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➤ **ACG'S LEADING WITH GUTS:  
WOMEN SHAPING THE FUTURE  
OF GASTROENTEROLOGY**

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## JOIN COLLEAGUES IN WASHINGTON, DC, FOR ACG'S 3-DAY SUMMER SCHOOL SERIES.

Bring your entire practice and join colleagues at these three outstanding programs developed specifically for members of the GI patient care team interested in the latest information on leadership, IBD, and esophageal conditions.

In Washington, DC, you can enjoy free Smithsonian Museums, amazing food from all over the world, shows at the National Theatre, appreciate our nation's history through the monuments, and so much more.

For more on what there is to see and do in Washington, DC, please visit [washington.org](http://washington.org).

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

**BRING YOUR WHOLE PRACTICE!** 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.



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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### **ACG's Leading with Guts: Women Shaping the Future of Gastroenterology**

ACG's Leading with Guts: Women Shaping the Future of Gastroenterology Course returns to combine career and life balance strategies designed to ensure your success in GI leadership. During this course, offered Friday, June 5, 2026, you can network with fellow colleagues, share your experiences, and benefit from rewarding peer-to-peer mentoring in a collegial environment.

This program will feature a special networking session on characteristics of effective leaders and ways to incorporate those traits into your leadership style. This unique program highlights the challenges gastroenterologists face in practice, along with ways to build resilience, professional success, and career satisfaction in a changing healthcare environment.

### **ACG's IBD School**

ACG's IBD School is an interactive program offered on Friday and Saturday, June 5-6, 2026, featuring leading experts who will discuss the latest updates in IBD management. Incorporating the NEW ACG 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's Esophagus School**

ACG's Esophagus School, is a comprehensive esophagus program offered on Saturday and Sunday, June 6-7, 2026. 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 clinicians 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.



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## COURSE DIRECTORS:



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### FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026

10:30 am Registration Opens

11:25 am **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Kathryn E. Hutchins, MD, FACC,  
 and Amanda B. Pressman, MD, FACC*

#### SESSION 1

*Moderators: Kathryn E. Hutchins, MD, FACC,  
 and Amanda B. Pressman, MD, FACC*

11:30 am **Executive Presence**  
*Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, MACG*  
 Discuss ways to master professional poise, authority, and credibility.

12:00 pm **Boundary Setting and Enforcing**  
*Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epid),  
 MACG*  
 Identify ways to establish personal and professional limits.

12:30 pm **Public Speaking and Media Engagement**  
*Jennifer A. Christie, MD*  
 Describe how to enhance your communication skills to maximize influence and impact.

1:00 pm **Q & A / Panel Discussion**

1:30 pm **Lunch Break**

1:45 pm **Optional Luncheon Symposium**

#### SESSION 2

*Moderators: Kathryn E. Hutchins, MD, FACC,  
 and Amanda B. Pressman, MD, FACC*

2:30 pm **Empowering Women in Gastroenterology**  
*Sophie M. Balzora, MD, FACC*

Explain key strategies for the adoption of inclusive leadership and diverse representation.

3:00 pm **Up-Managing Your Boss**  
*Millie D. Long, MD, MPH, FACC*  
 Identify strategies for navigating workplace hierarchy and leadership dynamics.

3:30 pm **Microaggressions and Bias at Work**  
*Anita Afzali, MD, MPH, MHCM, FACC*  
 Explain strategies for recognizing and addressing workplace inequities.

4:00 pm **Male Allyship**  
*William D. Chey, MD, MACG*  
 Discuss how to encourage your male colleagues to be allies and supportive in the workplace.

4:30 pm **Q & A / Panel Discussion**

5:00 pm **Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points**  
*Kathryn E. Hutchins, MD, FACC,  
 and Amanda B. Pressman, MD, FACC*

5:15 pm **Leadership Course Adjourns**

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ARUN C. SWAMINATH, MD, FACC



EDWARD L. BARNES, MD, MPH, FACC

## FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026

- 6:50 pm Welcome and Introductions**  
*Sara N. Horst, MD, MPH, FACC, Arun C. Swaminath, MD, FACC, and Edward L. Barnes, MD, MPH, FACC*
- 7:00 pm Diet, Lifestyle, and Complementary Medicine in IBD**  
*Ariela Holmer, MD*  
 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.
- 7:40 pm Mental Health in IBD**  
*Raymond K. Cross, MD, MS, FACC*  
 Summarize the prevalence and importance of evaluating for mental health disorders in IBD patients, and discuss the options available for monitoring mental health and managing mental health disorders.
- 8:10 pm Cancer Prevention in IBD**  
*Dana J. Lukin, MD, PhD, FACC*  
 Summarize primary and secondary cancer prevention in IBD patients, including the use of augmented imaging with virtual or dye-spray chromoendoscopy.
- 8:40 pm Q & A / Panel Discussion**
- 9:00 pm Course Adjourns for the Day**

## SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

- 7:30 am Registration Opens / Continental Breakfast**
- 7:55 am Welcome and Announcements**  
*Sara N. Horst, MD, MPH, FACC, Arun C. Swaminath, MD, FACC, and Edward L. Barnes, MD, MPH, FACC*
- 8:00 am Updates on Treatment Strategies of Crohn's Disease**  
*Arun C. Swaminath, MD, FACC*  
 Identify the key take-away points and treatment strategies based on the ACG guidelines for Crohn's disease, and the latest developments for management of these patients.
- 8:40 am Updates on Treatment Strategies of Ulcerative Colitis**  
*David T. Rubin, MD, FACC*  
 Identify the key take-away points and treatment strategies based on the ACG guidelines for UC, and the latest developments for management of these patients.





- 9:20 am **The Pregnant Patient With IBD**  
*Sara N. Horst, MD, MPH, FACG*  
Discuss IBD management strategies before and during pregnancy.
- 10:05 am **Q & A / Panel Discussion**
- 10:20 am **Break / Visit the Exhibitors**
- 10:35 am **Management of Strictureing Crohn's Disease: Endoscopic and Surgical Options**  
*Dana J. Lukin, MD, PhD, FACG*  
Recognize indications for medical and endoscopic management of strictureing Crohn's disease, including early operative management, and describe the management of patients in the postoperative period.
- 11:05 am **Management of Pouchitis**  
*Edward L. Barnes, MD, MPH, FACG*  
Discuss the symptoms, differential diagnosis, and treatment of pouch disorders.
- 11:35 am **Q & A and Case Discussions With the Faculty**
- 12:05 pm **Lunch Break**
- 12:25 pm **Optional Luncheon Symposium**

- 1:05 pm **Getting Your Patient the Medication You Prescribed: Tips and Tricks**  
*Payal Patrick Kakadiya, PharmD*  
Illustrate a methodical approach to obtaining pre-authorizations and appealing denials for medical therapies in IBD.
- 1:30 pm **Disease Monitoring and Treatment Targets in Inflammatory Bowel Disease**  
*David T. Rubin, MD, FACG*  
Incorporate disease monitoring strategies for all patients with IBD, recognize indications for intestinal ultrasound in IBD, interpret available data on its use, and anticipate the role for transmural healing as a target of treatment.
- 2:00 pm **Microscopic and Other Colitides**  
*Raymond K. Cross, MD, MS, FACG*  
Describe the epidemiology and management of microscopic colitis as well as other forms of colitis that can mimic IBD.
- 2:30 pm **Infections and Prevention in IBD**  
*Ariela Holmer, MD*  
Identify those infections that are associated with certain medications and how to manage or prevent them in patients with IBD.
- 3:00 pm **Q & A / Panel Discussion**
- 3:20 pm **Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points**  
*Sara N. Horst, MD, MPH, FACG, Arun C. Swaminath, MD, FACG, and Edward L. Barnes, MD, MPH, FACG*
- 3:30 pm **ACG's IBD School Adjourns**

## COURSE DIRECTORS:



FELICE SCHNOLL-SUSSMAN, MD, MSC, FACC



EVAN S. DELLON, MD, MPH, FACC

## SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

3:00 pm Registration Open

4:50 pm **Welcome and Introductions – Why Is Esophagus School in Session?**  
*Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSc, FACC, and Evan S. Dellon, MD, MPH, FACC*

5:00 pm **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.

5:20 pm **Look Before You Leap: Performing a High-Quality Esophageal Exam**  
*Vani J.A. Konda, MD, FACC*  
Describe the approach to a high-quality esophageal exam, including use of validated and recommended scales, quality indicators, and producing high-quality reports.

5:40 pm Q & A

6:00 pm Break / Pick Up Boxed Dinner

### SESSION 1: Ripped From the ACG Guidelines: Applying the Guidelines in Practice, With a Case-Based Approach

*Moderator: Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSc, FACC*

6:20 pm **GERD**  
*Kerry Dunbar, MD, PhD*  
Discuss recent ACG guidelines on esophageal topics, highlighting why these were updated, what is new, and what is notable, with a focus on GERD.

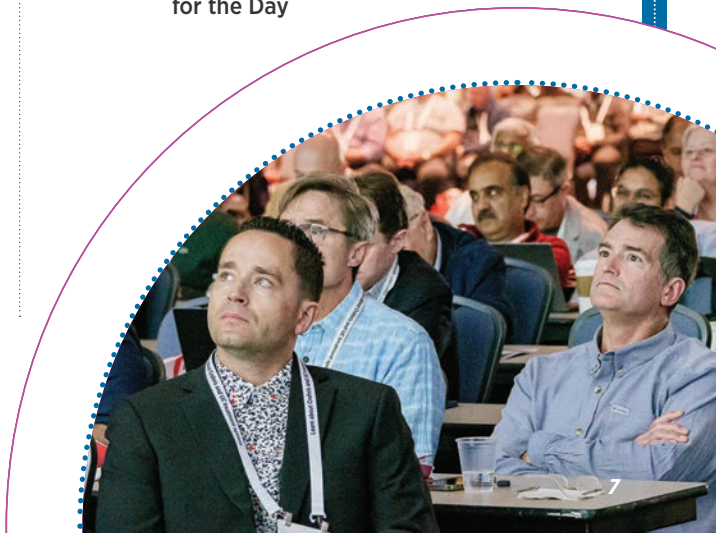
6:40 pm **Barrett's Esophagus**  
*Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, MACG*  
Discuss recent ACG guidelines on esophageal topics, highlighting why these were updated, what is new, and what is notable, with a focus on Barrett's esophagus.

7:00 pm **Achalasia**  
*C. Prakash Gyawali, MD, MRCP, FACC*  
Discuss recent ACG guidelines on esophageal topics, highlighting why these were updated, what is new, and what is notable, with a focus on achalasia.

7:20 pm **EoE**  
*Evan S. Dellon, MD MPH, FACC*  
Discuss recent ACG guidelines on esophageal topics, highlighting why these were updated, what is new, and what is notable, with a focus on eosinophilic esophagitis.

7:40 pm **Panel Discussion: From the Mouths of the Authors – How The Guidelines Are Written**

8:00 pm **ACG's Esophagus School Adjourns for the Day**



## SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

6:30 am Registration Open

6:30 am Continental Breakfast

### SESSION 2: Beyond the ACG Guidelines: Applying the Guidelines in Practice

*Moderator: Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSc, FACG*

7:00 am GERD

*Rena H. Yadlapati, MD, MSHS, FACG*

Identify key aspects of the ACG guidelines and how to apply them for diagnosis and management of GERD.

7:20 am Barrett's Esophagus

*Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSc, FACG*

Identify key aspects of the ACG guidelines and how to apply them for diagnosis and management of Barrett's esophagus.

7:40 am Achalasia

*Dustin A. Carlson, MD, MSCI*

Identify key aspects of the ACG guidelines and how to apply them for diagnosis and management of achalasia.

8:00 am EoE

*Dominique D. Bailey, MD, MSc*

Identify key aspects of the ACG guidelines and how to apply them for diagnosis and management of eosinophilic esophagitis.

8:20 am Panel Discussion: How to Effectively Use the Guidelines

8:40 am Break

### SESSION 3: A Deep Dive Into the Esophagus: Cases With the Aces

In this session, attendees will be divided into 4 groups. Each group will spend 20 minutes participating in a topic before rotating to a new topic.

*Moderator: Evan S. Dellon, MD MPH, FACG*

9:00 am - 10:20 am

#### Practical Tips in Reflux and pH Testing

*Philip O. Katz, MD, MACG, and Kerry Dunbar, MD, PhD*

Present cases of typical reflux off PPI, refractory reflux on PPI, and non-reflux heartburn symptoms, in order to understand testing options and study interpretation, with an emphasis on a practical approach.

#### Mucho Manometry

*Rena H. Yadlapati, MD, MSHS, FACG, and C. Prakash Gyawali, MD, MRCP, FACG*

Present cases of achalasia, nutcracker, and ineffective esophageal motility, in order to understand esophageal manometry testing and study interpretation, with an emphasis on a practical approach.

#### Flipping for FLIP

*Dustin A. Carlson, MD, MSCI, and Vani J.A. Konda, MD, FACG*

Present cases of dysphagia, achalasia/POEM and EoE, in order to explain use of FLIP technology and data interpretation in real time, with an emphasis on a practical approach.

#### Scoop and Burn: Endoscopic Eradication Therapy in BE

*Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSc, FACG, and Dan Lister, MD, FACS, FAFS*

Present cases of newly detected flat BE, nodular BE requiring an EMR, and dysplastic BE requiring ablation, in order to highlight methods for BE diagnosis and treatment, with an emphasis on a practical approach.

10:20 am Break



## SESSION 4: Foreign Bodies, Strictures, Lumps, and Bumps – What’s All This Stuff in the Esophagus?

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

### 10:40 am **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.

### 11:00 am **Q & A**

### 11:05 am **When and Why to Refer: Surgical Options for Esophageal Disease**

Dan Lister, MD, FACS, FAFS

Explain when and why to refer patients with GERD, Barrett’s esophagus, and achalasia for surgery, highlighting key surgical options and effective collaboration with esophageal surgeons to optimize patient outcomes.

### 11:25 am **Q & A**

### 11:30 am **Can You Take a Look at This? Esophageal Potpourri and Unusual Findings**

All Faculty

Discuss a spectrum of esophageal diseases and findings including lichen planus, lymphocytic esophagitis, granular cell tumors, squamous papillomas, pseudodiverticulosis, duplication cysts, and inlet patches.

### 11:50 am **Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points**

Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSc, FACG, and Evan S. Dellon, MD, MPH, FACG

### 12:00 pm **ACG’s Esophagus School Adjourns**



## **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.)**



**REGISTER ONLINE:**  
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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

There are separate registration fees for the ACG's Leading with Guts: Women Shaping the Future of Gastroenterology, ACG's IBD School, and ACG's Esophagus School. Register for all three courses for a 10% discount. The registration fee for each course includes admission to all sessions, refreshment breaks, lunch on Friday for Leading with Guts attendees, continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday for IBD School attendees, and a boxed dinner on Saturday and continental breakfast on Sunday for Esophagus School attendees. 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 **May 14, 2026**. No refunds will be given after this date. Attendees must register online at [meetings.gi.org](https://meetings.gi.org).

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (On or Before 5/14/26)				
ACG MEMBER TYPE	LEADING WITH GUTS COURSE	IBD SCHOOL	ESOPHAGUS SCHOOL	THREE COURSE BUNDLE
Physician	\$125	\$125	\$125	<del>\$375</del> \$338
Resident / Trainee / Candidate	\$75	\$75	\$75	<del>\$225</del> \$203
Associate / Advanced Practice Provider	\$125	\$125	\$125	<del>\$375</del> \$338
Medical Student	\$25	\$25	\$25	<del>\$75</del> \$68
NON-MEMBER TYPE				
Physician / PharmD / PhD / Guest	\$175	\$175	\$175	<del>\$525</del> \$473
Resident / Trainee	\$100	\$100	\$100	<del>\$300</del> \$270
NP / PA / Allied Health (RN, LPN)	\$175	\$175	\$175	<del>\$525</del> \$473
Medical Student	\$50	\$50	\$50	<del>\$150</del> \$135


GENERAL REGISTRATION (After 5/14/26)				
ACG MEMBER TYPE	LEADING WITH GUTS COURSE	IBD SCHOOL	ESOPHAGUS SCHOOL	THREE COURSE BUNDLE
Physician	\$175	\$175	\$175	<del>\$525</del> \$473
Resident / Trainee / Candidate	\$125	\$125	\$125	<del>\$375</del> \$338
Associate / Advanced Practice Provider	\$175	\$175	\$175	<del>\$525</del> \$473
Medical Student	\$25	\$25	\$25	<del>\$75</del> \$68
NON-MEMBER TYPE				
Physician / PharmD / PhD / Guest	\$225	\$225	\$225	<del>\$675</del> \$608
Resident / Trainee	\$150	\$150	\$150	<del>\$450</del> \$405
NP / PA / Allied Health (RN, LPN)	\$225	\$225	\$225	<del>\$675</del> \$608
Medical Student	\$50	\$50	\$50	<del>\$150</del> \$135

## 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 Leading with Guts Course

The American College of Gastroenterology designates this live activity for a maximum of 4.75 *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 4.75 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's IBD School

The American College of Gastroenterology designates this live activity for a maximum of 8.5 *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 8.5 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.

### ACG's Esophagus School

The American College of Gastroenterology designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.25 *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 7.25 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

All programs will be held at the Washington Marriot at Metro Center, offering a comfortable and convenient stay with amenities such as a fitness center and indoor pool. Just steps from the Metro Center station, the hotel provides effortless access to key business districts as well as iconic destinations such as the National Mall, Smithsonian museums, and more, making it easy to balance a full schedule with time to explore the nation's capital.

To make a reservation, book online at <https://book.passkey.com/e/51175237> or call 800-228-9290. Special meeting room rates per night are \$229 for a standard guestroom plus taxes (currently 15.95%)

Reservations must be made by **May 14, 2026** 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 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 **May 14, 2026**.





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