ACG 2018 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
OCTOBER 5 – 10, 2018
Pennsylvania Convention Center
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018
6:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration
6:30 am – 7:30 am Continental Breakfast for Friday Courses
7:00 am – 12:30 pm Pathology and Imaging Course
7:30 am – 3:30 pm ASGE Endoscopy Course
7:30 am – 4:30 pm Practice Management Course
1:45 pm – 5:00 pm What’s New in GI Pharmacology
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Navigating, Networking, and Negotiating Your First Job Workshop

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018
7:00 am – 5:15 pm Registration
7:00 am – 7:45 am Continental Breakfast for Postgraduate Course
7:50 am – 5:00 pm Postgraduate Course
10:00 am – 10:30 am David Sun Lecture
12:20 pm – 1:35 pm Optional Learning Luncheons
12:20 pm – 1:35 pm Career Opportunities for Women in GI Luncheon
5:15 pm – 7:00 pm GI Jeopardy

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018
7:00 am – 6:30 pm Registration
7:00 am – 7:45 am Continental Breakfast for Postgraduate Course
7:50 am – 5:00 pm Postgraduate Course
8:00 am – 10:00 am Auxiliary Registration/Hospitality Suite
12:20 pm – 1:35 pm Optional Learning Luncheons
12:20 pm – 1:35 pm Trainees’ Luncheon
3:30 pm – 7:00 pm Exhibit Hall Opens
3:30 pm – 7:00 pm Hands-on Endoscopy Workshop Center
3:30 pm – 7:00 pm ACG Job Forum
3:30 pm – 7:00 pm Scientific Poster Session
5:15 pm – 6:00 pm NP/PA Attendee Reception
5:15 pm – 6:00 pm International Attendee Reception
5:15 pm – 6:00 pm Women and Minorities in GI Reception
5:15 pm – 6:00 pm Exhibitor Theater
5:15 pm – 6:30 pm Poster Session – Authors Present
5:15 pm – 7:00 pm Opening Welcome Reception
6:15 pm – 7:00 pm Exhibitor Theater
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018

6:00 am – 5:00 pm  Registration

6:30 am – 7:45 am  Optional Breakfast Sessions (4 Monday Breakfasts)

Breakfast A: Advances in the Management of Cirrhosis and Portal Hypertension
Moderator: Arun J. Sanyal, MD

Evaluation of Acute Kidney Injury in a Cirrhotic Patient: HRS and Beyond
Arun J. Sanyal, MD
Discuss best practices in the evaluation of acute kidney injury in patients with liver cirrhosis, and guideline recommendations for the management of hepatorenal syndrome.

Management of Hepatic Encephalopathy

Apply current and evolving guidelines for the diagnosis and management of occult and overt hepatic encephalopathy.

Optimizing Your Patient With Ascites
Nahum Mendez Sanchez, MD, MSc, PhD, FACG
Outline a stepwise approach to managing a patient with ascites.

Breakfast B: On the Wards — Challenges in the Hospitalized Patient
Moderator: Kathy P. Bull-Henry, MD, FACG

Refractory Small Bowel Bleeding
Kathy P. Bull-Henry, MD, FACG
Describe the approach to management of hospitalized patients with refractory small bowel bleeding.

Abdominal Pain in Complicated Pancreatitis
Darwin L. Conwell, MD, MS
Explain the management of hospitalized patients with complicated pancreatitis, including necrotizing pancreatitis and fluid collections.

Management of Constipation, Ileus, and Narcotic Bowel
Melissa Latorre, MD, MS
Discuss the timely management of hospitalized patients with generalized GI dysmotility with nausea, vomiting, chronic abdominal pain, and constipation.

Breakfast C: Concepts and Controversies in Diverticular Disease
Moderator: Neil H. Stollman MD, FACG

Acute Diverticulitis: Can We Prevent It, How Best to Treat It, and Can We Decrease Its Recurrence?
Neil H. Stollman, MD, FACG
Identify risk factors for diverticulitis, possible interventions to prevent and treat it, and the changing role of antibiotics.

Diverticular Bleeding: Can We Prevent It, How Best to Treat It, and Can We Decrease Its Recurrence?
Lisa L. Strate, MD, MPH, FACG
Explain risk factors for diverticular bleeding, as well as possible interventions to prevent and treat it.

SUDD and SCAD: Are They Entities in Their Own Right, and How Should We Treat Them?
Brennan M. R. Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACG
Discuss the emerging entities of SUDD and SCAD and their possible clinical outcomes and interventions.
Breakfast D: Case-based Functional GI Testing: Ask the Experts  
Moderator: Mark Pimentel, MD, FACG

Esophageal Motility and pH Testing  
John E. Pandolfino, MD, MSCI, FACG  
Illustrate the key factors related to the performance and interpretation of esophageal motility and pH testing.

Breath Testing  
Mark Pimentel, MD, FACG  
Summarize the updated consensus recommendations on breath testing and describe clinical applications.

Pelvic Floor Testing  
Amy E. Foxx-Orenstein, DO, MACG  
Discuss common diagnostic tests and their interpretation for anorectal disorders.

7:50 am – 6:00 pm  Annual Scientific Meeting

7:50 am – 8:00 am  Opening Remarks  
Irving M. Pike, MD, FACG, ACG President

8:00 am – 9:00 am  Presidential Plenary Session 1  
Moderators:  Irving M. Pike, MD, FACG  Seth A. Gross, MD, FACG

Papers 1-5  
5 Oral Abstracts – 12 min each (9 min per presentation and 3 min Q & A)

9:00 am – 9:30 am  ACG’s Presidential Address  
Irving M. Pike, MD, FACG  
Introduced by: Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACG, ACG President-Elect

9:30 am – 10:30 am  Presidential Plenary Session 2  
Moderators:  Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACG  Seth A. Gross, MD, FACG

Papers 6-10  
5 Oral Abstracts – 12 min each (9 min per presentation and 3 min Q & A)

10:00 am – 4:45 pm  Exhibit Hall Open
10:00 am – 4:45 pm  Hands-on Endoscopy Workshop Center
10:30 am – 11:30 am  Break – Visit Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters
10:30 am – 11:30 am  Exhibitor Theater
10:30 am – 4:15 pm  Scientific Poster Session Open
Symposium 1A: Conundrums of the Esophagus  
**Moderator:** Fouad J. Moawad, MD, FACG

**I Think It's Stuck in My Gullet: Managing Dysphagia**  
*Ikuo Hirano, MD, FACG*  
Discuss the stepwise approach to managing a patient with difficulty swallowing.

**The EoE Spectrum: From the Clinically Responsive to the Refractory Patient**  
*Fouad J. Moawad, MD, FACG*  
Recognize both the medical and endoscopic therapeutic treatment endpoints for EoE.

**PPIs: Friend or Foe?**  
*Paul Moayyedi, MB ChB, PhD, MPH, FACG*  
Identify the risks of long-term PPI use and weigh them against the benefits.

Symposium 1B: Update in CRC Screening  
**Moderator:** Joseph C. Anderson, MD, FACG

**CRC Screening Outside the ASC: Non-invasive Testing**  
*Douglas J. Robertson, MD, MPH*  
Discuss the performance characteristics of stool (FIT and fecal DNA) and serum-based testing including implications of a positive test and a normal colonoscopy.

**The Cutting Edge of Serrated Polyps**  
*Joseph C. Anderson, MD, FACG*  
Identify the biology, diagnosis, and classification of serrated polyps, as well as optimal detection, resection and surveillance of them.

**Thinking Big About Small Lesions**  
*Thomas F. Imperiale, MD*  
Describe the management of small adenomas including detection, resection, and surveillance, and new concepts such as optical diagnosis and resect and discard.

Symposium 1C: Advances in Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)  
**Moderator:** Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACG

**Initial Work-up and Evaluation of a Patient With NAFLD**  
*Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACG*  
Describe an evidence-based approach for the general gastroenterologist in the initial screening, diagnosis, work-up, and staging of patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH).

**Current Management of NAFLD/NASH: Medical, Endoscopic, and Surgical Therapies**  
*Zobair M. Younossi, MD, MPH, FACG*  
Discuss current guidelines for the management and treatment of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), including medical, endoscopic, and surgical therapies.

**Future Therapies for NAFLD/NASH**  
*Arun J. Sanyal, MD*  
Summarize evolving and future strategies for NASH treatment including clinical trial data and implications for clinical practice.
12:45 pm – 2:15 pm  Lunch Break – Visit Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters
12:45 pm – 2:15 pm  ACG – FDA Public Forum
12:45 pm – 1:20 pm  Exhibitor Theater
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm  Poster Session – Authors Present
1:40 pm – 2:15 pm  Exhibitor Theater

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm  **Simultaneous Plenary Sessions 1**

*Simultaneous Plenary Session 1A*

Papers 11-14
4 Oral Abstracts – 10 min each (7 min per presentation and 3 min Q & A)

*Simultaneous Plenary Session 1B*

Papers 15-18
4 Oral Abstracts – 10 min each (7 min per presentation and 3 min Q & A)

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm  **The American Journal of Gastroenterology Lecture**

*Introduced by: Brennan M.R. Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACG*

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm  **Simultaneous Symposia Session 2**

**Symposium 2A: Is There Consensus: Challenging Cases in IBD**

*Moderator: Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACG*

**Managing Ulcerative Colitis in the Sick Outpatient**

*Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACG*

Illustrate the importance of a systematic approach to management of complicated ulcerative colitis patients.

**Crohn’s Disease Complicated by an Intraabdominal Abscess – What First? Poke, Prod, or Cut?**

*Miguel D. Regueiro, MD, FACG*

Recognize the different approaches to managing the patient with complicated Crohn’s disease.

**Perianal CD – When Anti-TNF Therapy Is Not Enough**

*David A. Schwartz, MD, FACG*

Describe the treatment options available for complicated perianal Crohn’s disease.
Symposium 2B: How to Handle Tough Functional Disorders — What To Do When Typical Treatments Fail
Moderator: Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, FACG

Burning, Chest Pain, Nausea, and Vomiting
John O. Clarke, MD
Formulate diagnostic and management algorithms for functional upper gastrointestinal symptoms.

Bloating, Belching, and Abdominal Distention
Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, FACG
Summarize different diagnostic and therapeutic approaches in the management of functional excess gas.

ACG IBS Treatment Monograph: What You Need To Know
Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, MACG
Discuss current strategies around the diagnosis and management of irritable bowel syndrome.

Symposium 2C: Live From Philadelphia! The 6th Annual Endoscopy Video Forum
Moderators: Seth A. Gross, MD, FACG and Vivek Kaul, MD, FACG
Judges: Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACP, Qiang Cai, MD, PhD, FACP, Laith H. Jamil, MD, FACP, Harshit S. Khara, MD, FACP, Shivangi T. Kothari, MD, FACP, and Reem Z. Sharaiha, MD, MSc
Demonstrate interesting endoscopic findings and techniques encountered in daily clinical practice.

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm ACG’s Annual Business Meeting
All Members and Fellows of ACG are invited.

6:30 pm Adjourn for the Day
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

6:00 am – 5:00 pm  Registration

6:45 am – 8:15 am  Optional Breakfast Sessions (8 Tuesday Breakfasts)

Breakfast E: Quality and Technique in Colonoscopy: Doing It Better
Moderator: Jason B. Samarasena, MD, FACP

Pre-procedural Quality: Getting Them In and Getting Them Clean
Jason B. Samarasena, MD, FACP
Discuss interventions to improve colonoscopy preparation quality and patient tolerance, and ways to reduce procedure cancellation through use of navigators, apps, and improved dietary restrictions.

Intra-procedural Quality: Technology, Techniques, and Tips to Improve Effectiveness
Seth A. Gross, MD, FACP
Describe the current tools and techniques used to improve quality during a colonoscopy, including assistive devices, water techniques, and computer analysis.

Post-procedural Quality: How Did We Do and Can We Do Better?
Irving M. Pike, MD, FACP
Summarize quality metrics such as ADR, withdrawal, surveillance intervals, adverse event tracking, and other possible interventions to increase quality.

Breakfast F: Hot Topics in Liver Disease
Moderator: Renuka Umashanker, MD, FACP

Approach to the Patient With Solid and Cystic Liver Lesion
Renuka Umashanker, MD, FACP
Outline current guideline recommendations in the evaluation, diagnosis, and management of patients with new liver lesions.

Autoimmune Liver Disorders: PBC, PSC, Autoimmune Hepatitis
David E. Bernstein, MD, FACP
Discuss current and evolving diagnostic and treatment strategies in the management of autoimmune liver disorders, and the application of new therapeutic modalities in clinical practice.

Evaluation of a Patient With Alcoholic Liver Disease
Vijay H. Shah, MD, FACP
Summarize current guidelines in the management of patients with alcoholic liver disease, and discuss evidence-based strategies for implementation in clinical practice.
Breakfast G: GERD – Weighing the Risks and Benefits
Moderator: Philip O. Katz, MD, MACG

GERD Diagnostics – Complementary Not Competitive
C. Prakash Gyawali, MD, FACG
Summarize the available techniques and develop a management algorithm for the diagnosis of GERD.

Personalized GERD Management
Rena H. Yadlapati, MD
Describe the role of medical, endoscopic, or surgical management based on GERD phenotypes.

Proton Pump Inhibitors: How to Help Get Your Patients Off of Them
Philip O. Katz, MD, MACG
Identify possible strategies to help your patients discontinue the use of PPIs.

Breakfast H: Optimizing IBD Management
Moderator: Laura E. Raffals, MD, FACG

Treating to Target – What Exactly Should Our Target Be Now?
Kara M. De Felice, MD
Define the concept of treat-to-target for patients with IBD.

Looking Into the IBD Crystal Ball – Predicting the Course of Disease
Laura E. Raffals, MD, FACG
Evaluate available tools for predicting disease course in patients with IBD.

Choosing the Right Therapy For Your Newly Diagnosed IBD Patient
Adam S. Cheifetz, MD, FACG
Identify how to select the best initial therapy for your patient with IBD.
Breakfast I: Endoscopic Management of Perforations and Fistulae
A Didactic Presentation With a Hands-on Workshop Component (talks 10 min each)
Moderator: Laith H. Jamil, MD, FACG

Strategies for Chronic Fistulae
Christopher C. Thompson, MD, MSc, FACG
Describe endoscopic techniques available for managing chronic fistulae.

Medical and Endoscopic Management of Luminal Perforations
Laith H. Jamil, MD, FACG
Discuss both medical and endoscopic tools and techniques available for managing luminal perforations.

Hands-on Demonstration in the Exhibit Hall

Breakfast J: Esophageal Endotherapy
Moderator: Gary W. Falk, MD, MS, FACG

Barrett’s Esophagus: Burn, Freeze, or Cut?
Gary W. Falk, MD, MS, FACG
Describe techniques of RFA, cryoablation, and EMR/ESD, as well as pros and cons, indications, and outcomes of each technique for treating Barrett’s esophagus.

Achalasia: Inject, Dilate, or Cut?
Walter W. Chan, MD
Evaluate techniques of botox injection, pneumatic dilation, and POEM, as well as pros and cons, indications, and outcomes of each technique in treating achalasia.

Strictures: Dilate, Cut, or Stent?
Mihir S. Wagh, MD, FACG
Compare techniques of dilation, endoscopic incisional therapy, and stenting for benign and malignant esophageal strictures, as well as pros and cons, indications, and outcomes of each technique.

Breakfast K: Pancreaticobiliary
Moderator: Vivek Kaul, MD, FACG

Management of Acute Pancreatitis: The First 48 Hours
Identify the guidelines and evidence-based early management of patients with acute pancreatitis and how it impacts outcome.

ERCP Complications: Prediction, Prevention, and Management
Vivek Kaul, MD, FACG
Describe how to best predict, prevent, and manage ERCP complications based on current scientific evidence and guidelines.

Management of Complex Common Bile Duct Stones
Mansour A. Parsi, MD
Discuss the state-of-the-art approach to management of large and difficult to remove common bile duct stones.
**Breakfast L: What Is New in Enteropathy?**  
*Moderator: William D. Chey, MD, FACG*

**Diagnosis and Management of Celiac Disease**  
*Joseph A. Murray, MD, FACG*  
Discuss the diagnosis and management of celiac disease and its mimics.

**Non-celiac Gluten Sensitivity**  
*William D. Chey, MD, FACG*  
Describe the diagnosis and management of patients with non-celiac gluten sensitivity.

**What Is New in Leaky Gut?**  
*Julia J. Liu, MD, FACG*  
Outline laboratory and endoscopic findings of leaky gut, and recognize the role of leaky gut in the pathogenesis of chronic intestinal disease.

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8:30 am – 6:25 pm  **Annual Scientific Meeting**

8:30 am – 10:00 am  **Simultaneous Plenary Sessions 2**

**Plenary Session 2A:**
*Papers 19-27*  
9 Oral Abstracts – 10 min each (7 min per presentation and 3 min Q & A)

**Plenary Session 2B:**
*Papers 28-36*  
9 Oral Abstracts – 10 min each (7 min per presentation and 3 min Q & A)

10:00 am – 4:30 pm  **Exhibit Hall Open**

10:05 am – 10:35 am  **ACG’s J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecture**  
**Fake News and Alternative Facts on Personalized Medicine in IBD**
Discuss best practices in IBD and differentiate the supporting evidence from the current misinformation and misunderstandings that detract from optimal patient care.  
*Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACG*  
*Introduced by: Irving M. Pike, MD, FACG, ACG President*

10:35 am – 11:30 am  **Break – Visit Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters**

10:15 am – 4:30 pm  **Hands-on Endoscopy Workshop Center**

10:35 am – 4:00 pm  **Scientific Poster Session Open**

10:35 am – 11:30 am  **Exhibitor Theater**
Simultaneous Symposia Session 3

Symposium 3A: Current Challenges and Controversies in the Management of Viral Hepatitis
Moderator: Sonali Paul, MD

How to Use Non-invasive Liver Fibrosis Tests in Clinical Practice
Sonali Paul, MD
Identify the appropriate use of non-invasive liver fibrosis tests, such as serum fibrosis assays and imaging-based elastography, in clinical practice for patients with viral hepatitis and other chronic liver disorders.

Challenges in Hepatitis C Management: DAA Failures, Special Populations, and Controversies
Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACG
Describe the evidence addressing current challenges and controversies in HCV therapy, including treatment of DAA failures and special populations, and the association between DAAs and both HCC and HBV reactivation.

Challenges in Hepatitis B Management: HBV Reactivation
James S. Park, MD, FACG
Discuss evidence-based approaches to challenging issues in hepatitis B management, including the care of chronic HBV in pregnancy, and the evaluation, prevention, and management of HBV reactivation in patients undergoing immunosuppressive drug therapy.

Symposium 3B: Battling Physician Burnout: It Will Take a Village
Moderator: Carol A. Burke, MD, FACG

Recognizing Burnout
Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG
Recognize and identify burnout predictors.

What Can Your Institution or Practice Do?
Joseph C. Anderson, MD, FACG
Describe what your institution or practice can do to mitigate burnout.

The Pathway to Physician Wellness
Carole A. Burke, MD, FACG
Identify ways to have work-life balance.

12:45 pm – 2:15 pm Lunch Break – Visit Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters
12:45 pm – 1:20 pm Exhibitor Theater
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm Poster Session – Authors Present
1:40 pm – 2:15 pm Exhibitor Theater

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm Simultaneous Plenary Sessions 3

Plenary Session 3A:
Papers 37-45
9 Oral Abstracts – 10 min each (7 min per presentation and 3 min Q & A)

Plenary Session 3B:
Papers 46-54
9 Oral Abstracts – 10 min each (7 min per presentation and 3 min Q & A)
3:45 pm – 4:30 pm  Break – Visit Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm  ACG’s Emily Couric Memorial Lecture
80% Colorectal Cancer Screening by 2018: How Did We Do and Where Do We Go From Here?
Describe the goals of the 80% by 2018 campaign for colorectal cancer screening, the successes it has achieved, and plans for the future.
*David A. Greenwald, MD, FACG*
*Introduced by: Irving M. Pike, MD, FACG, ACG President*

5:00 pm – 5:10 pm  Break

5:10 pm – 6:25 pm  Simultaneous Symposia Session 4

Symposium 4A: Interdisciplinary Management of Variceal Bleeding
*Moderator: Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao, MD, FACG*

Medical Management of Portal Hypertensive Bleeding
*Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao, MD, FACG*
Describe medical management of variceal bleeding as well as its appropriate surveillance.

Comprehensive Endoscopic Management of Esophageal and Gastric Varices
Assess standard as well as state-of-the-art endoscopic and EUS-guided techniques for managing esophageal and gastric variceal bleeding.

The Role of Interventional Radiology in the Management of Variceal Bleeding
*Michael C. Soulen, MD*  
(Non-member Radiologist Michael.Soulen@uphs.upenn.edu)  
Interpret radiology techniques as well as appropriate indications to manage esophageal and gastric variceal bleeding.

Symposium 4B: The Colonic Microbiome: *C. difficile* and Beyond
*Moderator: Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG*

The Colonic Microbiome: What Do We Know in 2018?
*Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG*
Elaborate on the current state of knowledge about the human microbiome; can we test, can we manipulate?

Fecal Microbiota Transplant (FMT) in *C. difficile* infection
*Colleen R. Kelly, MD, FACG*
Explain the biology, technique, and outcomes of FMT in patients with *C. difficile* infection.

Fecal Microbiota Transplant (FMT) for Other Emerging Indications: Potential and Promise
*Paul Moayyedi, MD, MB ChB, PhD, MPH, FACG*
Discuss the emerging data on the efficacy of FMT for other indications beyond *C. difficile*, including IBD, IBS, obesity, and hepatic encephalopathy.
Symposium 4C: Burning Issues in Barrett’s Esophagus  
Moderator: Prasad G. Iyer, MD, FACG

**Screening and Surveillance – Why and How?**  
*Prasad G. Iyer, MD, FACG*
Recognize indications for screening and list surveillance recommendations for BE.

**Predicting Progression to Cancer – The Holy Grail**  
*Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, FACG*
Describe clinical features and biomarkers associated with progression to high grade dysplasia / cancer in Barrett’s esophagus.

**Tackling Issues in Endoscopic Therapy**  
*Vani J.A. Konda, MD*
Discuss issues relevant to the management of BE patients without dysplasia, with low grade dysplasia, and after successful ablation.

6:25 pm Adjourn for the Day
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018

6:30 am – 12:15 pm  Registration

6:45 am – 8:15 am  Optional Breakfast Sessions (4 Wednesday Breakfasts)

Breakfast M: The End of the Road: A Primer on Anorectal Disorders
Moderator: Arnold Wald, MD, MACG

Ouch: Diagnosis and Treatment of Hemorrhoids and Anal Fissures
Arnold Wald, MD, MACG
Elaborate on current state of knowledge on the diagnosis and non-procedural treatments for hemorrhoids and anal fissures.

Oy, It’s Not Working Right: Defecatory Dysfunction
Amy E. Foxx-Orenstein, DO, MACG
Describe the pathophysiology and treatment of impaired defecation including incontinence and dyssynergy.

But Can We Fix It? Anorectal Interventions for the Gastroenterologist
Harry E. Sarles, Jr., MD, FACG
Discuss possible anorectal interventions such as banding, injectates, and others.

Breakfast N: Esophageal Motility Disorders – Moving the Field Forward
Moderator: John E. Pandolfino, MD, MSCI, FACG

EGJ Outflow Obstruction – Don’t Count on IRP
Abraham R. Khan, MD, FACG
Define true pathology from artifact and determine appropriate management for esophagogastric junction obstruction.

Personalized Management of Achalasia in the Era of POEM
Michael F. Vaezi, MD, PhD, MSc(Epi), FACG
Discuss appropriate treatment for manometric phenotypes and personal preferences in patients with achalasia.

Borderline Esophageal Motor Function: The Garbage Can of Motility
John E. Pandolfino, MD, MSCI, FACG
Recognize which esophageal motility disorders are clinically relevant.

Breakfast O: The Shift From Humoring to Honoring Your Patient’s Questions (Going Beyond Medications)
Moderator: Arun C. Swaminath, MD

“Pot” Roast: Do Diet and Marijuana Have a Role in Management of IBD?
Arun C. Swaminath, MD
Summarize data-based advice regarding diet therapy and marijuana use in the management of IBD.

Recognizing and Managing Psychological Problems in the IBD Patient
Laurie A. Keefer, PhD
Identifying and managing psychological issues in your IBD patient population.

Probiotics, Antibiotics, and Stool Transplants (A Gut Hack – Manipulating the Microbiome)
Colleen R. Kelly, MD, FACG
Describe dysbiosis in IBD and interventions to repair it.
Breakfast P: Emerging Medical and Surgical Therapies for Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders
Moderator: Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACG

GERD and Hypercontractile Esophageal Disorders
Shivangi T. Kothari, MD, FACG
Discuss new advances in medical and surgical therapies for GERD and hypercontractile esophageal disorders.

Gastroparesis

Explain the mechanisms and evidence regarding new advances in gastroparesis therapy.

Constipation and Incontinence
Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACG
Recognize emerging therapies for functional anorectal disorders.

8:30 am – 12:15 pm  Annual Scientific Meeting

8:30 am – 10:15 am  Simultaneous Plenary Session 4 (Free Papers/Abstract Presentations)

Plenary Session 4A:
Papers 55-64
10 Oral Abstracts – 10 min each (7 min per presentation and 3 min Q & A)

Plenary Session 4B:
Papers 65-74
10 Oral Abstracts – 10 min each (7 min per presentation and 3 min Q & A)

10:15 am – 10:20 am  Break

10:20 am – 10:50 am  ACG’s David Y. Graham Lecture
Management of Patients With Colorectal Polyps: A Personalized Approach Based on Etiology
Carol A. Burke, MD, FACG
Describe the implications of lifestyle, genetics, and polyp characteristics on the management of patients with colorectal polyps.
Introduced by: Irving M. Pike, MD, FACG, ACG President

10:50 am – 11:00 am  Break
11:00 am – 12:15 pm Simultaneous Symposia Session 5

Symposium 5A: Pancreatic Neoplasia
Moderator: Linda S. Lee, MD

Pancreatic Cysts: Navigating the Guidelines
Linda S. Lee, MD
Apply the ACG Guidelines to the management of pancreatic cysts.

Screening for Pancreatic Cancer: 2018 Update
Vivek Kaul, MD, FACG
Identify the current state of the science for pancreatic cancer screening in high-risk populations.

Malignant Masquerades in Pancreatic Disease
Christopher J. DiMaio, MD, FACG
Describe the various clinical conditions and imaging findings that mimic pancreatic malignancy and how to evaluate and manage these patients.

Symposium 5B: ACG Annual Debrief: IBD Highlights at This Year’s Annual Meeting
Moderator: David T. Rubin, MD, FACG

Ulcerative Colitis Medical Management
David T. Rubin, MD, FACG
Discuss breakthroughs in clinical care for patients with ulcerative colitis.

Crohn's Disease Medical Management
Gary R. Lichtenstein, MD, FACG, MS, FACG
Describe breakthroughs in clinical care for patients with Crohn’s disease.

12:15 pm Annual Scientific Meeting Adjourns