



37th Annual Advances in Gastroenterology Conference Saturday, June 17, 2017

Course Objectives

The *37th Annual Advances in Gastroenterology* will feature a multi-disciplinary approach to the treatment and management of patients with both common, as well as critical, gastroenterology diseases presenting in the office of the gastrointestinal specialist, primary care physician, internist, surgeon, radiologist, and nurse. Special emphasis will be placed on new diagnostic and therapeutic approaches in the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and irritable bowel syndrome (IBS).

Integrate an evidence-based approach to the diagnosis and management of

- esophageal and gastroduodenal disorders with emphasis on celiac disease, management of Barrett's esophagus, and treatment of H. pylori and UGI bleeding.
- small bowel and colonic disorders, including updated strategies for surveillance of colon cancer and colon polyps and refractory *C. difficile* colitis.
- patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and the role of biosimilars as a viable alternative form of treatment.
- pancreatic and hepatic disease, including pancreatic cancer, complications of pancreatitis, candidacy for liver transplantation, and treatment of hepatitis C and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD).
- irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), with emphasis on the emerging diagnostic and therapeutic approaches.

Improve patient care and outcomes through

- Analysis of the updated advances in small bowel GI bleeding and imaging of the gastrointestinal tract.
- Review and critique of relevant practice guidelines.
- Adopting strategies to integrate evidence based guidelines into practice.

Assess their individual practice in light of the information and discussions during the course, and identify specific strategies to implement as part of a continuing improvement process for their practices.