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JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES FOR ACG'S ESOPHAGUS SCHOOL AND THE ACG/FGS ANNUAL SPRING SYMPOSIUM IN BEAUTIFUL NAPLES, FLORIDA.

Both programs will take place at the Signia Hilton Naples Grande Beach Resort. Friday will be a day-long “deep dive” into the esophagus and is designed to better enable clinicians to diagnose and treat patients more efficiently. With Saturday and Sunday sessions wrapping up by 1:00 pm each day, the Annual Spring Symposium will fill your mornings with the latest clinical updates while keeping your afternoons free to explore the many amenities the area has to offer, or to just unwind and relax.

While at the Signia Hilton Naples Grande Beach Resort, explore three on-site pools, a multi-service spa, tennis courts, five restaurants, and so much more.

Take a quick shuttle ride to the hotel beachfront or explore all the beauty and entertainment Naples has to offer.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

ACG's Esophagus School

ACG's Esophagus School is a comprehensive esophagus program offered on Friday, March 5, 2027. 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.

ACG / FGS Annual Spring Symposium

Led by Course Directors John W. Jacobs, Jr., MD, FACG, and Jami A. Kinnucan, MD, FACG, the ACG/FGS Annual Spring Symposium, offered in half-day sessions on Saturday and Sunday, March 6-7, will explore areas that gastroenterologists often face in clinical practice and address management updates in a variety of gastrointestinal and hepatic areas. This course will cover multiple topics, including IBD, colon, small bowel, esophagus, stomach, pancreaticobiliary, and more. This program offers a mixture of didactic presentations delivered by expert faculty, case presentations, and significant question-and-answer opportunities.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Bring your whole practice and join colleagues at ACG's Esophagus School and the ACG/FGS Annual Spring Symposium. This program was developed specifically for gastroenterologists, gastroenterology trainees, primary care physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists, and other members of the GI patient care team.



COURSE DIRECTORS:



FELICE SCHNOLL-SUSSMAN, MD, MSC, FACP



EVAN S. DELLON, MD, MPH, FACP



VANI J.A. KONDA, MD, FACP

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2027

7:00 am Registration Open

7:00 am Continental Breakfast / Visit Exhibits

SESSION 1: Introduction

7:50 am Welcome and Introductions – Why Is Esophagus School in Session?
Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSC, FACP; Evan S. Dellon, MD, MPH, FACP; and Vani J.A. Konda, MD, FACP

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.

8:20 am Look Before You Leap: Performing a High-Quality Esophageal Exam
Vani J.A. Konda, MD, FACP
 Describe the approach to a high-quality esophageal exam, including use of validated and recommended scales, quality indicators, and production of high-quality reports.

SESSION 2: Ripped From the ACG Guidelines: Applying the Guidelines in Practice

Moderator: Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSC, FACP

8:40 am GERD
Kerry Dunbar, MD, PhD
 Discuss recent ACG guidelines on GERD, highlighting why they were updated and what is new and notable.

9:00 am Barrett's Esophagus
Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSC, FACP
 Describe recent ACG guidelines on Barrett's esophagus, highlighting why they were updated and what is new and notable.

9:20 am Achalasia
C. Prakash Gyawali, MD, MRCP, FACP
 Explain recent ACG guidelines on achalasia, highlighting why they were updated and what is new and notable.

9:40 am Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE)
Evan S. Dellon, MD, MPH, FACP
 Discuss recent ACG guidelines on eosinophilic esophagitis, highlighting why they were updated and what is new and notable.

10:00 am Q & A / Panel Discussion: From the Mouths of the Authors – How the Guidelines Are Written

10:20 am Break / Visit the Exhibit Hall



SESSION 3: Tools of the Trade – Tips and Tricks

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

10:40 am The Real World in Reflux and pH Testing

Kerry Dunbar, MD, PhD

Describe reflux testing options and study interpretation, with an emphasis on a practical approach, advantages and disadvantages of wireless versus catheter-based testing, and on and off therapy conditions.

11:00 am Maximal Manometry

C. Prakash Gyawali, MD, MRCP, FACG

Explain esophageal manometry testing, current protocols, and study interpretation, with an emphasis on a practical approach, review pitfalls in interpretation, and how to make the most of a manometry study.

11:20 am Flipping for FLIP

Dustin A. Carlson, MD, MSCI, FACG

Discuss the use of FLIP technology and data interpretation in real time, with an emphasis on a practical approach.

11:40 am Scoop and Burn: Endoscopic Eradication Therapy in BE

Vani J.A. Konda, MD, FACG

Identify various presentations of Barrett's esophagus (BE) and highlight methods for BE diagnosis and treatment, with an emphasis on a practical approach.

12:00 pm Lunch

SESSION 4: Cases With the Aces: Real World

Application

In this session, attendees will be divided into 4 groups. Each group will spend 25 minutes participating in a topic before rotating to a new topic.

1:00 pm Rotation 1 **2:00 pm** Rotation 3

1:30 pm Rotation 2 **2:30 pm** Rotation 4

GERD

Facilitator: *Philip O. Katz, MD, MACG*

Discussant: *Christopher DuCoin, MD, MPH, FACS, FSAGES, FASMBS*

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

Barrett's Esophagus

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

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

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

Achalasia

Facilitator: *C. Prakash Gyawali MD, MRCP, FACG*

Discussants: *Dustin A. Carlson, MD, MSCI, FACG; SriHari Mahadev, MD, MS*

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

EoE

Facilitator: *Dominique D. Bailey, MD, MScD*

Discussants: *Evan S. Dellon, MD, MPH, FACG; Natalie Cosgrove, MD*

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

2:55 pm Break / Dessert in the Exhibit Hall

SESSION 5: Esophageal Potpourri

Moderators: Evan S. Dellon, MD MPH, FACG and Dominique D. Bailey, MD, MScD

3:10 pm Can You Look at This?

Kerry Dunbar, MD, PhD

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 Food Impaction, Esophageal Dilation, and Refractory Strictures: How I Do It

Natalie Cosgrove, MD

Identify a practical approach to food impactions, performing esophageal dilation, and managing refractory esophageal strictures.

3:50 pm The Future Is Now: Third Space in the Esophagus

SriHari Mahadev, MD, MS

Describe emerging endoscopic techniques including POEM, Zenker's diverticulotomy, ESD, and others.

4:10 pm When and Why to Refer: Surgical Options for Esophageal Disease

Christopher DuCoin, MD, MPH, FACS, FSAGES, FASMBS

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.

4:30 pm Q & A / Panel Discussion

4:50 pm Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points

Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, MSc, FACG; Evan S. Dellon, MD, MPH, FACG; and Vani J.A. Konda, MD, FACG

5:00 pm ACG's Esophagus School Adjourns

COURSE DIRECTORS:



JOHN W. JACOBS, JR., MD, FACP



JAMI A. KINNUCAN, MD, FACP

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2027

7:00 am Registration / Breakfast with the Exhibitors

7:55 am Welcome and Introductions
*John W. Jacobs, Jr. MD, FACP,
and Jami A. Kinnucan, MD, FACP*

SESSION 1: Hepatology and Metabolic Disease

Moderator: John W. Jacobs, Jr., MD, FACP

8:00 am The “How To:” Perioperative/ Periprocedural Risk Assessment and Management in Patients With Liver Disease

Nadim Mahmud, MD, MS, MPH, MSCE
Identify key predictors of perioperative morbidity and mortality in patients with chronic liver disease and cirrhosis undergoing surgical or endoscopic procedures.

8:20 am Clearing Up the Confusion: Updates in the Management of Hepatic Encephalopathy

Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MS, FACP
Discuss current pathophysiologic concepts and precipitating factors contributing to hepatic encephalopathy in patients with cirrhosis.

8:40 am What to Eat? Malnutrition and Nutritional Recommendations in Patients With Liver Disease

Ashwani K. Singal, MD, MS, FACP
Describe the impact of malnutrition, sarcopenia, and micronutrient deficiencies on outcomes in patients with chronic liver disease and cirrhosis.

9:00 am Q & A / Panel Discussion

SESSION 2: Gastroenterology Poop-Pourri

Moderator: Tolga Erim, DO

9:20 am GI Plumbing Emergencies: Your Endoscopy Toolkit

Tolga Erim, DO
Apply endoscopic management strategies and decision algorithms for common GI emergencies, including acute gastrointestinal bleeding and esophageal food bolus impaction, to improve procedural success and patient outcomes.



9:40 am A Practical Approach to Elevated Liver Enzymes

Omar Mousa, MD

Discuss the most common etiologies of liver test elevation and develop differential diagnoses based on the pattern of liver test elevation.

10:10 am Weight Management Debate: Endoscopic vs Medical Management

Endoscopic: *Victoria Gomez, MD*

Medical: *Daniel S. Klein, DO*

Compare the efficacy, durability, and safety profiles of endoscopic and pharmacologic medical therapies for obesity management, including patient selection considerations for each approach.

10:40 am Q & A / Panel Discussion

11:00 am Break / Visit Exhibits

SESSION 3: Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Moderator: Jami A. Kinnucan, MD, FACG

11:30 am Updates in UC Guidelines - Drug Sequencing

Jennifer L. Seminerio, MD, FACG

Summarize updated guideline recommendations for the positioning and sequencing of advanced therapies in moderate-to-severe ulcerative colitis, including biologics, and small molecules.

11:50 am Updates in Crohn's Guidelines - Drug Sequencing

Oriana Damas, MD

Evaluate the current guideline updates on positioning and sequencing of advanced therapies in moderate-to-severe Crohn's disease, including biologics and small molecules.

12:10 pm Updates in Pregnancy Management in IBD

Marianny Sulbaran Nava, MD, PhD

Apply current guideline recommendations for the management of inflammatory bowel disease before conception, during pregnancy, and in the postpartum period.

12:30 pm The Importance of Preventive Care in IBD Patients

Jana G. Al Hashash, MD, MSc, FACG

Discuss current preventive care recommendations for patients with IBD, including age-appropriate cancer screening, bone health, and infection risk mitigation.

12:50 pm Q & A / Panel Discussion

1:15 pm Course Adjourns for the Day / Optional Industry-Sponsored Luncheons





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SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2027

7:30 am Registration / Breakfast
with the Exhibitors

7:55 am Welcome and
Announcements
Jami A. Kinnucan, MD, FACG

SESSION 4: Advanced Skills

Moderator: Jodie A. Barkin, MD, FACG

8:00 am Pushing the Boundaries in
Interventional EUS

Ji Young Bang, MD

Discuss emerging and
advanced applications of
interventional EUS in the
diagnosis and management
of pancreaticobiliary and
gastrointestinal disorders.

8:20 am Role of Endoscopy in the
Management of Chronic
Pancreatitis

Hendrikus S. Vanderveldt, MD

Describe the advances in
endoscopic techniques in
the management of chronic
pancreatitis.

8:40 am Getting Back to the Basics:
Simple and Complex
Polypectomy

Charles J. Kahi, MD, MSc, FACG

Explain the fundamental and
advanced techniques for
safe and effective colorectal
polypectomy, including
lesion assessment, resection
strategy selection, and defect
management.

9:00 am Q & A / Panel Discussion

SESSION 5: Disorders of Gut-Brain Interaction

Moderator: Jami A. Kinnucan, MD, FACG

9:20 am A Practical Approach to the Evaluation and Management of Gas and Bloating

Baharak Moshiree, MD, MSc, FACG

Differentiate common etiologies of gas and bloating, including functional gastrointestinal disorders, carbohydrate malabsorption, small intestinal bacterial overgrowth, and motility disorders.

9:40 am The Role of the GI Psychologist: Improving Gut Health and Quality of Life

Rebecca Klam, PsyD

Describe the role of the GI psychologist in the multidisciplinary management of IBS and other disorders of gut-brain interaction (DGBI), including mechanisms linking psychological factors and GI symptoms.

10:00 am Food as a Treatment: Incorporating Practical Dietary Approaches to Managing Gastrointestinal Symptoms

Bethany M. Doerfler, RDN

Explain the role of dietary factors in the pathophysiology and symptom generation of disorders of gut-brain interaction (DGBI), including IBS and functional dyspepsia.

10:20 am Q & A / Panel Discussion

10:40 am Break / Visit Exhibits

SESSION 6: Cancer Prevention

Moderator: John W. Jacobs, Jr., MD, FACG

11:10 am Enhancing Your ADR: Increasing the Detection of Colon Polyps and Cancer

Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG

Identify evidence-based factors that influence adenoma detection rate (ADR), including bowel preparation quality, withdrawal technique, and endoscopist performance metrics.

11:30 am Updates in the Evaluation and Management of Gastric Intestinal Metaplasia

Tiffany Y. Chua, MD

Summarize current guideline recommendations for the diagnosis, risk stratification, and surveillance of gastric intestinal metaplasia, including biopsy protocols and staging systems.

11:50 am Pancreatic Cysts: Preventing Progression to Cancer

Pushpak Taunk, MD, FACG

Apply current guideline-based approaches for the risk stratification, surveillance, and management of pancreatic cystic lesions, including imaging and clinical features associated with malignant potential.

12:10 pm Q & A / Panel Discussion

12:30 pm Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points

John W. Jacobs, Jr., MD, FACG

12:40 pm Course Adjourns

MOBILE APP INFORMATION

Included with your registration is 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.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

There are separate registration fees for ACG’s Esophagus School and the ACG / FGS Annual Spring Symposium. The registration fee for each course includes admission to all sessions, continental breakfasts, lunch on Friday for Esophagus School 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 no later than February 11, 2027. No refunds will be given after this date. Attendees must register online at meetings.gi.org.

ACG’S ESOPHAGUS SCHOOL		
ACG MEMBER TYPE	EARLY BIRD (Before 2/11)	FEE (After 2/11)
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 / FGS ANNUAL SPRING SYMPOSIUM		
ACG / FGS MEMBER TYPE	EARLY BIRD (Before 2/11)	FEE (After 2/11)
Physician	\$449	\$499
Resident / Trainee / Candidate	\$179	\$254
Associate / Advanced Practice Provider	\$289	\$364
Medical Student	\$25	\$25
NON-MEMBER TYPE		
Physician / PharmD / PhD / Guest	\$549	\$599
Resident / Trainee	\$229	\$304
NP / PA / Allied Health (RN, LPN)	\$349	\$424
Medical Student	\$50	\$50

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 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.

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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 Florida 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 9 *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 9 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 courses will be held at the Signia Hilton Naples Grande Beach Resort located at 475 Seagate Drive, Naples, FL. Check-in is 4:00 pm; check-out is 11:00 am.

✓ To make your hotel reservation, visit <https://book.passkey.com/go/GGFSG27> or contact the hotel directly at **239-597-3232**.

Special meeting room rates per night are \$389 plus tax (currently 11%). A discounted daily Resort Fee of \$20 will also be applied. 1-800 and local calls, high-speed WIFI in guestroom, two bottles of water in room, bicycle rentals, 1-hour beach kayak or paddleboard rentals, beach towels and luxury chaise lounges, range balls and use or driving range at Naples Grande Golf Club, 24-hour access to the fitness club, newspaper in the lobby, and a 10% discount on tennis court fees and weekly resort activities. Self-parking for ACG guests will be waived, and daily valet parking charges will be reduced to \$20 per day. Reservations must be made by February 11, 2027 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. All major credit cards are accepted. Cancellations made within 7-days of check-in will be charged one night's room and tax.

Visit naplesgrande.com for additional information about the hotel.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about these programs, contact ACG at registration@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 11, 2027**.



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