

# 2017 ACG/FGS ANNUAL *Spring Symposium*

**FEBRUARY 24-26, 2017**

OPAL SANDS HOTEL, CLEARWATER BEACH, FL

Course Directors: Luis F. Lara, MD, and Dennis J. Yang, MD



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# 2017

## ACG/FGS ANNUAL SPRING SYMPOSIUM

**JOIN COLLEAGUES FOR THE ACG/FGS ANNUAL SPRING SYMPOSIUM** at the Opal Sands Hotel in beautiful Clearwater Beach, Florida. The program is designed to fill your mornings learning about the latest clinical updates, and your afternoons exploring the area and enjoying the many amenities Clearwater Beach has to offer.

# February 24-26, 2017

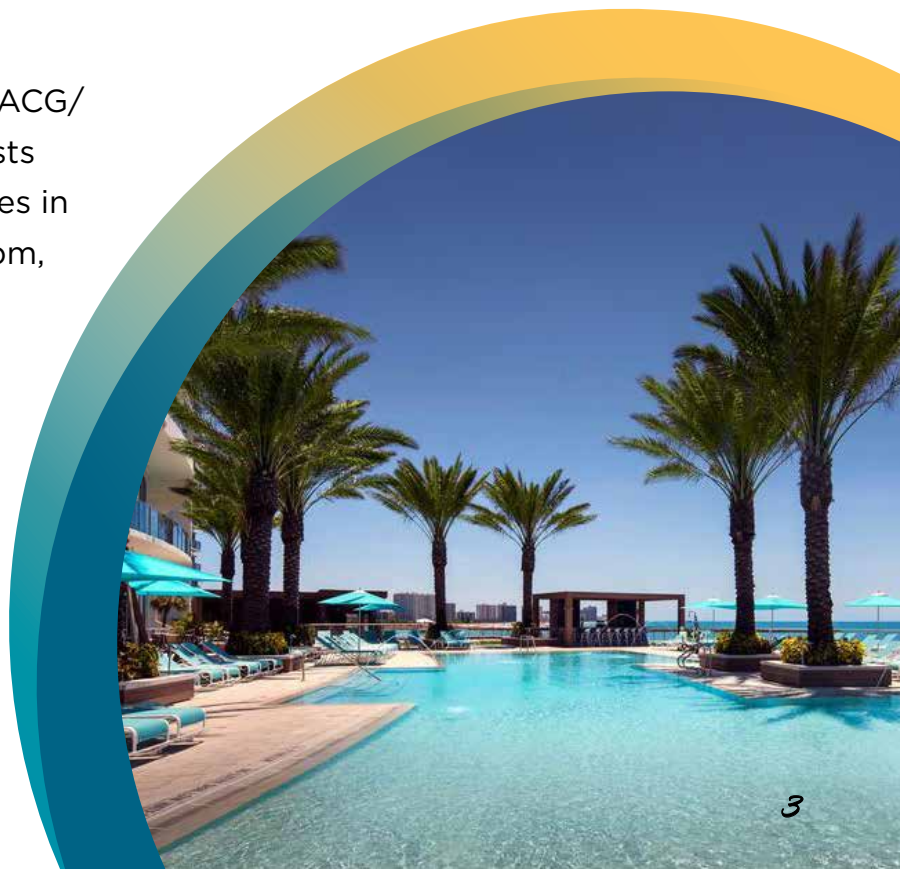
OPAL SANDS HOTEL • CLEARWATER BEACH, FLORIDA

Relax and unwind at the Opal Sands Hotel when you attend the ACG/FGS Annual Spring Symposium. This new Gulf Coast resort boasts Gulf views from every room, a beach where you can sink your toes in the sand, a spa, pool, and more. Daily sessions wrap up by 1:00 pm, giving you plenty of opportunity to relax and unwind.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Gastroenterologists
- GI Trainees
- Primary Care Physicians
- GI Nurses
- Physician Assistants
- Nurse Practitioners

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# EDUCATIONAL AGENDA



*Bridges*

## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017**

- 6:30 am**    **Registration / Continental Breakfast With the Exhibitors**
- 7:55 am**    **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Luis F. Lara, MD, and Dennis J. Yang, MD*
- 8:00 am**    **A New Endoscopic Frontier: Bariatric Endoscopy**  
*Ali A. Siddiqui, MD*  
Discuss endoscopic bariatric procedures, indications, and outcomes.
- 8:30 am**    **The Amazing Space Between: POEM, POEP, and the Future**  
*Dennis J. Yang, MD*  
Describe submucosal tunneling for POEM, POEP, and other endoscopic treatments.
- 9:00 am**    **EMR vs ESD for Large Colon Polyps**  
*Peter V. Draganov, MD, FACP, and Tolga Erim, DO*  
Summarize the evidence for using EMR vs ESD for large colon polyps and the expected outcomes using these techniques.
- 9:30 am**    **Panel Discussion / Q & A**
- 10:00 am**   **Break / Visit Exhibits**

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

- 10:30 am Is It Inflammatory Bowel Disease? Diagnostic Tools and Initial Work-up**  
*Michael F. Picco, MD, PhD, FACG*  
Discuss medical, endoscopic, and surgical methods to diagnose IBD and the initial work-up once the diagnosis is established.
- 11:00 am Management of Polyps in Inflammatory Bowel Disease and the Role of Image-enhanced Endoscopy**  
*Daniel A. Sussman, MD, MSPH*  
Recognize what to do with polyps in patients with IBD.
- 11:30 am Is Mucosal Healing the Target in IBD Management?**  
*Michael F. Picco, MD, PhD, FACG*  
Review evidence about whether mucosal healing should be the target for IBD therapy.
- 12:00 noon Panel Discussion / Q & A**
- 12:30 pm Daily Wrap-up**  
*Luis F. Lara, MD, and Dennis J. Yang, MD*
- 12:40 pm Adjourn**

- 7:30 am Continental Breakfast With the Exhibitors**
- 7:55 am Morning Announcements**  
*Luis F. Lara, MD, and Dennis J. Yang, MD*
- 8:00 am Esophageal Motility Disorders and the Role of Esophageal Manometry**  
*Brenda G. Jimenez, MD*  
Explain the diagnosis and management of patients with esophageal motility disorders and the role of manometry.
- 8:30 am Which One to Choose? Update on Hepatitis C Treatment**  
*Fernando J. Castro, MD, FACG*  
Review currently available HCV treatments, and discuss efficacy and cost to help practitioners choose treatment options.
- 9:00 am Can I Drive? Encephalopathy Due to Liver Disease**  
*Miguel Malespin, MD, and Chris Nuland, Esq.*  
Recognize encephalopathy as a patient- and community-centered disease.

- 9:30 am Panel Discussion / Q & A**
- 10:00 am Break / Visit Exhibits**
- 10:30 am Ergonomics in Endoscopy**  
*Silvio W. de Melo, Jr., MD*  
Recognize good ergonomic principles for endoscopists that may decrease risk of bodily injuries.
- 11:00 am Role of Endoscopy in the Management of Esophageal Cancer**  
*Abhitabh Patil, MD*  
Discuss GI-specific performance measures and quality metrics in patient care.
- 11:30 am Social Media and Medicine**  
*Steven D. Wexner, MD, FACG*  
Describe the role that social media plays in medical practice, how to incorporate it, and ethical considerations.
- 12:00 noon Panel Discussion / Q & A**
- 12:30 pm Daily Wrap-up**  
*Luis F. Lara, MD, and Dennis J. Yang, MD*
- 12:40 pm Adjourn**

# EDUCATIONAL AGENDA (cont.)

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

- 7:25 am Continental Breakfast With the Exhibitors**
- 7:55 am Morning Announcements**  
*Luis F. Lara, MD, and Dennis J. Yang, MD*
- 8:00 am Upper Variceal Bleeding**  
*Don C. Rockey, MD*  
Review upper gastrointestinal variceal bleeding, diagnosis, and medical and endoscopic therapies with emphasis on cost control.
- 8:30 am Post-polypectomy Bleeding Prevention and Management**  
*Silvio W. de Melo, Jr., MD*  
Discuss anticoagulation management for colonoscopy, and endoscopic prevention and treatment of post-polypectomy hemorrhage.
- 9:00 am Diagnosis and Management of Small Bowel Bleeding**  
*Don C. Rockey, MD*  
Explain ACG guidelines for small bowel bleeding.
- 9:30 am Panel Discussion / Q & A**
- 10:00 am Break**

- 10:30 am Acute Pancreatitis Diagnosis and Predictors of Outcome**  
*Luis F. Lara, MD*  
Discuss tools to diagnose and predict the severity of acute pancreatitis.
- 11:00 am Endoscopic Drainage of Pancreatic Fluid Collections**  
*Ali A. Siddiqui, MD*  
Describe endoscopic procedures to drain pseudocysts and other fluid collections due to pancreatitis, with emphasis on stents.
- 11:30 am Screening Colonoscopy in the Era of Stool DNA Testing**  
*Fernando J. Castro, MD, FACG*  
Review current colonoscopy screening guidelines and tools, and compare to non-invasive colon neoplasia screening tools with emphasis on stool DNA testing.
- 12:00 noon Panel Discussion / Q & A**
- 12:30 pm Program Wrap-Up**  
*Luis F. Lara, MD, and Dennis J. Yang, MD*
- 12:40 pm Adjourn**

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The field of gastroenterology continues to experience an introduction of new and novel diagnostic techniques and therapeutic options affecting numerous areas of GI disease management and patient care. This program is designed to explore those areas that the gastroenterologist often faces in clinical practice and will address management updates in a variety of gastrointestinal and hepatic areas. During the program, a number of hot topics will be explored, including bariatric endoscopy; social media in medicine; efficiency, quality and risk management in GI; and screening colonoscopy in the era of stool DNA testing. The program will also feature sessions on evidence-based medicine, including updates on hepatitis C treatment, management of polyps in IBD, and the role of image-enhanced endoscopy, as well as reviews of society guidelines on topics such as upper variceal bleeding and diagnosis and management of small bowel bleeding. This program is designed for gastroenterologists, primary care physicians, nurses, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners interested in the latest developments in the science of gastroenterology and the art of health care.

## ACCREDITATION / CME / MOC

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 maximum of 12.75 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 12.75 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.

### REGISTRATION & MOBILE APP

The registration fee includes admission to all sessions, continental breakfast, and morning coffee breaks. All registrants must pay the full registration fee; one-day registration is not available. **Included with your registration is complimentary access to the course presentations via the ACG Mobile app. The app can be used to download**

**faculty presentations onto tablets, mobile devices, and laptops, and offers note-taking and highlighting capabilities.** Take notes at the event and continue reviewing them when you get home. Presentations will also be available online in PDF format. You will have access prior to the course to download or print the slides. **(NOTE: A printed syllabus will not be provided.)**

EARLY BIRD (by 1/27)	REG.	MEMBER TYPE
\$275	\$350	ACG and FGS Physician Member/Fellow
\$225	\$300	ACG Trainee/GI Fellow/Resident Member
\$275	\$350	ACG Member NP/PA/Allied Health
\$425	\$500	Non-member Physicians/PharmD/Guest
\$375	\$450	Non-member NP/PA/Allied Health
\$300	\$375	Non-member Trainee/GI Fellow/Resident

Full refund of registration fees will be given, less a \$25 administrative fee, if written notice of cancellation is received

by ACG by **January 31, 2017**. No refunds will be given after this date. Attendees must register online at [meetings.gi.org](http://meetings.gi.org).

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Opal Sands Hotel offers guests the newest Gulf-front accommodations on the Gulf of Mexico, right on Clearwater Beach's lively promenade. All of the beautifully-appointed guest rooms and suites boast floor-to-ceiling windows with large balconies offering dramatic views of the Gulf and awe-inspiring sunsets. Opal Sands Hotel is located at 430 South Gulfview Boulevard, Clearwater Beach, Florida 33767.

To make your reservation, please contact the Opal Sands Hotel at 855-335-1087. Special meeting room rates are \$309 per night, single or double occupancy.

Reservations must be made by **January 31, 2017**. Room rates are subject to taxes, which are currently 13%.

The Resort Amenities Program fee, which is included in the room rate, includes: access to the state-of-the-art Gulf Front Fitness Center, unlimited local and toll-free calls, wired and wireless internet access for guestroom and public space (meeting space excluded), in-room coffee and two bottles of water, and

access to the Business Center and beach/pool towels. All major credit cards are accepted. There are a limited number of rooms available at the meeting rate, and the room rate cannot be guaranteed if the block sells out. Requests for reservations received after this date will be on a space available basis only. All reservations require a deposit of one night's room and tax, charged to a credit card upon reservation. Room cancellations must be made no later than three (3) days in advance in order to avoid the cancellation charge of one night's room and tax. Rates quoted do not include a \$15 (Normally \$25) overnight Valet Parking Charge. Self-parking is not available. Check-in is 4:00 pm. Check-out is 11:00 am.

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the meeting, contact [education@gi.org](mailto:education@gi.org).

Americans with Disabilities Act: Attendees of this ACG Regional Course who need additional reasonable accommodations or who have special needs (including dietary needs) should contact the ACG office by email at [registration@gi.org](mailto:registration@gi.org) no later than **January 31, 2017**.



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