

**MARCH 20-22, 2026**

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

Both programs will take place at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. Friday is a day long immersive look at hepatology for the GI clinician. The weekend program is designed to fill your mornings with the latest clinical updates while keeping your afternoons free to explore and enjoy the many amenities the area has to offer. Daily sessions wrap up by 1:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, giving you plenty of opportunities to reflect, relax, and unwind.

While at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, relax at the largest pool in Southwest Florida, and enjoy three acres of water attractions including a lazy river, family-friendly pools, slides, and waterfalls, as well as an adult pool and hot tubs.

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

### ACG's Hepatology School

ACG's Hepatology School is a comprehensive, day-long interactive program taking place on Friday, March 20, designed specifically for clinical gastroenterologists seeking to stay at the forefront of hepatology care. Led by Course Directors Arun Jesudian, MD, FACG, and Nancy S. Reau, MD, FACG, this dynamic course brings together leading experts to deliver the latest updates on liver disease management. The curriculum covers a wide range of topics including MASLD, alcohol and non-alcohol-associated liver disease, MET-ALD, primary biliary and primary sclerosing cholangitis, hepatic encephalopathy, and more. Through a combination of didactic lectures and case-based discussions, participants will gain practical insights and actionable knowledge to apply in everyday practice. ACG's Hepatology School reflects current national trends and treatment standards, equipping attendees with the tools needed to navigate the rapidly changing therapeutic environment.

### ACG / FGS Annual Spring Symposium

Led by Course Directors Samuel A. Giday, MD, FACG, and Mihir S. Wagh, MD, FACG, the ACG/FGS Spring Symposium, offered on Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22, until just 1pm daily, 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, as well as a Saturday afternoon hands-on workshop session.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

**Bring your whole practice** and join colleagues at the popular ACG's Hepatology School and 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:**



ARUN B. JESUDIAN, MD, FACP



NANCY S. REAU, MD, FACP

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026**

7:00 am Registration / Breakfast with the Exhibitors

8:00 am Welcome and Introductions  
*Arun B. Jesudian, MD, FACP, and Nancy S. Reau, MD, FACP*

**SESSION 1: Steatotic Liver Disease**

*Moderator: Nancy S. Reau, MD, FACP*

8:10 am **MASLD: One Size Fits All or a Personalized Approach?**

*Lindsay M. Meurer, MD*

Discuss the prevalence of metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease along with current and future therapies.

8:30 am **Met-ALD and the Impact on Therapeutics?**

*Brett E. Fortune, MD*

Describe how the dual diagnosis of MASLD and ALD may impact treatment choice and response.

8:50 am **Alcohol-Associated Liver Disease: Recognition and Reconciliation**

*Gabriel Perreault, MD*

Explain how to diagnose ALD and approaches to therapy.

9:10 am **Nutrition Considerations in Steatotic Liver Disease**

*Sonal Kumar, MD*

Illustrate how to implement nutrition modifications in the evaluation of hepatic steatosis.

9:30 am Panel Discussion / Q & A

9:50 am Break

**SESSION 2: Inpatient Management of Cirrhosis**

*Moderator: Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, MACG*

10:10 am **Critical Care: What's Different in the ICU When You Have Liver Disease?**

*Mark W. Russo, MD, MPH, FACP*

Discuss management of critical care patients with ESLD.

10:30 am **Hepatorenal Syndrome: Do I Really Have to Abandon Midodrine and Octreotide?**

*Arun B. Jesudian, MD, FACP*

Review the new diagnostic criteria for HRS-AKI and the shift in first-line therapy.



**10:50 am Hepatic Encephalopathy: Anticipation, Diagnosis, and Prevention***Nancy S. Reau, MD, FACG*

Explain updates in the screening, diagnosis, and treatment of HE.

**11:10 am Clinically Significant Portal Hypertension: Say No to EGD and Yes to TIPS?***Yael R. Nobel, MD*

Review the new recommendations on how to screen for and manage CSPH and outline the use of early TIPS.

**11:30 am Panel Discussion / Q & A****11:50 am Break – Lunch Provided****12:20 pm Working Lunch: Case Discussion With the Faculty***Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, MACG*

Discuss autoimmune hepatitis, acute liver failure/acute liver injury, elevated liver tests in the ICU, and evaluation of liver masses.

**SESSION 3: Autoimmune Liver Disease***Moderator: Nancy S. Reau, MD, FACG***1:20 pm AIH: The Goal Posts Are Changing***Lindsay M. Meurer, MD*

Describe the definitions of biochemical remission and how to manage autoimmune hepatitis.

**1:50 pm PBC: When Is the Optimal Time to Assess Response to UDCA?***Sonal Kumar, MD*

Discuss when you can expect to see efficacy from ursodeoxycholic acid and when to consider second-line therapy.

**2:10 pm PSC and CCA: When Is Transplant an Option?***Yael R. Nobel, MD*

Explain screening for cholangiocarcinoma and therapeutic options.

**2:30 pm SBP Prophylaxis***Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MS, FACG*

Discuss the role of antibiotic prevention in spontaneous bacterial peritonitis.

**3:00 pm Panel Discussion / Q & A****3:20 pm Break****SESSION 4: Liver Transplantation***Moderator: Arun B. Jesudian, MD, FACG***3:40 pm Liver Transplant for Malignancy: Are the Indications Changing?***Nicole E. Rich, MD*

Discuss indications for transplant for HCC and new indications other than CCA.

**4:00 pm Viral Hepatitis: Management Pre- and Post-OLT***Gabriel Perreault, MD*

Describe management issues for HBV, HDV, HCV, and the use of hepatitis-exposed organs, in orthotopic liver transplantation.

**4:20 pm Cardiovascular Comorbidities: When Do They Limit Transplant?***Brett E. Fortune, MD*

Explain CV testing and post-OLT management.

**4:40 pm Update on Organ Access/Machine Perfusion: Is the Pump Going to Eliminate the Wait?***Mark W. Russo, MD, MPH, FACG*

Identify the role of new technology and how it is expanding the donor pool and improving? post-OLT outcomes.

**5:00 pm Panel Discussion / Q & A****5:20 pm Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points***Arun B. Jesudian, MD, FACG, and Nancy S. Reau, MD, FACG***5:30 pm Course Adjourns**

**COURSE DIRECTORS:**



SAMUEL A. GIDAY, MD, FACG



MIHIR S. WAGH, MD, FACG

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026**

7:00 am Registration / Breakfast with the Exhibitors

7:50 am Welcome and Introductions  
*Samuel A. Giday, MD, FACG, and Mihir S. Wagh, MD, FACG*

**SESSION 1: IBD**

8:00 am **Preventive Care in Inflammatory Bowel Disease**  
*Francis A. Farraye, MD, MSc, MACG*  
Discuss evidence-based preventive strategies in the care of IBD patients, including vaccination, cancer surveillance, comorbidity screening, and reproductive health counseling.

8:20 am **Therapeutic Drug Monitoring in Biologic Therapy: Optimizing Efficacy and Safety**

*Renee M. Marchioni Beery, DO*  
Describe therapeutic drug monitoring principles of biologic therapy in IBD, enhancing treatment efficacy, minimizing immunogenicity, and guiding personalized dosing for improved safety and outcomes.

8:40 am **IBD in the Era of Immunotherapy for Cancer**

*Lee Ann Chen, MD, FACG*  
Explain the diagnosis and management of immune checkpoint inhibitor colitis.

9:00 am **Nutrition in IBD: Therapeutic Role of Diet**

*Octavia Pickett-Blakely, MD, MHS*  
Identify the evidence for dietary interventions in IBD, understand the role of nutrition in disease modulation, and incorporate individualized dietary strategies into patient care.



**9:20 am Dysplasia Surveillance and Management in IBD**  
*Jana G. Al Hashash, MD, MSc, FACG*  
 Explain current guidelines for dysplasia surveillance in IBD, including risk stratification, optimal endoscopic techniques, and management of detected lesions to reduce colorectal cancer risk.

**9:40 am Panel Discussion / Q&A**

**10:10 am Break / Visit Exhibits**

**SESSION 2: Colon/Small Bowel**

**10:40 am Advances in Non-Invasive Biomarkers for Colorectal and Other GI Cancers**  
*Renee L. Williams, MD, MHPE, FACG*  
 Discuss emerging non-invasive biomarkers for colorectal and other GI cancers, understand their clinical applications, and integrate them into early detection and risk stratification strategies.

**11:00 am Small Bowel Neoplasms: Rare But Rising – Detection, Staging, and Treatment Updates**  
*Carol E. Semrad, MD, FACG*  
 Identify evolving trends in small bowel neoplasms, improve early detection through appropriate imaging and endoscopic techniques, and apply current best practices in staging and multidisciplinary management.

**11:20 am SIBO and the Overlap Syndromes**  
*Alison Schneider, MD, FACG*  
 Differentiate small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (SIBO) from overlapping GI disorders, apply appropriate diagnostic strategies, and tailor treatment approaches based on underlying pathophysiology and symptom patterns.

**11:40 am Optimizing Bowel Preparation Quality for Colonoscopy: Guideline Review**  
*Jennifer A. Christie, MD*  
 Explain current guidelines on bowel preparation, identify factors affecting prep quality, and implement evidence-based strategies to improve colonoscopy effectiveness and patient outcomes.

**12:00 pm Quality Indicators for Colonoscopy**  
*Mariam Naveed, MD*  
 Describe key quality indicators for colonoscopy—including adenoma detection rate, withdrawal time, bowel prep adequacy, and complication rates—to enhance procedural performance and patient safety.

**12:20 pm Panel Discussion / Q&A**

**12:50 pm Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points**  
*Samuel A. Giday, MD, FACG, and Mihir S. Wagh, MD, FACG*

**1:00 pm Adjourn for the Day**





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## SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

7:30 am Breakfast with the Exhibitors

7:55 am Welcome and Announcements  
*Samuel A. Giday, MD, FACG, and Mihir S. Wagh, MD, FACG*

### SESSION 3: Esophagus/Stomach

8:00 am **What a GI Needs to Know About Obesity Management in 2026**  
*Kambiz S. Kadkhodayan, MD*  
Discuss the evolving role of the GI in obesity management by reviewing updated guidelines, emerging endoscopic therapies, and the integration of pharmacologic, nutritional, and multidisciplinary approaches in 2026.

8:20 am **Swallowing Disorders in Aging Populations: Presbyesophagus, Aspiration Prevention, and Speech Therapy Collaboration**  
*Tolga Erim, DO*  
Recognize and manage swallowing disorders in aging populations, and outline how to coordinate care with speech-language pathologists to optimize safety and nutrition.

**8:40 am GERD Management in 2026: What's Changed and What Hasn't**  
*Anand R. Gupta, MD, FACG*  
 Describe the management of GERD including current treatment strategies such as step-up vs step-down therapy, PPI safety, and novel treatments.

**9:00 am Gastric Cancer: From Screening to Endoscopic Resection**  
*Philip S. Ge, MD*  
 Identify current treatment strategies for gastric cancer including risk stratification, ESD techniques, and surveillance after resection.

**9:20 am Chronic Gastritis and Autoimmune Gastritis**  
*Saowanee Ngamruengphong, MD*  
 Assess recent developments in the management of chronic and autoimmune gastritis, focusing on B12 deficiency, G-cell hyperplasia, and the risk of carcinoid tumors.

**9:40 am Panel Discussion / Q&A**

**10:10 am Break / Visit Exhibits**

**SESSION 4: Pancreaticobiliary and Other Topics**

**10:40 am Biliary Obstruction: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Strategies**  
*Raj J. Shah, MD, FACG*  
 Explain current practices in the diagnosis and management of biliary obstruction including MRCP, EUS, and ERCP in malignant vs benign obstruction.

**11:00 am Management of Pancreatic Cysts**  
*Eun Ji Shin, MD, PhD*  
 Discuss the management strategies for patients with pancreatic cysts including surgery, scope, and surveillance.

**11:20 am Pancreatitis 2.0: From Bedside to Biomarkers**  
*Jodie A. Barkin, MD, FACG*  
 Explain current practices in the diagnosis and management of pancreatitis including early fluid resuscitation, necrosis management, and novel predictive markers.

**11:40 am Artificial Intelligence in the GI Practice**  
*Kevin E. Woods, MD, MPH*  
 Describe the current applications of AI in a GI practice including clinical decision support, scribing, pathology triage, and endoscopy enhancement.

**12:00 pm GI Practice in a Value-Based Care Environment**  
*Henry Levine, MD*  
 Discuss ways to navigate reimbursement models, metrics, and outcome-based care.

**12:20 pm Panel Discussion / Q&A**

**12:50 pm Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points**  
*Samuel A. Giday, MD, FACG, and Mihir S. Wagh, MD, FACG*

**1:00 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 Hepatology 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 Hepatology 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 19, 2026. No refunds will be given after this date. Attendees must register online at [meetings.gi.org](https://meetings.gi.org).

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Physician	\$125	\$175
Resident / Trainee / Candidate	\$125	\$175
Associate / Advanced Practice Provider	\$125	\$175
Medical Student	\$25	\$25
NON-MEMBER TYPE		
Physician / PharmD / PhD / Guest	\$175	\$225
Resident / Trainee	\$175	\$225
NP / PA / Allied Health (RN, LPN)	\$175	\$225
Medical Student	\$50	\$50

ACG / FGS ANNUAL SPRING SYMPOSIUM		
ACG / FGS MEMBER TYPE	EARLY BIRD (Before 2/19)	FEE (After 2/19)
Physician	\$325	\$375
Resident / Trainee / Candidate	\$200	\$275
Associate / Advanced Practice Provider	\$225	\$300
Medical Student	\$25	\$25
NON-MEMBER TYPE		
Physician / PharmD / PhD / Guest	\$400	\$475
Resident / Trainee	\$250	\$325
NP / PA / Allied Health (RN, LPN)	\$275	\$350
Medical Student	\$50	\$50

## ACCREDITATION / CME / MOC

### ACG's Hepatology 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 8 *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 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 8.75 *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 8.75 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 Hyatt Regency Coconut Point located at 5001 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs, FL. Check-in is 4:00 pm; check-out is 11:00 am.

☑ To make your hotel reservation, visit <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/NAPRN/G-AFCG> or contact the hotel directly at **239-444-1234**.

Special meeting room rates per night are \$419 plus tax (currently 11.5%). A discounted daily Resort Fee of \$20 is included in the special meeting room rate. The resort fee includes: basic wired & wireless high-speed internet access in guest rooms, two bottles of water each day in your guestroom, unlimited local telephone calls from your guestroom, rock climbing wall, 24-hour fitness center access, and golf bag storage. Self-parking for ACG guests will be offered at discounted rate of \$10 per day, plus tax. **Reservations must be made by February 19, 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. All major credit cards are accepted. Cancellations made within 72-hours of check-in will be charged one night's room and tax.

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### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about these programs, contact ACG at [registration@gi.org](mailto: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](mailto:registration@gi.org) no later than **February 19, 2026**.



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