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May 16–19, 2015
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Walter E. Washington Convention Center
Dear Colleagues,

I am excited once again to share the AGA Institute Council highlights booklet. The AGA Institute Council is comprised of 24 elected individuals who oversee 12 topic areas addressing the diverse needs of AGA members. It is our mission to deliver high-quality education and scientific programming each year, develop guidelines, standards of practice and other educational resources to assist AGA members in providing outstanding clinical care, and advocate for AGA section memberships’ interests.

This year, the council has responded in earnest to attendee feedback to reduce programmatic redundancy by collaboratively sponsoring 12 global topics with broad appeal to all AGA constituencies. They are highlighted on page 7.

My experience as the AGA Institute Council chair has given me the distinct privilege to serve with a group of dedicated council members who share a passion in developing the very best in basic, translational and clinical programming. I am thrilled to announce that the council will continue to enhance the appeal of DDW to all members, national and international, under the leadership of the new chair, Dr. Maria T. Abreu. Maria will serve as a tireless advocate to promote collaboration amongst AGA members and the societies, and elevate AGA programming at DDW to a new level.

If you haven’t already registered for DDW, I encourage you to do so today. You can view detailed information about the meeting and register at www.ddw.org. I look forward to seeing you in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Peek Jr., MD, AGAF
AGA Institute Council Chair

Meet the Council Chair-Elect

MARIA T. ABREU, MD, AGAF
“I am honored and excited to have been chosen as the next AGA Institute Council chair. My goal will be to make the time spent by our AGA members at DDW the most impactful for their professions as clinicians and researchers. We will work as a group to reduce redundancy and make the program the most important single meeting members attend every year.”
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Plan and Prioritize

MyDDW enables you to search scientific sessions, view abstracts, find exhibitors, locate hotels, meetings, special events and symposia. Start planning your meeting at www.myddw.org in mid-April.

Using myDDW, find your way to sessions that fit in the following special interests:

- Advanced Endoscopy
- AGA Trainee & Young GI
- Diversity
- Genetics
- IBD: Basic
- IBD: Clinical
- Microbiome
- Motility
- Mucosal Biology
- Obesity & Metabolic Regulation
- Pancreaticobiliary
- Pediatrics
- Practitioner
- Stem Cell

Thanks!

Thank you to the AGA Institute for sponsoring this publication and for continuing to promote the highest quality scientific and clinical knowledge for GI clinicians and researchers.
### SATURDAY, MAY 16

**POSTER SESSIONS: 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.**

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**Esophageal, Gastric & Duodenal Disorders**

- Gut Microbiome and Clinical Outcomes in Pediatrics (Room 146C)
- Gastric Neoplasms: Precursors, Biology, Diagnosis and Therapy (Room 151A)
- Therapy for GI Cancers: Translational and Targeted Approaches (Room 151B)

**Growth, Development & Child Health**

- **Gastrointestinal Oncology**
  - Biomarkers for Detection, Treatment and Prognosis of GI Cancers (Room 140)
  - RAS Is Back: Novel Approaches and Insights Into RAS and Gastrointestinal Cancer (Room 150A)

**Gastrointestinal Imaging & Advanced Technology**

- Intestinal Stem Cells, Developmental Biology, In Vivo (Organoids/Enteroids) (Room 150B)
- Microbes, Innate Immunity, Pathogenesis, Inflammation (Room 156)

**Intestinal Disorders**

- Epidemiology of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (Room 147)
- IBD: Cytokines, Signaling and Receptors (Room 146AB)

**Immunology, Microbiology & Inflammatory Bowel Diseases**

- **Liver & Biliary**
  - Natural History of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (Room 147)
  - Using Animal Models to Develop Novel Therapies (Room 145B)

**Liver & Biliary**

- **Intestinal Disorders**
  - Emerging Paradigms in Pathogenesis of Motility Disorders (Room 145A)
  - Microbiota, Metabolites and Motility (Room 149AB)

**Intestinal Stem Cells, Developmental Biology, In Vivo (Organoids/Enteroids)** (Room 150B)

**Obesity, Metabolism & Nutrition**

- Obesity: Basic and Clinical Studies (Room 158)
- Neuroendocrine Regulation of Food Intake and Energy Expenditure (Room 159)
- Nutrition, Epigenetics and Metabolic Imprinting (Room 150B)

**Pancreatic Cystic Neoplasms and Cancer** (Room 206)

- Acute and Chronic Pancreatitis: Landmark Studies, Management Decisions And Future (Room 152)
- Plasticity of Differentiated GI Cells in Choice of Cell Fate and Development of Tumors (Room 154)

**Neurogastroenterology & Motility**

- NRG and NSG Humanized Mice Avatars for Studying Disease (1 hour) (Room 149AB)

**Legend**

- Clinical Practice
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- Gastrointestinal Oncology
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- Immunology, Microbiology & Inflammatory Bowel Diseases
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- Neurogastroenterology & Motility
- Obesity, Metabolism & Nutrition
- Pancreatic Disorders
- Regulatory Peptides, Cell Signaling & Molecular Biology

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**Best of the Best**

These are the section-distinguished abstract plenaries; they include some of the best abstracts and represent the pinnacle of section abstract programming.

**Hybrid Session**

This session contains an invited speaker overview discussion as well as abstract presentations.
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### New for 2015: AGA Institute Council Poster Judging

The IMIBD, NGM and PAN sections will be judging abstracts submitted by young GI’s and investigators that were selected for poster sessions. Judging criteria will include scientific merit, visual appeal and presentation skills. **Daily winners will be announced in the poster hall each afternoon.**
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**AGA Institute Council Global Topic Sessions**

The AGA Institute Council will sponsor 12 sessions featuring “global topics,” covering a wide range of topics directly affecting gastroenterologists. These global session topics and titles include:

- **Affordable Care Act:** Implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the Practice of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
- **Biomarkers Validation for Patient Satisfaction:** Personalized Medicine at Its Best: Molecular Markers in the Diagnosis and Management of Gastrointestinal Neoplasia: Personalized Medicine at Its Best
- **Developing Targeted Drug Therapy for GI Disease**
- **Diet (High Fat) Obesity and GI Disease:** Eating Fat: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
- **Epigenetics and Metabolism in GI Diseases:** Epigenetics: A New Paradigm for Complex GI Diseases
- **Microbiome, Inflammation and Disease:** Microbiome in Health and GI Disease
- **Neoplastic Mechanisms and Targets:** RAS Is Back: Novel Approaches and Insights Into RAS and Gastrointestinal Cancer
- **Next Generation Sequencing — Challenges and Opportunities:** Next Generation Sequencing: Opportunities for Research and Practice
- **Novel Imaging and Experimental Endoscopy**
- **Prebiotics, Probiotics, Microbiome and FMT**
- **Stem Cells, Regenerative Medicine and Tissue Engineering:** Plasticity of Differentiated GI Cells in Choice of Cell Fate and Development of Tumors
- **Transition From Pediatrics to Adult:** Celiac Disease — Which Factors Are at Play in Childhood That Can Increase the Risk to Develop the Disease in Adulthood?
**AGA POSTER TOURS**

Space is limited for these small group tours around the poster hall. **Fee: $20**

**AGA Poster Tour (P01) — IBD**  
Sunday, May 17, 11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.  
Hall C

**AGA Poster Tour (P04) — What’s New in Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease**  
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A Note to Our Reviewers

The AGA Institute Council thanks you for your commitment to our abstract review process. Without your time and dedication, we would not be able to provide our attendees with such robust fora programming.

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# TUESDAY, MAY 19

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- Maria T. Abreu, MD, AGAF, Chair-Elect
In addition to the programs developed by the AGA Institute Council, there are a number of sessions that are established and sponsored by various committees within the AGA Institute.

Saturday, May 16

10–11:30 a.m.
- Leveraging Big Data in GI Research (Room 158)

2–3:30 p.m.
- Chips Ahoy (Room 145B)

Sunday, May 17

8–9:30 a.m.
- AGA Institute — Rome Foundation Lectureship: Clinical Practice and Research for FGIDs in the Technology Era (Room 144)
- Demographic Changes in the U.S. and Its Impact on Medicine in the 21st Century (Room 158)

10–11:30 a.m.
- Best of UEG Week at DDW (Room 154)
- Ethical Issues Regarding Quality Improvement in Gastroenterology (Room 102A)

Monday, May 18

8–9:30 a.m.
- Disruptive Threats to Gastroenterology Practices (Room 102A)
- Exploring Gender Based Differences in the Ergonomics and Economics of Gastroenterology (Room 158)
- Publishing and Reading Journals in the Digital Age — Tips From the AGA Editors (Room 158)

8–12:30 p.m.
- Board Review Course (Room 146AB)

10–11:30 a.m.
- Lo Mejor de DDW: The Best of AGA at DDW in Spanish (Room 150B)
- Tips and Tricks for Navigating the ACGME Milestones (Room 159)

12:30–2 p.m.
- Career and Professional Related Issues (Room 146AB)

2–3:30 p.m.
- Advancing Clinical Practice: GI Fellows Directed Quality Improvement Projects (Room 146C)
- How to Maintain Academic Commitment as Your Institution Moves Into an RVU-Based System (Room 149AB)
- Quality Measures in GI: Past, Present and Future (Room 102A)

4–5:30 p.m.
- A Conversation About Industry-Funded Clinical Trials (Room 156)
- Practical Guidelines for the Physician Innovator (Room 159)
- Practical Implications of Clinical Guidelines (Room 158)

Tuesday, May 19

8–9:30 a.m.
- AGA Academy of Educators Plenary Session: Incorporating Quality Improvement Education Across the Learning Continuum (Room 103A)
- Screening and Surveillance for Colorectal Cancer: A Global Perspective (Room 102B)
- The Things I Know Now I Wish I’d Known Then… Surviving the First Years in Academic Medicine (Room 103B)
- Why Should Physicians Be Involved in the Political Process? An Insider’s View (Room 158)

10–11:30 a.m.
- Best of AGA at DDW in Chinese (Room 154)
- How to meet the New MOC Requirements (Room 103A)

2–3:30 p.m.
- ICD-10: Last-Minute Implementation Strategy (Room 208)

4–5:30 p.m.
- Advanced Endoluminal Imaging: State of Clinical Practice (Room 154)

SPECIAL SESSIONS

Sunday, May 17

8–9:30 a.m.
- Morton I. Grossman Lectureship: Lgr5 Stem Cells in Gastroenterology (Room 207)
- The Next Wave of Biologic Agents for the Treatment of IBD: Evidence From Cochrane Reviews (Ballroom B)

10–11:30 a.m.
- Rodger C. Haggitt Gastrointestinal Pathology Society Clinical Symposium: Communication Between Pathologists and Gastroenterologists Is a Beautiful Thing (Room 103B)

Monday, May 18

8–9:30 a.m.
- Funderburg Symposium: H. Pylori Gastritis and Gastric Cancer: Bacterial, Host and Environmental Factors Interact to Cause Malignancy (Room 101)
For DDW 2015, AGA has consolidated the very best basic science programming in time and space to create a “meeting within a meeting” format. Many of these sessions are programmed around the 2015 Basic Science Plenary, which has been one of the most well-attended plenaries in recent history.

Saturday, May 16

8–9 a.m.
- NRG and NSG Humanized Mice-Avatars for Studying Disease (Room 149AB)

8–9:30 a.m.
- Gastric Neoplasms: Precursors, Biology, Diagnosis and Therapy (Room 151A)
- IBD: Cytokines, Signaling and Receptors (Room 146AB)
- Intestinal Stem Cells, Developmental Biology, In Vivo (Organoids/Enteroids) (Room 150B)
- Microbes, Innate Immunity, Pathogenesis, Inflammation (Room 156)
- NGM Cutting Edge: New Roles for Old Cells (Room 150A)
- Therapy for GI Cancers: Translational and Targeted Approaches (Room 151B)

10–11:30 a.m.
- Emerging Paradigms in Pathogenesis of Motility Disorders (Room 145A)
- Injury Models/Stem Cells (Room 156)
- Plasticity of Differentiated GI Cells in Choice of Cell Fate and Development of Tumors (Room 154)
- RAS Is Back: Novel Approaches and Insights Into RAS and Gastrointestinal Cancer (Room 150A)
- Using Animal Models to Develop Novel Therapies (Room 145B)

2–3:30 p.m.
- IBD: Innate and Adaptive Immune Function (Room 150B)
- Inflammation, Tumor Microenvironment and Pancreatic Carcinogenesis (Room 146AB)
- Intestinal and Hepatic Lipid Droplets in Health and Disease (Room 154)
- Intestinal Disorders Distinguished Abstract Plenary (Room 103B)

Monday, May 18

8–9:30 a.m.
- Barrett’s Esophagus-Basic Biology and Pathogenesis (Room 151B)
- Genetic and Intestinal Disorders (Room 102B)
- Intestinal Physiology, Cell Biology, Barrier Function (Room 156)
- Molecular Mechanisms Underlying Mucosal Injury and Repair (Room 150B)
- Mucosal Defense, Secretion, Injury and Repair (Room 103A)
- Stem Cell Biology (Room 152)

2–3:30 p.m.
- Cell Differentiation and Specialization in the GI Tract (Room 150B)

Tuesday, May 19

10–11:30 a.m.
- Vitamin and Nutrient Absorption and Metabolism (Room 156)

2–3:30 p.m.
- Sensory Neurobiology (Room 158)
AGA will present more than 2,000 poster abstracts at DDW. Authors will be at their posters to answer questions from noon until 2 p.m. on the day their posters are scheduled in Hall C.

**Saturday, May 16**

**CLINICAL PRACTICE**
- Health Economics (Cost-Effectiveness and Access to Care)
- Medical Education and Training
- Quality of Care and Process Improvement (I)

**ESOPHAGEAL, GASTRIC & DUODENAL DISORDERS**
- Barrett’s Esophagus: Diagnosis and Management
- Barrett’s Esophagus: From Pathogenesis to Surveillance
- Gastric Neoplasms: Precursors, Biology, Diagnosis and Therapy
- Endoscopic Approaches to Pre-Malignant and Malignant UGI Disease Including Barrett’s
- Mucosal Defense, Secretion, Injury and Repair
- NSAIDs and Peptic Ulcer Disease

**GASTROINTESTINAL ONCOLOGY**
- Biomarkers for Detection, Treatment and Prognosis of GI Cancers
- Cancer Prevention and Chemoprevention
- Molecular Pathways in Carcinogenesis and Metastasis

**GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT & CHILD HEALTH**
- Pediatric IBD: Translational and Clinical

**IMAGING & ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY**
- Imaging for the Colon
- Imaging for the Esophagus
- Imaging for the Liver

**IMMUNOLOGY, MICROBIOLOGY & INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASES**
- IBD: Adverse Events Related to Therapy
- IBD: Clinical Outcomes
- IBD: Comparative Effectiveness Studies
- IBD: Controlled Clinical Trials in Humans
- IBD: Innate and Adaptive Lymphoid Activation and Regulation

**INTESTINAL DISORDERS**
- Celiac Disease: Basic
- Celiac Disease: Clinical
- Diarrhea, Malabsorption, Intestinal Failure: Microbes and Mechanisms
- *In Vivo* and Organoid Models of Intestinal Disorders
- Pharmacotherapy, Prebiotics, Probiotics in Intestinal Disease

**LIVER & BILIARY**
- Clinical Biliary Tract Disorders, Stone Diseases and Stone Pathogenesis

**NEUROGASTROENTEROLOGY & MOTILITY**
- Anorectal Dysmotility
- Brain-Gut Axis
- Constipation and Other Functional Colonic Syndromes

**OBESITY, METABOLISM & NUTRITION**
- GI Regulation of Metabolic Function
- Nutrient Absorption and Intestinal Epithelial Function
- Prebiotics and Probiotics
- Vitamins and Micronutrients: Basic and Clinical

**PANCREATIC DISORDERS**
- Genetics, Epigenetics and Pathobiology of the Pancreas
- Pancreatic Cancer: Risk Factors, Biomarkers and Diagnosis

**REGULATORY PEPTIDES, CELL SIGNALING & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY**
- Carcinoid Tumors
- Growth Factor Signaling, Gene Expression, Integrative Physiology

**Sunday, May 17**

**CLINICAL PRACTICE**
- Epidemiology, Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis
- Government and Legal Policy (ACA, Guidelines, Regulatory)

**ESOPHAGEAL, GASTRIC & DUODENAL DISORDERS**
- Biomarkers for Detection, Treatment and Prognosis of GI Cancers
- Eosinophilic Esophagitis and Gastroenteritis (I)
- *Helicobacter Pylori*: Diagnosis, Treatment, Antimicrobial Resistance
- *Helicobacter Pylori*: Epidemiology and Outcomes
- *Helicobacter Pylori*: Virulence Factors and Pathogenesis
- *Helicobacter Pylori*-Induced Host Responses and Disease

**GASTROINTESTINAL ONCOLOGY**
- Cancer Susceptibility and Familial Cancer Syndromes
- Esophageal Neoplasms: Biology, Diagnosis and Therapy
- Gastric Neoplasms: Precursors, Biology, Diagnosis and Therapy (I)
- Gastric Neoplasms: Precursors, Biology, Diagnosis and Therapy (II)
- Genetic Instability in GI Cancers
- Genomics, Epigenetics and Proteomics
- GI Cancer Stem Cells
- Infection, Inflammation and IBD-Associated Cancers
- Influences of Obesity, Nutrition, Microbiome and Environment on GI Cancers
2015 AGA SPRING POSTGRADUATE COURSE

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Saturday, May 16 8:15 a.m.–5:30 p.m.  Sunday, May 17 8:30 a.m.–12:35 p.m.

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Reduced Registration for Young GIs
AGA POSTER SESSIONS

PANCREATIC DISORDERS
• Microbiome and Pancreatic Disease
• Pancreatic Cystic Neoplasms and IPMN
• Pancreatitis Potpourri

REGULATORY PEPTIDES, CELL SIGNALING & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
• Mucosal Injury, Inflammation and Repair

Monday, May 18

CLINICAL PRACTICE
• Health Disparities
• Quality of Care and Process Improvement (II)

ESOPHAGEAL, GASTRIC & DUODENAL DISORDERS
• GERD: Complications and Extraesophageal Presentations
• GERD: Diagnostic Testing
• GERD: Innovative and Pharmacologic Therapies
• GERD: Pathogenesis
• UGI Bleeding: Prevention and Optimization of Outcomes

GASTROINTESTINAL ONCOLOGY
• Colon Cancer Screening
• Epidemiology, Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis
• Nutrition, Epigenetics and Metabolic Programming

GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT & CHILD HEALTH
• Clinical Pediatric Gastroenterology: Other

IMAGING & ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY
• Confocal Endomicroscopy and Other Optical Sectioning Techniques
• Diagnostic and Therapeutic Applications (I)
• Ex Vivo and In Vivo Imaging for Scientific Research Applications
• Imaging Techniques Including Comparative Studies, Efficacy, Cost-Effectiveness (II)
• Novel/Experimental Endoscopy (II)

IMMUNOLOGY, MICROBIOLOGY & INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASES
• Animal Models: Pre-Clinical Treatment of Intestinal Inflammation
• IBD: Cytokines, Signaling and Receptors
• IBD: Genetics
• Innate and Adaptive Immune Models of IBD
• Mechanisms of Fibrosis
• Microbial-Induced Mucosal Inflammation and Immunity
• Microbiome: Structure and Function
• Mucosal Innate Immune Function and Innate Host Defense
• Pediatric IBD: Clinical and Translational Studies
• Stem Cell Biology

INTESTINAL DISORDERS
• GI Infections and Microbial Pathogenesis
• Intestinal Stem Cell Biology
• Ischemia and Hypoxia, Basic and Clinical Advances
• Microbial Pathogenesis and Commensal Communities
• Novel Diagnostics and Therapeutics in Intestinal Disease
• Radiation and Chemotherapy Induced Damage

LIVER & BILIARY
• Complications of Cirrhosis and Portal Hypertension

NEUROGASTROENTEROLOGY & MOTILITY
• Irritable Bowel Syndrome: Clinical
• Irritable Bowel Syndrome: Pathophysiology
• Small Bowel Motility, Intestinal Disorders and Food Intolerance

OBESITY, METABOLISM & NUTRITION
• Obesity: Clinical and Epidemiological Studies

PANCREATIC DISORDERS
• Acute Pancreatitis

REGULATORY PEPTIDES, CELL SIGNALING & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
• Receptor Signaling and GI Tract Physiology

Tuesday, May 19

CLINICAL PRACTICE
• Delivery of Health Care (Implementation, Practice Management, Reimbursement, Access to Care)
• Global Health

ESOPHAGEAL, GASTRIC & DUODENAL DISORDERS
• Eosinophilic Esophagitis and Gastroenteritis (II)
• Esophageal Dysmotility
• Functional Dyspepsia, Nausea and Vomitting

GASTROINTESTINAL ONCOLOGY
• Carcinoids and Neuroendocrine Tumors
• Liver and Biliary Carcinoma: Management, Etiology, Diagnosis and Natural History
• Pancreatic Neoplasms: Precursors, Biology, Diagnosis and Therapy
• Stem Cell Biology
• Therapy for GI Cancers: Translational and Targeted Approaches
• Tumor and Cell Biology
• Tumor Microenvironment, Angiogenesis and Epithelial-Stromal Interactions
MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION COURSES

Starting in January 2014, requirements for the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program have changed. The AGA Institute is dedicated to helping members navigate these changes and is offering the following sessions at DDW:

**How to Meet the New MOC Requirements**

**Tuesday, May 19, 10–11:30 a.m.**  
**Room 103A**

Physicians should attend this session to understand changes to the ABIM requirements for recertification — for those with both limited and unlimited certificates; and comprehend various options and mechanisms available through AGA to complete ABIM certification requirements.

**AGA MOC Course**

**Tuesday, May 19, 3:30–5:30 p.m.**  
**Room 207**

- Session Fee: $150. Register for both the AGA and ASGE MOC Course for $200 combined.
- Approved by the ABIM for 10 MOC points

This live self-study course is designed around the AGA Guidebook to ABIM Recertification 2014 module. The format of this two-hour interactive course incorporates audience-response technology to review the gastroenterology module.

**GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT & CHILD HEALTH**  
- Pediatric Translational

**IMAGING & ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY**  
- Diagnostic and Therapeutic Applications (II)

**IMMUNOLOGY, MICROBIOLOGY & INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASES**  
- Epithelial Cell Function in Inflammation and IBD
- IBD: Practice Management/Quality of Care/Quality Assurance
- IBD: Quality of Life/Psychosocial Care
- IBD: Therapeutic Monitoring of Biologic Agents
- IBD: Therapeutic Monitoring of Non-Biologic Agents
- IBD: Uncontrolled Therapeutic Observations in Humans

**INTESTINAL DISORDERS**  
- Epithelial Junctions, Barrier Function and Wound Repair
- Genetics and Intestinal Disorders
- Gut Microbiota and Metabolic Regulation
- Intestinal Epithelial Transport: Ions, Nutrients and Lipids
- Intestinal Inflammation, Injury, Repair and Fibrosis

**LIVER & BILIARY**  
- Liver and Biliary Carcinoma
- Metabolic and Genetic Liver Disease (II)
- Pharmacoeconomics and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Liver Disease

**NEUROGASTROENTEROLOGY & MOTILITY**  
- Esophageal Dysmotility
- Functional Dyspepsia, Nausea and Vomiting
- Oropharyngeal Dysmotility
- Sensory Neurobiology Including Visceral Nociception/Pain and Neuroimmunology

**OBESITY, METABOLISM & NUTRITION**  
- Nutritional Support: Enteral and Parenteral
- Surgical and Endoscopic Treatment of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders

**PANCREATIC DISORDERS**  
- Chronic Pancreatitis
- Pancreatitis: Inflammation, Fibrogenesis and Immunology

**REGULATORY PEPTIDES, CELL SIGNALING & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY**  
- Signaling Pathways and GI Pathophysiology
Saturday, May 16

10–11:30 a.m.
• Periprocedural Management of Antithrombotic Agents (Ballroom C)

2–3:30 p.m.
• Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Perianal Crohn’s Disease (Ballroom C)

4–5:30 p.m.
• Managing Gastrointestinal Bleeding in Cirrhosis (Ballroom C)

Sunday, May 17

8–9:30 a.m.
• Interval Colon Cancers: Problem We Can Solve or Achilles Heel? (Ballroom C)
• GWC Symposium 2015: Move Beyond Survival Mode: Cultivating a Rewarding Career in Gastroenterology and Hepatology (Room 208)

10–11:30 a.m.
• Assessment of Surgical Risk in the Patient with Liver Disease (Ballroom C)

2–3:30 p.m.
• Multidisciplinary Treatment of Leaks, Fistulas and Perforations: What Is Possible? (Ballroom C)

4–5:30 p.m.
• Upper GI Bleeding: Challenging the Orthodoxy (Room 149AB)

Monday, May 18

10–11:30 a.m.
• Figuring Out Fat — Models to Advance Obesity Treatment (Room 201)
• Gastric Cancer: Epidemiology, Prevention, Diagnosis and Management (Ballroom C)

2–3:30 p.m.
• Pancreatic Necrosis: Where Are We Now and What Is the Future? (Ballroom C)

4–5:30 p.m.
• Endoscopic Assessment of the Patient with Sclerosing Cholangitis (Ballroom C)

Tuesday, May 19

8–9:30 a.m.
• The Brave New World of Biotechnology: How it Is Affecting the Approach to the Identification and Management of Hereditary GI Cancers (Ballroom C)

10–11:30 a.m.
• Endoscopic Management of Barrett’s Esophagus: Watch, Ablate or Resect? (Ballroom C)
• Noninvasive Markers of Liver Fibrosis (Room 101)
• The Unanswered Questions in Colon Cancer Screening (Room 102B)

2–3:30 p.m.
• Is POEM the Future of Achalasia Therapy? (Ballroom C)
• Modification of the Microbiome in Human Disease (Room 201)
• Update on Pancreatic Cancer Screening (Room 150B)

NEW FOR 2015

LATE-BREAKING ABSTRACTS

The four sponsoring societies jointly accepted late-breaking abstracts for presentation at DDW to highlight the latest research in the field. Representatives from AASLD, AGA, ASGE and SSAT reviewed basic and clinical abstract submissions to find the most up-to-the-minute and novel GI developments that will impact both scientists and practitioners.

Basic Science Late-Breaking Abstract Plenary
Tuesday, May 19, 8–9:30 a.m.
Room: 140

Clinical Science Late-Breaking Abstract Plenary
Tuesday, May 19, 10–11:30 a.m.
Room: 140
Focused Clinical Updates and Research Roundtables

**Sunday, May 17, and Monday, May 18, 6:30–7:45 a.m.**

**SESSION FEE:** $60 per session, includes breakfast  
**LOCATION:** Marriott Marquis

These sessions are designed to help you discuss the “must-see” clinical research and basic science abstracts accepted by AGA for presentation at DDW. Sessions are limited to 40 participants per session, so register today to secure your spot.

Topics include:
- Acute Pancreatitis (FC03)
- Celiac Disease vs. Gluten Intolerance (FC04)
- Clinical Importance of Liver Tests (FC05)
- Development of Quality Metrics in Gastroenterology (FR01)
- Difficult Diarrheas (FC01)
- Emerging Therapies in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (FC02)
- Insights Into Acinar Cells and Pancreatitis (FR02)
- Molecular Genetics and Colon Cancer (FR03)
- Pancreatic Cystic Neoplasms (FC06)
- Update on Novel Diagnostic Approaches in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (FC07)

Curbside Consultants*

**Sunday, May 17, and Monday, May 18, 12:30–2 p.m.**

**SESSION FEE:** $60 per session, includes lunch  
**LOCATION:** Walter E. Washington Convention Center

These sessions are highly interactive and designed to provide attendees with direct access to advanced clinical experts on a focused topic.

Topics include:
- Clinical Dilemmas From the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Clinic (CC01)
- Does This Patient Really Have Celiac Disease? (CC03)
- Induction and Maintenance of Remission in Autoimmune Pancreatitis (CC02)
- Refractory GERD: What To Do? (CC04)

DDW Breakfast With the Experts*

**Sunday, May 17–Tuesday, May 19, 6:30–7:45 a.m.**

**SESSION FEE:** $75, includes breakfast  
**LOCATION:** Walter E. Washington Convention Center

DDW's popular Meet-the-Professors format is now offered in the morning as well. Similar to the traditional lunch sessions, these represent scholarly, dynamic discussions in an informal, small-group atmosphere. Please visit www.ddw.org/ddw to review individual session topics and learning objectives.

DDW Meet-the-Professor/Investigator Luncheons*

**Sunday, May 17–Tuesday, May 19, 12:30–1:45 p.m.**

**SESSION FEE:** $75, includes lunch  
**LOCATION:** Walter E. Washington Convention Center

Participate in a scholarly, dynamic discussion in an informal, small-group atmosphere. Please visit www.ddw.org/ddw to review individual session topics and learning objectives.

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