



JANUARY 30–FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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ACG'S IBD SCHOOL & ACG BOARD OF GOVERNORS/ ASGE BEST PRACTICES COURSE

ONE WEEKEND. TWO COURSES.

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EARN UP TO **7.75 CME CREDITS** | EARN UP TO **7.75 MOC POINTS**

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Mark your calendar and join your colleagues for the ACG's IBD School and ACG Board of Governors/ASGE Best Practices Course, January 30-February 1, 2026, in Las Vegas.

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

Both programs will take place at the Mandalay Bay 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.

➔ For more on what there is to see and do in Las Vegas, please visit lvca.com.



Register by **December 29** and Save:
MEETINGS.GI.ORG



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

ACG's IBD School

ACG's IBD School is a day-long interactive program offered on Friday, January 30, that features leading experts who will discuss the latest updates in IBD management. Incorporating the NEWACG IBD guidelines and emerging therapeutic strategies, the program offers an in-depth exploration of IBD diagnosis and treatment. The course also highlights preventative care and management of IBD. This program is designed to enable clinical gastroenterologists and their advanced practice provider colleagues to diagnose and treat patients more efficiently.

ACG Board of Governors / ASGE Best Practices Course

The Best Practices Course is a joint program of the ACG Board of Governors and the ASGE that is offered biennially. This program will take place all day Saturday and a half-day on Sunday, and features leading experts who will delve into a wide variety of common and not-so-common GI and hepatology disorders.

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:



SARA N. HORST, MD, MPH, FACG



ARUN C. SWAMINATH, MD, FACG

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

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

7:50 am Welcome and Introductions
*Sara N. Horst, MD, MPH, FACG,
and Arun C. Swaminath, MD, FACG*

8:00 am Updates on Treatment Strategies
of Crohn's Disease
Christina Y. Ha, MD, FACG
Identify the key take-away points and
treatment strategies based on the ACG
Guidelines and latest developments
for the management for patients with
Crohn's disease.

8:40 am Updates on Treatment Strategies of
Ulcerative Colitis

Arun C. Swaminath, MD, FACG
Identify the key take-away points and
treatment strategies based on the ACG
Guidelines and latest developments
for the management for patients with
ulcerative colitis.

9:20 am The Pregnant Patient With IBD
Sara N. Horst, MD, MPH, FACG
Discuss IBD management strategies
before and during pregnancy.

9:50 am Break / Visit Exhibit Hall

10:15 am Management of Stricturing Crohn's
Disease: Endoscopic and Surgical
Options

Adam C. Ehrlich, MD, MPH, FACG
Recognize indications for medical and
endoscopic management of stricturing
Crohn's disease, surgery including
early operative management, and
describe the management of patients
in the postoperative period.

10:45 am Management of Pouchitis
Nayantara Coelho-Prabhu, MD, FACG
Discuss the symptoms, differential
diagnosis, and treatment of pouch
disorders.



11:15 am Infections and Prevention in IBD

Freddy Caldera, DO, MS, PhD, FACG

Identify those infections that are associated with certain medications and how to manage or prevent them in IBD.

11:40 am Getting Your Patient the Medication You Prescribed: Tips and Tricks

David Choi, PharmD

Illustrate a methodical approach to obtaining pre-authorizations and appealing denials for medical therapies in IBD.

12:00 pm Break / Lunch Provided

12:30 pm Lunch – Q & A With the Faculty

1:15 pm Break / Visit Exhibit Hall

1:30 pm Diet, Lifestyle, and Complementary Medicine in IBD

Christina Y. Ha, MD, FACG

Outline the evidence for different diets and lifestyles in managing patients with IBD and discuss the evidence base for popular alternative therapies including medical marijuana and herbal remedies.

2:10 pm Disease Monitoring and Treatment Targets in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Jill K. J. Gaidos, MD, FACG

Incorporate disease monitoring strategies for all patients with IBD, including the indications for intestinal ultrasound in IBD and interpret available data on its use, and anticipate the role for transmural healing as a target of treatment.

2:40 pm Cancer Prevention in IBD

Nayantara Coelho-Prabhu, MD, FACG

Summarize primary and secondary cancer prevention in IBD patients, including the use of augmented imaging with virtual or dye-spray chromoendoscopy.

3:10 pm Microscopic and Other Colitides

Adam C. Ehrlich, MD, MPH, FACG

Describe the epidemiology and management of microscopic colitis as well as other forms of colitis that can mimic IBD.

3:35 pm Q & A With the Faculty

4:10 pm Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points

Sara N. Horst, MD, MPH, FACG, and

Arun C. Swaminath, MD, FACG

4:30 pm Course Adjourns



COURSE DIRECTORS:



SITA S. CHOKHAVATIA, MD, MACG, FASGE



HARISH K. GAGNEJA, MD, MACG, FASGE



RAJESH N. KESWANI, MD, MS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

- 7:00 am** Registration and Continental Breakfast / Visit Exhibit Hall
- 7:25 am** Welcome and Introductions
Sita S. Chokhavatia, MD, MACG, FASGE,
Harish K. Gagneja, MD, MACG, FASGE,
and Rajesh N. Keswani, MD, MS

SESSION 1: Esophagus

Moderator: Harish K. Gagneja, MD, MACG, FASGE

- 7:30 am** My Local Otolaryngologist Is Referring Too Many Patients With “LPR”: How Should I Manage It?
Rena H. Yadlapati, MD, MSHS, FACG
Explain assessment and treatment of the extraesophageal manifestations of GERD.
- 7:50 am** Best Practices: Management of Eosinophilic Esophagitis in 2026
Kathryn A. Peterson, MD, MSci
Describe the available options in the management and treatment of EoE.

- 8:10 am** I Have Done Multiple Ablations and My Patient Has Refractory Barrett’s: What Should I Do Now?
Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, MACG, FASGE
Discuss the available options to treat refractory Barrett’s esophagus.

- 8:30 am** A Practical Approach to Chicago Classification 4.0
C. Prakash Gyawali, MD, MRCP, FACG
Interpret ways to manage various motility disorders in your practice.

- 8:50 am** Panel Discussion / Q & A

SESSION 2: Stomach / Small Bowel

Moderator: Rajesh N. Keswani, MD, MS

- 9:05 am** A Case-Based Approach to Obscure GI Bleeding
Christian S. Jackson, MD, FACG
Develop an evidence-based approach to small bowel bleeding.
- 9:25 am** Stomach Potpourri: Quick Tips on Managing Metaplasia, Neuroendocrine Tumors, and Subepithelial Masses
Michelle K. Kim, MD, MSc, PhD, FASGE
Discuss treatment and surveillance patterns for upper GI neoplasia.
- 9:45 am** Updates in Upper GI Bleeding: Video-Based Tips and Tricks
V. Raman Muthusamy, MD, MAS, FACG, FASGE
Detail an algorithmic approach to upper GI bleeding.
- 10:05 am** Panel Discussion / Q & A
- 10:20 am** Break / Visit Exhibit Hall



SESSION 3: Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Moderator: Sita S. Chokhvatia, MD, MACG, FASGE

10:40 am DGBI/FGID: Management of the Gut Microbiome and the Brain

Anthony J. Lembo, MD, FACG

Describe evidence-based use of probiotics and mental health interventions (medications, hypnotherapy, CBT) in symptomatic IBS patients.

11:00 am Persistent Abdominal Symptoms: Is It IBS, IBS-IBD, IBS-DD?

Nayantara Coelho-Prabhu, MD, FACG, FASGE

Develop an approach to distinguish separate entities or overlapping diagnoses to guide treatment in patients with different types of IBD.

11:20 am Managing Acute, Occasional, and Chronic Constipation: Tricks of the Trade

William D. Chey, MD, FACG

Formulate a guidelines-based approach to treating constipated patients.

11:40 am Management of Patients With Dyspepsia: Update on Diagnosis and Treatment

Darren M. Brenner, MD, FACG

Develop a management plan for patients with functional dyspepsia.

12:00 pm Panel Discussion / Q & A

12:15 pm Break / Lunch Provided

SESSION 4: Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Moderator: Harish K. Gagneja, MD, MACG

12:35 pm We Got What We Asked For: Now How Do I Position My Therapies for Crohn's Disease?

Russell D. Cohen, MD, FACG

Describe the positioning of biologics and small molecules in the management of Crohn's disease.

12:55 pm We Got What We Asked For: Now How Do I Position My Therapies for Ulcerative Colitis?

Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, MACG, FASGE

Discuss the positioning of biologics and small molecules in the management of ulcerative colitis.

1:15 pm Ten Mistakes to Avoid in the Management of IBD

Christina Y. Ha, MD, FACG

Explore the management of IBD through a series of possible mistakes to avoid.

1:35 pm Panel Discussion / Q & A

1:50 pm Break / Dessert in the Exhibit Hall

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON PRESENTATIONS / HANDS-ON WORKSHOP SESSIONS*:

*Hands-On workshops do not offer CME.

2:10 pm AI in GI: Assisting Endoscopy and Office Practice 🖱️ or 🖱️ Hands-On

Pravanthi Parasa, MD, FASGE

Assess the use of AI in the office (scheduling, EMR/AI assistant, patient appointments, portal messaging) and in the endoscopy suite.

3:00 pm Saving the World and the GI Staff: Going Green in Endoscopy and Office Practice, and Incorporating Ergonomics Safety 🖱️ or 🖱️ Hands-On

Swapna Gayam, MD, FACG

Apply “going green” principles and safe ergonomics practices to gastroenterology practice (office/papers, endoscopy).

3:50 pm Our Top Ten Tips on Successful Leadership 🖱️ or 🖱️ Hands-On

Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, FACG

Incorporate DEI principles and emotional intelligence to leading a successful GI division/practice, while advocating for patients, colleagues, and yourself.

4:40 pm How We Do It: Video Forum 🖱️ or 🖱️ Hands-On

Rajesh N. Keswani, MD, MS

Identify the optimal approach to endoscopic management of challenging conditions.

5:25 pm Course Adjourns for the Day

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP SESSIONS

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 Saturday afternoon presentations. **There are limited spaces available.**



Regional Course Workshop Director:

Jodie A. Barkin, MD, FACG

5 hands-on stations will be offered:

- ✓EMR/Polypectomy
- ✓Defect Closure
- ✓Hemostasis

- ✓Foreign Body Removal
- ✓Hemorrhoid Banding

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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

6:55 am Welcome and Announcements
Sita S. Chokhavatia, MD, MACG, FASGE,
Harish K. Gagneja, MD, MACG, FASGE,
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SESSION 5: Pancreaticobiliary

Moderator: Rajesh N. Keswani, MD, MS

7:00 am Evidence-Based Approach to Acute Pancreatitis

Ashley L. Faulx, MD, FACG, FASGE
 Recognize the optimal approach to managing acute pancreatitis.

7:20 am Practice-Changing Trials in Pancreaticobiliary Endoscopy

Jennifer M. Kolb, MD, MS
 Explain recent evidence from high impact endoscopy trials on the management of pancreaticobiliary diseases.

7:40 am A Rational Approach to Pancreas Cysts

Vanessa M. Shami, MD, FACG, FASGE
 Develop an evidence-based approach to managing pancreas cysts.

8:00 am Panel Discussion / Q & A

8:15 am Break / Visit the Exhibit Hall

SESSION 6: Liver

Moderator: Sita S. Chokhavatia, MD, MACG, FASGE

8:30 am What's in a Name? MASLD, MetALD

Fasiha Kanwal, MD, MSHS
 Differentiate MASLD from MetALD and discuss the role of new medical management options.

8:50 am Diagnosis and Treatment Updates in HBV/HDV: Looking for D – B Always Precedes D

Lafaine Grant, MD
 Summarize diagnosis and treatment of chronic HBV and HDV, as well as HCC surveillance in these patients.

9:10 am Abnormal Imaging: Scrutinizing the Focal Liver Lesion

Anjana A. Pillai, MD, FACG
 Discuss the management of patients with focal liver lesions using current guidelines.

9:30 am Ten Best Practices in Management of Decompensated Cirrhotic With ALF or ACLF

Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MS, FACG
 Describe the management of decompensating cirrhotic patients.

9:50 am Panel Discussion / Q & A

SESSION 7: Best Practices in Colonoscopy

Moderator: Harish K. Gagneja, MD, MACG, FASGE

10:05 am Best Practices: Submucosal Injections and Tattoos

Harish K. Gagneja, MD, MACG, FASGE
 Explain the proper technique of injecting submucosal solution and tattooing.

10:25 am Ten Mistakes to Avoid in the Management of Diverticular Disease

Neil H. Stollman, MD, FACG
 Determine the most effective ways to manage diverticular diseases.

10:45 am State of the Art in Screening and Surveillance Colonoscopy

Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACG, FASGE
 Apply the latest knowledge in screening modalities and surveillance colonoscopy.

11:05 am Panel Discussion / Q & A

11:20 am Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points

Sita S. Chokhavatia, MD, MACG, FASGE,
Harish K. Gagneja, MD, MACG, FASGE,
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11:40 am Course Adjourns

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

There are separate registration fees for ACG's IBD School and the ACG Board of Governors/ASGE Best Practices Course. The registration fee for each course includes admission to all sessions, continental breakfasts, lunch on Friday for IBD School attendees, lunch on Saturday for Best Practices 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 on **December 29, 2025**. No refunds will be given after this date. Attendees must register online at meetings.gi.org.

ACG'S IBD SCHOOL		
ACG MEMBER TYPE	EARLY BIRD (by 12/29/25)	FEE (after 12/29/25)
Physician	\$125	\$175
Resident / Trainee / Candidate	\$75	\$125
Associate / Advanced Practice Provider	\$125	\$175
Medical Student	\$25	\$25
NON-MEMBER TYPE		
Physician / PharmD / PhD / Guest	\$175	\$225
Resident / Trainee	\$100	\$150
NP / PA / Allied Health (RN, LPN)	\$175	\$225
Medical Student	\$50	\$50

ACG BOARD OF GOVERNORS / ASGE BEST PRACTICES COURSE		
ACG / ASGE MEMBER TYPE	EARLY BIRD (by 12/29/25)	FEE (after 12/29/25)
Physician	\$449	\$499
Resident / Trainee / Candidate	\$179	\$229
Associate / Advanced Practice Provider	\$289	\$339
Medical Student	\$25	\$25
NON-MEMBER TYPE		
Physician / PharmD / PhD / Guest	\$549	\$599
Resident / Trainee	\$229	\$279
NP / PA / Allied Health (RN, LPN)	\$339	\$389
Medical Student	\$50	\$50

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.



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 IBD School

The American College of Gastroenterology designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.75 *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 7.75 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.

ACG Board of Governors / ASGE Best Practices Course

The American College of Gastroenterology designates this live activity for a maximum of 13.25 *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 13.25 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.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Both programs will be held at the Mandalay Bay located at 3950 S. Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89119. The room rate is \$193 on Thursday, 1/29; \$233 on Friday and Saturday, 1/30-1/31; and \$193 on Sunday, 2/1. A daily resort fee is included in the room rate and includes: in-room wireless internet access; unlimited local, domestic long distance (the 50 United States and DC) and toll-free calls; access to Paramount+ with SHOWTIME On Demand via in-room television; airline boarding pass printing; digital newspaper and magazine access; and fitness center access for guests 18+.

Book online: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50973842> or call 1-(866) 359-7757.

Reservations must be made by 5:00 pm PT on December 29, 2025, in order to receive the special meeting rate. Only a certain number of rooms are available at this rate and 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 only be on a space-available basis. All reservations require a deposit of one night's room and tax. Cancellations made within 72 hours of check-in will be charged one night's room and tax.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about these programs, 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 **December 29, 2025**.





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