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MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES FOR THE ACG FUNCTIONAL GI & MOTILITY DISORDERS SCHOOL AND ACG/MIGI MIDWEST REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE, AUGUST 14-16, 2026, IN DETROIT.

Join your colleagues in Detroit for ACG's one-day Functional GI & Motility Disorders School and the weekend ACG/MIGI Midwest Regional Postgraduate Course. Both events will be held at the Fort Pontchartrain a Wyndham Hotel, ideally situated in the heart of the city with plenty to discover. Between sessions, take a stroll along the scenic Detroit Riverwalk and explore the surrounding sights.

For more on what there is to see and do in Detroit, please visit visitdetroit.com.



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.



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

ACG's Functional GI & Motility Disorders School

This one-day program will review current goals of therapy and management strategies for IBS, utilizing the ACG clinical guideline for the management of irritable bowel syndrome as a primary resource. As part of a comprehensive approach to determining and assessing ways to improve communication, diagnosis, and management of patients with IBS, gastroparesis, and other disorders of gut-brain interaction, the Functional GI and Motility Disorders School program will have a direct impact on clinicians.

ACG/MIGI Midwest 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. Offered in conjunction with the Michigan Gastrointestinal Society, 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 explored such as IBD, intestinal ultrasound, quality metrics, early transplant for ALD, CRC screening in the elderly, chronic constipation, and non-invasive fibrosis markers, along with many other key clinical topics.

The structure of the program includes a mix of didactic presentations delivered by expert faculty, case presentations, and significant Q&A opportunities.



REGISTER BY JULY 23 AND SAVE:
[MEETINGS.GI.ORG](https://meetings.gi.org)

COURSE DIRECTORS:



BAHARAK MOSHIREE, MD, MSc, FACC



GREGORY S. SAYUK, MD, MPH, FACC

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

7:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:50 am **Welcome and Introductions**
*Baharak Moshiree, MD, MSc, FACC,
 and Gregory S. Sayuk, MD, MPH, FACC*

SESSION 1: Around the World: Standardizing Diagnostics for DGBIs and Motility Disorders

Moderator: Baharak Moshiree, MD, MSc, FACC

8:00 am **ROME V Revealed: What's New, What's Next?**
Gregory S. Sayuk, MD, MPH, FACC
 Discuss all the changes from the ROME IV to the ROME V criteria and identify what has changed regarding nomenclature and diagnostics and why these changes matter.

8:20 am **London Uncovered: Standardization in Anorectal Diagnostics**
Darren M. Brenner, MD, FACC
 Describe the rationale for the London Classification and how its utilization improves the management of refractory constipation.

8:40 am **Point-Counterpoint - Dallas Defined: FLIP the Paradigm With Panometry vs Chicago Classification Is Champ: FLIP Is a Flop**
FLIP: Joy W. Chang, MD, MS
FLIP is a FLOP: Joan W. Chen, MD, MS
 Integrate FLIP findings with other imaging to enhance the diagnosis of esophageal motility disorders and summarize the updates in the Chicago Classification for esophageal motility disorders and why this is still the gold standard method for both major and minor esophageal disorders.

9:20 am **Q & A / Panel Discussion**

9:35 am **Break/Visit Exhibit Hall**

SESSION 2: Autoimmune, Allergic, and Immunologic Disorders of the Gut

Moderator: Gregory S. Sayuk, MD, MPH, FACC

9:45 am **Eosinophils in Action: From Esophagus to the Rest of the Gut**
Joy W. Chang, MD, MS
 Discuss the current evidence-based therapies for EOE based on the new 2025 ACG Guidelines and also discuss EGIDs including future emerging therapies.

10:05 am **More Than Motility: Navigating MCAS, POTS, and hEDS**
Lucinda A. Harris, MD, MS, MACG
 Identify when a work-up of mast cell activation syndrome (MCAS), postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS), or hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (hEDS) and systemic mastocytosis is needed and when they should be treated.

10:25 am **IBS and the Immune Connection: Allergy, Inflammation, and the Gut**
Prashant Singh, MD
 Explain the emerging evidence for immune-mediated and allergic mechanisms contributing to IBS.

10:45 am **Beyond the Low FODMAP Diet: Nutrition as Therapy for GI Disorders**
Kayla S. Hopkins, MS, RD, LDN
 Explore the intersection of diet, the immune response, and the microbiome in gastrointestinal disorders such as celiac disease, EOE, dyspepsia/gastroparesis, and IBS.

11:05 am **The Role of Post-Infectious FD and How to Manage Upper GI Symptoms That Linger After *H. pylori* Is Eradicated**
William D. Chey, MD, MACG
 Discuss the role of post-infectious functional disorders and the management of upper GI symptoms that linger after *H. pylori* has been eradicated.

11:50 am Q & A / Panel Discussion

12:05 pm Break / Lunch Provided

**SESSION 3: Point-Counterpoint:
Gastroparesis Therapy Show-Down:
Myotomy vs Electrical Stimulation**

Moderator: *Brennan Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACC*

**1:05 pm Myotomy Significantly Alleviates
Gastroparesis Symptoms**

Judy A. Trieu, MD, MPH

Discuss the evidence for G-POEM, including randomized controlled studies, techniques to use, and pitfalls to consider, including rapid gastric emptying.

**1:15 pm Gastric Electrical Stimulation
Is Shockingly Superior**

Baharak Moshiree, MD, MSc, FACC

Provide an overview of GES and discuss the ease of device interrogations, patient selection considerations, and effectiveness for symptom relief.

**1:25 pm Point-Counterpoint: Gastroparesis
Discussion**

Judy A. Trieu, MD, MPH, and Baharak Moshiree, MD, MSc, FACC

1:45 pm Q & A / Panel Discussion

**SESSION 4: The Zebras and Refractory
Disorders Detangled**

Moderator: *Baharak Moshiree, MD, MSc, FACC*

2:00 pm Are PCABs Preferable to PPIs?

Joan W. Chen, MD, MS

Outline the indications for potassium-competitive acid blockers and which patient scenarios dictate choosing PCABs over PPIs.

**2:20 pm Mesenteric Vascular Variants: From MALS
to SMA Syndrome**

Judy A. Trieu, MD, MPH

Discuss when to suspect vascular involvement as the cause of chronic GI symptoms and conducting the work-up with a focus on a multidisciplinary approach, including vascular surgery, dietitians, and therapies such as celiac axis blocks.

**2:40 pm ARFID and Eating Disorders: Tackling
These Challenging Culprits**

Kayla S. Hopkins, MS, RD, LDN

Describe how eating disorders can masquerade as DGBIs, and the red flags and complications that require urgent and specialized GI evaluation.

3:00 pm Q & A / Panel Discussion

3:15 pm Break / Visit Exhibit Hall

**SESSION 5: Rethinking DGBIs:
Innovation and Integrative Strategies
for Multidisciplinary Care**

Moderator: *Gregory S. Sayuk, MD, MPH, FACC*

**3:30 pm The Digital Age: Gadgets, Apps,
and Tools for DGBIs**

Baharak Moshiree, MD, MSc, FACC

Describe the latest tools and technologies, including capsule devices, used to diagnose motility disorders.

**3:50 pm Refractory IBS: Individualized
Approaches**

Gregory S. Sayuk, MD, MPH, FACC

Design a patient-centered, individualized management plan that goes beyond the standard medical therapies for IBS.

**4:10 pm Holistic Approaches to DGBIs:
Next-Gen Trials and Biomarkers for
IBS and Dyspepsia**

Prashant Singh, MD

Discuss both complementary medicine techniques and innovative biomarkers currently being used including confocal microscopic techniques.

**4:30 pm DGBI Redefined: "Disorders of
Gravity-Bowel Interactions"?**

Brennan Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACC

Explain how gravity's role in the nervous system, the gut, and musculoskeletal system affects function as it relates to motility.

4:50 pm Q & A / Panel Discussion

5:05 pm Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points

*Baharak Moshiree, MD, MSc, FACC,
and Gregory S. Sayuk, MD, MPH, FACC*

5:15 pm Course Adjourns



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

7:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast / Visit Exhibit Hall

8:00 am Welcome and Introductions
Eva Alsheik, MD, Jeffrey Berinstein, MD, and Sapna V. Thomas, MD, FACP

8:05 am Welcome from the Michigan GI Society Chair
Laith H. Jamil, MD, FACP

SESSION 1: Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Moderator: Jeffrey Berinstein, MD

8:10 am Safely Stepping Down: Risk Stratification and Monitoring Protocols for De-Escalation in IBD
Shirley Cohen-Mekelburg, MD
Discuss how to safely select de-escalation candidates using risk stratification tools while establishing monitoring schedules that mitigate the risk of adverse outcomes including relapse for patients with IBD.

8:30 am The Clock Is Ticking: Optimal Strategies to Reduce Colectomy in the Hospitalized Patient With Acute Severe Ulcerative Colitis
Jeffrey Berinstein, MD
Apply risk stratification tools to identify steroid failure and implement timely medical rescue strategies that maximize colon salvage without delaying necessary surgical intervention for patients with UC.

8:50 am The Science of Diet: Evidence-Based Nutritional Interventions for Mucosal Healing in IBD

Lindsey G. Albenberg, DO

Describe how to shift the clinical focus from passive trigger avoidance to active therapeutic nutrition by utilizing evidence-based diets that modulate the microbiome, reduce inflammation, and prevent malnutrition, for patients with IBD.

9:10 am Q & A / Panel Discussion

SESSION 2: Practice Management

Moderator: Sapna V. Thomas, MD, FACP

9:25 am Is Intestinal Ultrasound Ready for Prime Time in Your Practice?

Jami A. Kinnucan, MD, FACP

Evaluate the role of intestinal ultrasound, and whether to integrate IUS into your practice, by considering its diagnostic accuracy, workflow feasibility, and cost-effectiveness, compared to traditional endoscopic and radiographic monitoring standards.

9:45 am The 2026 Reimbursement Landscape: Navigating Efficiency Cuts and Rising Costs

Harish K. Gagneja, MD, MACG

Discuss updated coding protocols and operational strategies for protecting practice margins.

10:05 am Measuring What Matters: A Practical Guide to Quality in General Endoscopy

Tauseef Ali, MD, FACG

Outline comprehensive quality standards for endoscopy that improve both patient outcomes and documentation compliance.

10:25 am Q & A / Panel Discussion

10:40 am Break / Visit the Exhibit Hall

SESSION 3: Hepatology

Moderator: Vincent L. Chen, MD

11:00 am Navigating MASLD in 2026: A Multi-Tiered Approach to Risk Stratification and Novel Pharmacotherapy

Vincent L. Chen, MD

Apply a tiered risk stratification algorithm to identify high-risk MASLD patients and effectively integrate novel liver-directed therapies.

11:20 am The Endoscopist's Nightmare: When Esophageal Banding Fails

Kevin Harris, MD

Discuss rescue strategies and rapid transition to TIPS or other IR-directed strategies when esophageal banding fails or is not an option.

11:40 am Debate: Beyond the 6-Month Rule: Ethics and Outcomes in Early Transplant for ALD

Jessica L. Mellinger, MD and Naemat Sandhu, MD

Debate the shift from rigid abstinence requirements to strict selection criteria by analyzing survival benefits, ethical stewardship, and recidivism risks in early transplant for severe alcohol-associated liver disease.

12:20 pm Q & A / Panel Discussion

12:35 pm Break / Lunch Provided

SESSION 4: General Endoscopy

Moderator: Sapna V. Thomas, MD, FACG

1:35 pm Colon Cancer Screening in the Elderly: How to Apply Current Guidelines to Adults > 75 Years of Age

Carine Bou-Abboud Matta, MD

Implement individualized decision-making for patients over 75 by balancing life expectancy, procedure-related risks, and lag time to benefit, in order to avoid low-value care.

1:55 pm Elevating Your Hemostasis Game: Advanced Techniques for Complex Bleeding

Andy Tau, MD, FACG

Discuss the full spectrum of endoscopic hemostasis, the optimal modality for specific anatomic lesions, and utilization of advanced techniques for definitive bleeding control.

2:15 pm Foreign Body Management in the Dead of Night: A Survival Guide for the On-Call GI

Dany A. Raad, MD

Describe the triage and technical retrieval of foreign bodies in low-resource, overnight settings, including determination of true emergencies, appropriate protective devices, and management of high-risk ingestions.

2:35 pm Q & A / Panel Discussion

2:50 pm Break / Dessert in the Exhibit Hall





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**SESSION 5: Saturday Afternoon
Keynote Presentations**

*Moderator: Laith H. Jamil, MD,
FACG*

**3:10 pm Pushing the Envelope:
The New Frontier of
Interventional Endoscopy**
*Jason B. Samarasena, MD,
MBA, FACG*

Explore the cutting edge of interventional gastroenterology by analyzing the latest advances in third-space endoscopy, full-thickness resection, and endo-hepatology that are redefining the boundaries between medicine and surgery.

**3:40 pm Navigating the Tides of
Change: Bridging the Gap
Between Past and Future
Practice Models**

Andy Tau, MD, FACG
Define ways to bridge the gap between traditional practice models and values and modern practice models and workforce realities.

**4:10 pm Understanding the
Options for Chronic
Constipation**

*William D. Chey, MD,
MACG*
Outline the types of medications and other modalities, including dietary and lifestyle modifications, for treatment of chronic constipation.

4:40 pm Q & A / Panel Discussion

**4:55 pm Course Adjourns for
the Day**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

7:00 am Continental Breakfast /
Visit the Exhibit Hall

7:55 am Welcome and Announcements
Eva Alsheik, MD, Jeffrey Berinstein, MD, and Sapna V. Thomas, MD, FACG

SESSION 6: Advanced Endoscopy

Moderator: Eva Alsheik, MD

8:00 am **The Safe Bet: Why EMR Remains the Smart Choice for Complex Polyp Resection vs The Perfect Cut: Why ESD Should Be the Only Acceptable Standard for Complex Polyp Resection**

EMR: *Tobias E. Zuchelli, MD*

ESD: *Moamen Gabr, MD*

Assess the trade-offs between the safety of endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) versus the en bloc endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) to determine the optimal management strategy for complex colorectal lesions.

8:40 am **The Battle for the Lower Esophageal Sphincter: Why POEM Is the Superior Myotomy for Achalasia vs Why Laparoscopic Heller With Fundoplication Remains the Gold Standard**

POEM: *Mohammad Al-Haddad, MD, MSc, FACG*

Heller: *Ikenna Okereke, MD*

Debate the optimal management of achalasia by contrasting the versatility and recovery benefits of endoscopic myotomy (POEM) against the long-term durability and reflux control of the surgical Heller myotomy with fundoplication.

9:20 am Q & A / Panel Discussion

9:40 am Break / Visit the Exhibit Hall

SESSION 7: Sunday Keynote Presentations

Moderator: Jason N. Schairer, MD

10:00 am **Beyond Opioids: Breaking the Cycle of Pain in Chronic Pancreatitis**

Jorge D. Machicado, MD, MPH

Discuss how to optimize pain control in chronic pancreatitis by implementing a multimodal strategy that integrates non-opioid pharmacotherapy, timely endoscopic decompression, and surgical intervention based on anatomical and neuropathic disease drivers.

10:20 am **The IBD Toolkit 2026: Integrating New Therapies Into Daily Practice**

Jason N. Schairer, MD

Develop a modernized treatment algorithm that optimally positions emerging therapies based on disease severity, phenotype, comorbidities, and prior biologic failures.

10:40 am **The End of the Biopsy? Integrating Non-Invasive Hepatology Into Your Clinic**

Manal F. Abdelmalek, MD, MPH, FACG

Identify ways to streamline liver disease management through the interpretation and clinical integration of non-invasive fibrosis markers and elastography to reduce reliance on liver biopsy.

11:00 am Q & A / Panel Discussion

11:15 am **Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points**

Eva Alsheik, MD, Jeffrey Berinstein, MD, and Sapna V. Thomas, MD, FACG

11:25 am Course Adjourns



**REGISTER BY JULY 23
AND SAVE!**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

There are separate registration fees for ACG's Functional GI and Motility Disorders School and the Midwest Regional Postgraduate Course. The registration fee for each course includes admission to all sessions, continental breakfasts, lunch on Friday for Functional GI & Motility Disorders School attendees, lunch on Saturday for ACG/MIGI Midwest Regional Postgraduate Course attendees, and refreshment breaks. All registrants must pay the full registration fee; partial registration is not available. A full refund of registration fees will be given, less a \$25 administrative fee, if written notice of cancellation is received by ACG by **July 23, 2026**. No refunds will be given after this date. Attendees must register online at meetings.gi.org.

ACG'S FUNCTIONAL GI & MOTILITY DISORDERS SCHOOL		
ACG MEMBER TYPE	EARLY BIRD (On or Before 7/23)	FEE (After 7/23)
Physician	\$125	\$175
Resident / Trainee / Candidate	\$75	\$125
Associate / Advanced Practice Provider	\$125	\$175
Student	\$25	\$25
NON-MEMBER TYPE		
Physician / PharmD / PhD / Guest	\$175	\$225
Resident / Trainee	\$100	\$150
NP / PA / Allied Health (RN, LPN)	\$175	\$225
Student	\$50	\$50

ACG/MIGI MIDWEST REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE		
ACG MEMBER TYPE	EARLY BIRD (On or Before 7/23)	FEE (After 7/23)
Physician	\$449	\$499
Resident / Trainee / Candidate	\$179	\$254
Associate / Advanced Practice Provider	\$289	\$364
Student	\$50	\$50
NON-MEMBER TYPE		
Physician / PharmD / PhD / Guest	\$549	\$599
Resident / Trainee	\$229	\$304
NP / PA / Allied Health (RN, LPN)	\$349	\$424
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 Functional GI and Motility Disorders School

The American College of Gastroenterology designates this live activity for a maximum of 8.0 *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 8.0 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/MIGI Midwest 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 and the Michigan Gastroenterologic 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 10.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



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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 Fort Pontchartrain a Wyndham Hotel in Detroit, Michigan. Conveniently located in the heart of downtown Detroit, Fort Pontchartrain Detroit, a Wyndham Hotel offers ACG physician attendees a comfortable and well-appointed stay just steps from the scenic Detroit Riverwalk and minutes from midtown, home to a variety of art museums, historical sites, and cultural attractions.

Blending accessibility, comfort, and proximity to Detroit's vibrant waterfront, the hotel is also just one mile from Ford Field and Comerica Park, and a short 15-minute drive from Coleman A. Young International Airport.

✔ To make a reservation, book online at <https://bit.ly/3Npdo2p> or call **313-965-0200**. Special meeting room rates per night are \$199 for a standard guest room plus taxes (currently 16%). Room rates include complimentary basic guest room internet.

Reservations must be made by **July 23, 2026**, to receive the special meeting rate. Only a certain number of rooms are available at this rate 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 48 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 **July 23, 2026**.



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