A. Olivera-Martinez, MD
Identify the complications of cirrhosis that require inpatient management and their treatment.
10:45 am  Acute Liver Failure
Peng-sheng “Brian” Ting, MD
Describe the current evaluation and management of acute liver failure.
11:15 am  Liver Cancer
Nicole E. Rich, MD
Discuss new treatments for hepatocellular carcinoma.
11:45 am  Q & A
11:55 am  Break
12:30 pm  Luncheon Lecture: Updates on ACG Advocacy in Washington
Neelima G. Reddy, MD, FACG
Review ACG policy initiatives in Washington, DC.
1:15 pm  Break
SESSION 3: Pancreaticobiliary
Moderator: Eric P. Trawick, MD

1:30 pm  Acute Pancreatitis: A Case-Based Approach
Laith H. Jamil, MD, FACG
Describe the management of patients with acute pancreatitis.

2:00 pm  A Practical Approach to Pancreatic Cysts
Elham Afghani, MD
Contrast the different treatment algorithms for management of pancreatic cysts.

2:30 pm  Endotherapy of Cholangiocarcinoma
Ryan J. Law, DO
Discuss the role of endoscopy in the management of cholangiocarcinoma.

3:00 pm  Q & A

3:15 pm  Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits

3:45 pm  Fellow Presentations: Case Studies and Original Research from Tulane, Ochsner, LSU New Orleans, LSU Shreveport

4:45 pm  Daily Wrap-Up and Poster Awards

5:00 pm  Adjourn for the Day

SESSION 4: Inflammatory Bowel Disease
Moderator: James D. Morris, MD, FACG

8:00 am  Hospitalized Ulcerative Colitis
Kara M. De Felice, MD
Describe the approach to the patient hospitalized with severe ulcerative colitis.

8:30 am  Managing a Pouch
Laura E. Raffals, MD, MS, FACG
Discuss the implications of caring for a patient with a pouch.

9:00 am  Health Maintenance in IBD
Francis A. Farraye, MD, MSc, MACG
Identify the aspects of health maintenance for patients living with IBD.

9:30 am  Q & A

9:45 am  Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits

SESSION 5: Potpourri
Moderator: Stephen W. Landreneau, MD, FACG

10:00 am  Eosinophilic Esophagitis
Melissa A. Spera, MD
Discuss the presentation of EoE and review treatment options including elimination diet, swallowed steroids, and biologic therapy.

10:30 am  Applying Colon Screening Guidelines: A Case-Based Approach
Sudha Pandit, MD
Review updated guidelines for colon cancer screening.

11:00 am  Anorectal Disease: What the Gastroenterologist Can Treat
Waqar A. Qureshi, MD, FACG
Explain the role of emerging technologies in gastrointestinal disease to evaluate and manage patients.

11:30 am  Q & A

11:45 am  Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points
Stephen W. Landreneau, MD, FACG and Eric P. Trawick, MD

12:00 pm  Course Adjourns
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The registration fee includes admission to all sessions, cocktail reception on Friday, continental breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday, lunch on Saturday, and refreshment breaks. All registrants must pay the full registration fee; partial registration is unavailable. A full refund of registration fees will be given, less a $25 administrative fee, if written notice of cancellation is received by ACG by February 12, 2024. No refunds will be given after this date. Attendees must register online at meetings.gi.org.

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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

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 11.5 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 11.5 Medical Knowledge 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.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The program will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton New Orleans. Located on the banks of the Mississippi River, this upscale hotel is within walking distance to the French Quarter and Jackson Square, as well as numerous restaurants, shops, and attractions. Hotel amenities include a restaurant, lounge and bar, a fitness center, and outdoor pool.

To make a reservation, book online at https://bit.ly/44sGAZJ or call 504-581-1300. Special meeting room rates per night are $229 single/double plus taxes (currently 16.2%, and there is a $2.00 occupancy fee per room per night).

Room rates include complimentary basic guest room internet and access to the hotel fitness center and outdoor pool.

Reservations must be made by February 12, 2024, 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. All reservations require a deposit of one night’s room and tax upon reservation. Cancellations made within 72 hours of check-in will be charged one night’s room and tax.

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 at registration@gi.org no later than February 12, 2024.
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