The 22nd Annual
Virginia Liver Symposium
& Update in Gastroenterology

March 24, 2018

**New Location this Year!**
The Westin Richmond
6631 W. Broad Street | Richmond, Virginia  23230

Presented by VCU Health Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, and VCU Health Continuing Medical Education
A.M.
7:00  Continental Breakfast/Registration
8:00  Welcome and Announcements  John Kuemmerle, MD, AGAF, FACG

SESSION I
Daily Challenges in Clinical Gastroenterology
Educational Objectives:
1. Describe the guidelines for evaluation and management of H. Pylori.
2. Discuss the etiologies, evaluation and treatments for travelers’ diarrhea.
3. Outline the indications and outcomes with fecal transplantation.
Moderator: Richard Sterling, MD, MSc, FACP, FACG, FAASLD, AGAF
8:05  Update on H. Pylori Treatment Guidelines  George Smallfield, MD, MSPH
8:30  Travelers’ Diarrhea: Evaluation and Treatments  Michael Stevens, MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA, FSHEA
8:55  Update on Fecal Transplant: Indications and Expected Outcomes  John Kuemmerle, MD, AGAF, FACG
9:20  Panel Discussion
9:30  Alvin Zfass State of the Art Lecture: GERD & Barrett’s Esophageal: Burning Issues in 2018  Marcia Irene Canto, MD
Objective: Explain current evaluation and treatment for GERD and Barrett’s esophagus.
10:15  Break with Exhibitors

SESSION II
Update on Chronic Liver Diseases
Educational Objectives:
1. Identify the changing indications for treatment of HCV.
2. Describe how to manage decompensated cirrhosis and how to keep your patient out of the hospital.
3. Outline the outcomes of liver transplantation at VCU and living donor transplantation.
Moderator: R. Todd Stravitz, MD
10:35  Update on Treatment of Chronic HCV: 2018  Richard Sterling, MD, MSc, FACP, FACG, FAASLD, AGAF
11:00  Managing Decompensated Cirrhosis: How to Keep Your Patient Out of the Hospital  Hannah Lee, MD
11:25  Liver Transplantation in 2018 at VCU  Trevor Reichman, MD, PhD, FACS

P.M.
12:10  Panel Discussion
12:20  Lunch with Exhibitors
12:45  Lunch Workshop Sessions
A. Pearls for Managing NAFLD/NASH  M. Shadab Siddiqui, MD and Puneet Puri, MD, MBBS
Objective: Discuss managing nonalcoholic fatty liver disease and its comorbidities.

B. Irritable Bowel and Chronic Constipation: Managing Difficult Cases  George Smallfield, MD, MSPH and Pritesh Mutha, MD
Objective: Recognize difficult to treat IBS and constipation.

C. Managing GI Disorders in Women  Silvia Daniela Degli Esposti, MD and Hannah Lee, MD
Objective: Demonstrate an organized approach to managing GI disorders in women.

E. Tricks and Tips in Managing Complicated IBD  Stephen Bickston, MD, AGAF; Emily Rivet, MD, MBA, FACS, FASCRS; and John Kuemmerle, MD, AGAF, FACG
Objective: Outline the tricks and tips on managing patients with complicated IBD.

SESSION III
Advances in Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Educational Objectives:
1. Describe liver fibrosis and if it is reversible.
2. Outline gallbladder disease from stones to SOD.
3. Recognize when surgery is needed to manage IBD.
Moderator: Stephen Bickston, MD, AGAF
1:45  Liver Fibrosis, is it Really Carved in Stone?  Bruce Luxon, MD, PhD
2:15  Gallbladder Disease: It’s in the Bag.  Ravi Vachhani, MD
2:45  Surgical Management of IBD  Jamie Bohl, MD, FACS, FASCRS
3:15  Panel Discussion
3:25  Break with Exhibitors

SESSION IV
Recent Advances in Hepatology
Educational Objectives:
1. Evaluate abnormal liver enzymes.
2. Discuss cardiac-liver axis in fatty liver disease.
3. Recognize and manage acute and chronic alcoholic liver disease.
Moderator: W. Michael Pandak, Jr., MD, FACP, FAHA, AGAF, FAASLD
3:40  Evaluation of Abnormal Liver Enzymes: Shot Gun or Targeted Approach  Scott Matherly, MD
4:05  Understanding the Cardiac-Liver Axis in Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease  M. Shadab Siddiqui, MD
4:30  Management of Acute and Chronic Alcoholic Liver Disease  Binu John, MD
4:50  Panel Discussion
5:00  Final Comments  Richard Sterling, MD, MSc, FACP, FACG, FAASLD, AGAF
Course Description and Target Audience
The Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, the Liver Transplant Program, and VCU Health Continuing Medical Education are pleased to offer the 22nd Annual Virginia Liver Symposium and Update in Gastroenterology in Richmond, Virginia at the Westin Richmond Hotel. The program is designed for primary care and sub-specialty physicians, and mid-level medical providers who treat patients with gastrointestinal and liver disorders.

Course Objectives
- Discuss treatment strategies for the management of daily challenges in clinical gastroenterology.
- Review recent research advances and current literature of advances in treatment of chronic liver disease.
- Review recent advances and current literature in gastroenterology and hepatology.

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Conference Location
The Westin Richmond Hotel is located at 6631 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230. Complimentary parking is available.

Accommodations
A block of rooms has been reserved at The Westin until Friday, March 9, 2018. The special room rate is $129.00 (plus 13.3% tax) for single or double occupancy.

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About the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
The Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition has a long tradition of excellence in clinical practice, education and research, and remains dedicated to this pursuit of excellence. The scope of clinical operations and faculty expertise cover the entire spectrum of gastrointestinal and liver health and diseases. Special programs focus on esophageal disorders, gastrointestinal cancer, women’s health, inflammatory bowel disease, intestinal failure, obesity, pancreatic disorders, fatty liver disease, viral hepatitis and liver transplantation and are part of some of the premier services offered here at the VCU Health System.

Along with a cutting-edge seven-room endoscopy suite offering advanced endoscopic procedures, the hepatology program remains one of the premier programs in the country. The GI Division at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, has equally innovative clinical programs including endoscopic ultrasound, liver transplantation and inflammatory bowel disease. The GI Division has a long standing, multifaceted educational program with offerings for medical students, residents, fellows, community physicians and other gastroenterologists.

The NIH-funded academic training program is in its 40th year and has produced numerous leaders in the field of gastroenterology and hepatology. The impact of this division on the state-of-the-art of gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition continues to be strong and can be assessed by both the quality and number of publications. In addition, numerous faculty members have research funding from the NIH and/or the Department of Veterans Affairs. Thus, the division remains strong and committed to being a fertile training ground for future leaders in gastroenterology.

Registration

Register online at cme.vcuhealth.org/liver

Early Registration – ends 2/19
- Physician - $200 (includes MOC)
- Non VCU-Residents & Fellows - $105
- Residents & Fellows not affiliated with VCU Health System or McGuire VA Medical Center must provide letter of verification from Program Director
- Healthcare Providers - $105
- Non – GI/Hepatology Research Staff - $65
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Regular Registration – by 3/9
- Physician - $225 (includes MOC)
- Non VCU-Residents & Fellows - $125
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- Healthcare Providers - $125
- Non – GI/Hepatology Research Staff - $85
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- Physician - $250 (includes MOC)
- Non VCU-Residents & Fellows - $150
- Residents & Fellows not affiliated with VCU Health System or McGuire VA Medical Center must provide letter of verification from Program Director
- Healthcare Providers - $150
- Non – GI/Hepatology Research Staff - $110
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- Residents and GI Fellows
- Must provide letter of verification from Program Director
- GI Faculty
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- Transplant Staff
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Syllabus
Free Download Available
- USB Syllabus - $15
- Printed Syllabus - $50

Cancellation Policy
Registration fee, less a $60.00 non-refundable administrative fee, will be refunded only if written notice of cancellation is received on or before March 5, 2018.

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