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Mark your calendar and join your colleagues for ACG's Esophagus School and the ACG/VGS/MASGNA Regional Postgraduate Course, September 5-7, 2025, in Williamsburg, VA.

By attending these programs, you will gain a deeper understanding of the common and not-so-common disorders encountered in practice.

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### ACG's Esophagus School

ACG's Esophagus School, is a day-long comprehensive esophagus program. Led by Course Directors Evan S. Dellon, MD, MPH, FACG, and Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSc, FACG, this "deep dive" into the esophagus will be of particular interest to community-based gastroenterologists who seek comprehensive evidence-based education on all things esophagus. This program is designed to better enable clinical gastroenterologists and their advanced practice provider colleagues to diagnose and treat patients more efficiently. Topics include GERD, Barrett's esophagus, achalasia, and EoE, as well as current and emerging treatments and therapies.

### ACG/VGS/MASGNA Regional Postgraduate Course

The ACG/VGS/MASGNA Regional Postgraduate Course will be offered all day Saturday and a half-day Sunday, with an agenda that features presentations on upper GI disorders, GI autoimmunity, IBD, liver, pancreatobiliary disease, and endoscopy. ACG President, Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, FACG, will deliver the Keynote Lecture where she will discuss the keys to managing work-life balance and avoiding burnout in the medical profession. The program will also feature a special MASGNA-sponsored session on Saturday afternoon, as well as fellows' case presentations illustrating difficult GI management issues.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

These programs are designed for gastroenterologists, gastroenterology trainees, primary care physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other members of the health care team interested in the latest information on diagnostic GI and state-of-the-art treatment of GI illnesses.



**COURSE DIRECTORS:**



EVAN S. DELLON, MD, MPH, FACG



FELICE SCHNOLL-SUSSMAN, MD, MSc, FACG

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025**

- 7:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 7:50 am Welcome and Introductions – Why Is Esophagus School in Session?  
*Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSc, FACG*
- 8:00 am State of the Esophageal Union: This Isn't Your Father's Esophagus  
*Philip O. Katz, MD, MACG*  
Discuss the rapidly changing esophageal landscape, burden of esophageal disease, approach to esophageal symptoms, and clinical pearls.

**SESSION 1: Ripped From the ACG Guidelines**

- Moderator: Rena H. Yadlapati, MD, MSHS, FACG*  
Discuss recent ACG guidelines on esophageal topics, highlighting why these were updated, what is new, and what is notable.
- 8:30 am GERD  
*Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSc, FACG*
- 8:50 am Barrett's Esophagus  
*Rhonda Souza, MD, FACG*
- 9:10 am Achalasia  
*C. Prakash Gyawali, MD, MRCP, FACG*
- 9:30 am EoE  
*Nirmala Gonsalves, MD, FACG*
- 9:50 am Panel Discussion: From the Mouths of the Authors – How Guidelines Are Written and How to Effectively Use Them
- 10:10 am Break

**SESSION 2: Beyond the ACG Guidelines: Applying the Guidelines in Practice With a Case-Based Approach**

- Moderator: Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSc, FACG*  
Identify key aspects of the ACG guidelines and how to apply them for diagnosis and management of esophageal conditions.
- 10:30 am GERD Cases  
*Rena H. Yadlapati, MD, MSHS, FACG*
- 10:50 am Barrett's Esophagus Cases  
*Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSc, FACG*
- 11:10 am Achalasia Cases  
*Dustin A. Carlson, MD, MSCI*
- 11:30 am EoE Cases  
*Dominique D. Bailey, MD, MEd*
- 11:50 am Panel Discussion / Q & A
- 12:10 pm Break / Lunch Provided
- LUNCH SESSION: Secrets From the Esophageal Lab – How I Do It**  
*Moderator: Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSc, FACG*
- 12:30 pm Practical Tips in Reflux Testing  
*Kristle L. Lynch, MD*  
Describe testing modality options, software optimization, and tips for reading, with an emphasis on a practical approach and interpreting reports.

**12:50 pm Mucho Manometry**  
*Rena H. Yadlapati, MD, MSHS, FACG*  
Discuss how to perform esophageal manometry per updated recommendations, pitfalls in interpreting studies, and tips for passing the probe.

**1:10 pm Should I Flip for FLIP?**  
*Dustin A. Carlson, MD, MSCI*  
Explain FLIP technology with an emphasis on when to use, how to use, and how to interpret data in real time.

**1:30 pm Panel Discussion / Q & A**

**SESSION 3: Esophageal Endoscopy**  
**Do's and Don'ts**

*Moderator: Vani J.A. Konda, MD, FACG*

**1:50 pm Look Before You Leap: Performing a High-Quality Esophageal Exam**  
*Vani J.A. Konda, MD, FACG*  
Describe the approach to a high-quality esophageal exam, including use of validated and recommend scales, quality indicators, and producing high-quality reports.

**2:10 pm Food Impaction, Esophageal Dilation, and Refractory Strictures: How I Do It**  
*Ashley L. Faulx, MD, FACG*  
Identify a practical approach to food impactions, performing esophageal dilation, and managing refractory esophageal strictures.

**2:40 pm Panel Discussion / Q & A**

**2:50 pm Break**

**3:10 pm Can You Take a Look at This? Esophageal Potpourri and Unusual Findings**  
*Kristle L. Lynch, MD*  
Discuss a spectrum of esophageal diseases and findings including lichen planus, lymphocytic esophagitis, granular cell tumors, squamous papillomas, pseudodiverticulosis, duplication cysts, and inlet patches.

**3:30 pm Esophagology in 2100: The Future Is Here?**  
*SriHari Mahadev, MD, MS*  
Describe emerging endoscopic techniques including POEM, Zenker's diverticulotomy, ESD, and others.

**3:50 pm Panel Discussion / Q & A**

**4:10 pm Cases With the Aces: Beyond the Guidelines**  
*Philip O. Katz, MD, MACG, and Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSc, FACG*  
Discuss practical and state-of-the-art approaches to a variety of challenging esophageal clinical case scenarios with an emphasis on endoscopic tips and tricks for the general gastroenterologist and budding esophagologist.

**4:40 pm Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points**  
*Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSc, FACG*

**4:50 pm Course Adjourns**



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**COURSE DIRECTORS:**



PATTY T. WANG, MD



DENNIS KUMRAL, MD, FACP

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025**

6:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast / Visit Exhibit Hall

7:45 am Welcome and Introductions  
*Patty T. Wang, MD, and Dennis Kumral, MD, FACP*

**SESSION 1: Upper GI/Motility**

*Moderator: Patty T. Wang, MD*

8:00 am **GLP-1 Agonists: What the Gastroenterologist Should Know**  
*Catherine T. Hudson, MD, MPH*  
Identify the role of GLP-1 agonists for weight loss, their adverse effects, dietary changes during treatment, and management prior to endoscopy.

8:20 am **Treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* Infection: The New ACG Guideline**  
*William D. Chey, MD, FACP*  
Discuss the updated ACG clinical guideline on treatment of *H. pylori* infection and its implications for clinical practice.

8:40 am **Achalasia: Botox, POEM, or Surgery?**  
*Michael F. Vaezi, MD, PhD, MSc(Epi), MACG*  
Explain the diagnosis of achalasia and discuss the pros and cons of the different treatment options.

9:00 am **Panel Discussion / Q & A**

9:25 am **Break / Visit Exhibits**

**SESSION 2: Liver**

*Moderator: Dennis Kumral, MD, FACP*

9:45 am **Update on Cholestatic Liver Disease**  
*Brian J. Wentworth, MD, MS*  
Describe the different causes of cholestatic liver disease and the data for treatment options for cholestasis.

10:05 am **Updates in Autoimmune Liver Disease**  
*Meagan E. Gray, MD*  
Discuss updates in diagnosis and treatment for autoimmune hepatitis, PBC, PSC, and overlap syndromes.



**10:25 am Role of Anticoagulation in Vascular Disorders of the Liver**  
*Sean R. Rudnick, MD*  
Summarize the evidence for diagnosis and management of liver vascular disorders such as portal vein thrombosis, Budd-Chiari Syndrome, and veno-occlusive diseases.

**10:45 am Keynote Lecture: Imbalances in GI Life**  
*Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, FACG*  
Discuss the keys to managing a work-life balance and avoiding burnout in the medical profession.

**11:15 am Panel Discussion / Q & A**

**11:45 am Break / Lunch Provided**

### **SESSION 3: Inflammatory Bowel Disease**

*Moderator: Patty T. Wang, MD*

**12:15 pm Novel IBD Therapy: When and How?**  
*Millie D. Long, MD, MPH, FACG*  
Discuss the available small molecule therapies for IBD, including when and how to select treatment and their adverse side effects.

**12:35 pm IBD: When to Call Your Surgeon**  
*Stephen J. Bickston, MD, FACG*  
Recognize indications for surgery in patients with IBD and describe postoperative management.

**12:55 pm Checking all the Boxes: Health Maintenance in IBD**  
*Sara N. Horst, MD, MPH, FACG*  
Identify and discuss recommendations for preventive care, surveillance, comorbidities, and other aspects of health maintenance for patients with IBD.

**1:15 pm Panel Discussion / Q & A**

**1:40 pm Break / Visit Exhibits**

### **SESSION 4: Functional**

*Moderator: Dennis Kumral, MD, FACG*

**2:00 pm Functional Dyspepsia: What's in My Toolbox**  
*David J. Cangemi, MD, FACG*  
Define the symptoms and diagnosis of functional dyspepsia and discuss dietary, pharmacologic, and behavioral approaches to management.

**2:20 pm Cyclic Vomiting: Is It Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome or Cannabinoid Hyperemesis Syndrome?**  
*Rosita D. Frazier, MD*  
Recognize the differences in diagnosing cyclic vomiting syndrome and cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome and discuss management for both.

**2:40 pm Panel Discussion / Q & A**





» You may attend either the  **Fellows' Presentations** or the  **Nursing Session** on Saturday afternoon

3:00 pm **Fellows' Presentations or MASGNA Nursing Session**

### Option 1: Fellows' Presentations

Fellows from the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine will present interesting cases highlighting novel or noteworthy diagnosis or treatments.

4:30 pm **Course Adjourns for the Day**

### Option 2: MASGNA Nursing Session

3:00 pm **Redesigning the Endoscopy Suite for Efficiency and Productivity**

*Nathan Jones, MHA, PMP, and Jennifer Bath, DNP, CNS*

Discuss ways to reimagine how your endoscopy suite works to improve both efficiency and productivity.

3:45 pm **Achieving Excellence in Bowel Prep**

*Jennifer Almeda, FNP-C*

Describe the best tools, tips, and techniques to help your patients achieve an excellent bowel prep.

4:00 pm **Panel Discussion / Q & A**

4:30 pm **Course Adjourns for the Day**

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AUGUST 5 AND  
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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

- 7:00 am **Continental Breakfast / Visit the Exhibit Hall**
- 7:30 am **VGS and MASGNA Board Meetings**
- 8:25 am **Welcome and Announcements**  
*Patty T. Wang, MD, and Dennis Kumral, MD, FACG*

### SESSION 5: Pancreaticobiliary Disease

*Moderator: Patty T. Wang, MD*

- 8:30 am **Alvin M. Zfass, MD, MACG Lecture**  
**Difficult Bile Duct Stones: How I Do It**  
*Vivek Kaul, MD, FACG*  
Discuss and review different strategies for managing difficult bile duct stones including ampullary dilation, balloons, baskets, and cholangioscopy.
- 8:50 am **Pancreatic Cysts: Leave It Alone, Surveillance, or Drain?**  
*Ross C.D. Buerlein, MD*  
Contrast the different algorithms for diagnosis, management, and surveillance of pancreatic cysts.
- 9:10 am **Lumps and Bumps: When Does It Matter?**  
*Girish Mishra, MD, MS, FACG*  
Identify different submucosal lesions and review the diagnostic and therapeutic approaches.
- 9:30 am **Panel Discussion / Q & A**
- 9:45 am **Break / Visit the Exhibit Hall**

### SESSION 6: Lower GI

*Moderator: Dennis Kumral, MD, FACG*

- 10:05 am **It's Not IBD!**  
*Richard S. Bloomfeld, MD, FACG*  
Recognize and describe management for microscopic colitis, Behcet's, SCAD, and other forms of IBD mimickers.
- 10:25 am **Anorectal Lesions**  
*Waqar A. Qureshi, MD, MACG*  
Explain physical exam findings, office treatment options, and when to refer to surgery for anorectal lesions such as hemorrhoids, hypertrophied anal papillae, and anal fissures.
- 10:45 am **Panel Discussion / Q & A**

### SESSION 7: Endoscopy

*Moderator: Patty T. Wang, MD*

- 11:00 am **Peri-Procedural Management of Anticoagulation**  
*John R. Saltzman, MD, FACG*  
Discuss when to continue, stop, and restart different anticoagulant and antiplatelet agents for various GI procedures and patients with acute GI bleeding.
- 11:20 am **Polypectomy Techniques for the 16-mm Polyp: Cold or Hot, Lift or Not?**  
*Andrew P. Copland, MD*  
Identify when and how to use polypectomy techniques including the do's and don'ts.
- 11:40 am **Panel Discussion / Q & A**
- 12:00 pm **Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points**  
*Patty T. Wang, MD, and Dennis Kumral, MD, FACG*
- 12:15 pm **Course Adjourns**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

There are separate registration fees for ACG's Esophagus School and the ACG/VGS/MASGNA Regional Postgraduate Course. The registration fee for each course includes admission to all sessions, continental breakfasts, lunch on Friday for Esophagus School attendees, lunch on Saturday for ACG/VGS/MASGNA Regional Postgraduate Course attendees, 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 **August 5, 2025**. No refunds will be given after this date. Attendees must register online at [meetings.gi.org](https://meetings.gi.org).

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ACG MEMBER TYPE	EARLY BIRD (On or Before 8/5)	FEE (After 8/5)
ACG/VGS Physician	\$125	\$175
ACG Resident / Trainee / Candidate	\$75	\$125
Medical Student	\$25	\$25
Associate / Advanced Practice Provider	\$125	\$175
NON-MEMBER TYPE		
Physician / PharmD / PhD / Guest	\$175	\$225
Resident / Trainee	\$100	\$150
Medical Student	\$50	\$50
NP / PA / Allied Health (RN, LPN)	\$175	\$225

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ACG MEMBER TYPE	EARLY BIRD (On or Before 8/5)	FEE (After 8/5)
ACG/VGS Physician	\$299	\$359
ACG Resident / Trainee / Candidate / SGNA Endo Tech	\$149	\$209
Medical Student	\$25	\$25
ACG Associate / SGNA Allied Health	\$169	\$229
ACG Advanced Practice Provider/SGNA NP/PA	\$189	\$249
NON-MEMBER TYPE		
Physician / PharmD / PhD / Guest	\$399	\$459
Resident / Trainee	\$219	\$279
Medical Student	\$50	\$50
NP / PA / Allied Health (RN, LPN)	\$279	\$339

### 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:

### ACG's Esophagus School

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

The American College of Gastroenterology designates this live activity for a maximum of 8.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. 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.

### ACG/VGS/MASGNA Regional Postgraduate Course

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, the Virginia Gastroenterological Society, and the Mid-Atlantic Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates. The American College of Gastroenterology is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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## NURSING CREDITS

This educational activity (2025 ACG/VGS/MASGNA Regional Postgraduate Course) has been submitted for approval to the Georgia Nurses Association, an accredited approver with distinction by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation and American Board of Certification for Gastroenterology Nurses for GI specific contact hour recertification purposes.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

The programs will be held at the Williamsburg Lodge located at 310 South England Street, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

Book online: <https://book.passkey.com/e/51031220> or call 1-800-261-9530. The special meeting rate is \$239 per night (plus tax).

**Reservations must be made by 5:00 pm ET on Tuesday, August 5, 2025** 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 inside 7 days and no-shows will forfeit the first night's room and tax.

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information about these programs, contact ACG at [education@gi.org](mailto: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](mailto:registration@gi.org) no later than **August 5, 2025**.





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