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JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES AT ONE OF ACG'S LONGEST-RUNNING REGIONAL COURSES.

Bring your entire practice and join colleagues at these two outstanding programs developed specifically for members of the GI patient care team interested in the latest information on hepatic disorders and diagnostic GI, and the state-of-the-art treatment of these illnesses.

Guests at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside will enjoy stunning views of the city and the Mississippi River. Step outside the hotel and explore the Riverwalk, the French Quarter, or the local cuisine! Take a tour of the Garden District, a swamp tour on an airboat, or enjoy a leisurely riverboat cruise at sunset. The hotel is located within a few blocks of various attractions including world-famous restaurants like Antoine's and Brennan's, the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, the arts and warehouse district, the National WWII Museum, Mardi Gras World, and Jackson Square.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

ACG's Endoscopy School

ACG's Endoscopy School is a day-long comprehensive endoscopic program that features didactic, hands-on, and a NEW live endoscopy component. This "deep dive" into endoscopy will be of particular interest to community-based gastroenterologists who seek to enhance their knowledge of endoscopy with a curriculum that is not centered around any single device or procedure. This program is designed to better enable clinical gastroenterologists and their advanced practice provider colleagues to diagnose and treat patients more efficiently.

ACG/LGS Regional Postgraduate Course

Led by Course Hrishikesh Samant, MD, FACG, and Sarah C. Glover, DO, the 2026 ACG/LGS Regional Postgraduate Course offered on Friday to Sunday, March 6-8, will explore areas the gastroenterologist often faces in clinical practice and address management updates on a variety of gastrointestinal and hepatic topics. This course will cover multiple areas including liver, upper and lower GI disorders, ergonomics, pancreatic and biliary diseases, IBD, and much more. The program's structure includes a mix of didactic presentations delivered by expert faculty, case presentations, and numerous Q & A opportunities.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Bring your entire practice and join colleagues at the outstanding ACG/LGS Regional Postgraduate Course and ACG's Endoscopy School. These programs are developed specifically for gastroenterologists, gastroenterology trainees, primary care physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists, therapists, and other members of the GI patient care team.



COURSE DIRECTORS:



JODIE A. BARKIN, MD, FACG



LAITH H. JAMIL, MD, FACG



VIVEK KAUL, MD, FACG

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

6:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast	9:00 am	Panel Discussion / Q & A
7:00 am	Blood and Guts: The Hemostasis Breakfast of Champions <i>Andy Tau, MD</i> Describe best practice strategies for gastrointestinal bleeding and become familiar with the latest hemostatic tools to incorporate into your practice.	9:15 am	Foreign Body Removal: What's in My Toolbox? <i>Jodie A. Barkin MD, FACG</i> Describe the approach for patients with various foreign bodies along with tools and techniques.
7:45 am	Break	9:35 am	Optimizing Endoscopy Preparation and Quality <i>Sarah M. Enslin, PA-C, MS</i> Discuss the role of providers in the pre-, peri-, and post-endoscopy periods, including pre-procedure assessment, procedural explanation and optimization, and post-procedural follow-up care.
7:55 am	Welcome and Introductions <i>Laith H. Jamil, MD, FACG, and Jodie A. Barkin, MD, FACG</i>	9:55 am	Managing Mucosal Closure and Perforations: We Have the Tools and They're Easy to Use <i>Mohammad Bilal, MD, FACG</i> Identify the latest mucosal closure techniques and devices, and which you should consider incorporating into your practice.
8:00 am	Cardiogastroenterology: What You Need to Know to Manage Your Patient on Anticoagulants and Antiplatelet Agents <i>Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epid), MACG</i> Explain the latest guidelines on when to stop or continue anticoagulants/ antiplatelet agents.	10:15 am	Panel Discussion / Q & A
8:20 am	Hemorrhoid Therapy: You Should Be Doing It and Here Is How <i>Waqar A. Qureshi, MD, MACG</i> Evaluate tools and techniques required to incorporate hemorrhoid therapy into your practice, and understand how to support adding this therapy to your practice.	10:30 am	Break
8:40 am	Polypectomy Techniques: Best Practices <i>Tara Keihanian, MD, MPH</i> Explain the latest polypectomy techniques depending on the type, location, and size of the lesion, to enhance your endoscopic practice.	10:50 am	Barrett's Esophagus: Cut, Burn, Freeze, or Sit Tight? <i>Vivek Kaul, MD, FACG</i> Describe the role of endoscopy in the surveillance and management of Barrett's esophagus including cryotherapy and ablation as well as endoscopic resection.

11:10 am	Advanced Endoscopy Potpourri: Techniques You Should Be Performing <i>Laith H. Jamil, MD, FACG</i> Discuss safe and effective techniques for handling common endoscopic scenarios, and which types no longer need to be referred to an advanced endoscopist.	12:30 pm	Live Endoscopy Cases <i>In collaboration with Endoscopy on Air</i> Moderators: <i>Jodie A. Barkin, MD, FACG, Seth A. Gross, MD, FACG, Tara Keihanian, MD, MPH, Allison R. Schulman, MD, MPH, FACG</i> Explore live cases with experts and discuss tools, techniques, and troubleshooting during the live procedures.
11:30 am	Endobariatrics: Defining the Future of Metabolic Endoscopy <i>Allison R. Schulman, MD, MPH, FACG</i> Explain the field of endobariatrics, identify factors influencing patient candidacy, and explore endobariatric techniques that can be incorporated into practice.		Cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot EMR with closure EUS-FNB Barrett's Ablation Endoscopy Sleeve Gastroplasty ERCP with Cholangioscopy
11:50 am	Panel Discussion / Q & A	2:30 pm	Attendees Move to the Endoscopy Hands-On Lab
12:10 pm	Break / Lunch Provided	2:40 pm	Hands-On Endoscopy Lab

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Hands-On Course Director: **Vivek Kaul, MD, FACG**

Attendees will rotate through the room. There will be an opportunity to visit up to 5 stations.

AFTERNOON

- 2:40 pm – 3:10 pm Rotation 1
- 3:10 pm – 3:40 pm Rotation 2
- 3:40 pm – 4:10 pm Rotation 3
- 4:10 pm – 4:40 pm Rotation 4
- 4:40 pm – 5:10 pm Rotation 5

STATION 1: EMR/Polypectomy

Faculty: *Seth A. Gross, MD, FACG, and Tara Keihanian, MD, MPH*

Demonstrate different snares available for both hot and cold polypectomy, along with the best techniques for lifting those polyps, and review current injectates on the market.

STATION 2: Mucosal Closure and Suturing

Faculty: *Mohammad Bilal, MD, FACG, Mohamed O. Othman, MD, and Catherine T. Hudson, MD, MPH*

Explain the various clips and suturing techniques available and demonstrate the best technique for closure.

STATION 3: Hemostasis

Faculty: *Daniel L. Raines, MD, FACG, and Andy Tau, MD*

Demonstrate the different tools available to treat GI bleeding, and explain how and when to use clips, electrocautery, and hemostatic powder.

STATION 4: Foreign Body Removal

Faculty: *Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epid), MACG, and Stephen W. Landreneau, MD, FACG*

Demonstrate the tools and techniques available to help remove foreign objects.

STATION 5: Mucosal Ablation

Faculty: *Laith H. Jamil, MD, FACG, and Janak N. Shah, MD, FACG*

Demonstrate techniques in mucosal cryoablation and radiofrequency ablation.

STATION 6: Hemorrhoidal Therapies

Faculty: *Waqar A. Qureshi, MD, MACG*

Demonstrate various techniques to treat hemorrhoids.

STATION 7: Capsule Endoscopy

Faculty: *Jodie A. Barkin, MD, FACG*

Explain the performance and interpretation of small bowel video capsule endoscopy.

STATION 8: Esophageal Motility Lab

Faculty: *Sarah M. Enslin, PA-C, MS, and Melissa A. Spera, MD*

Explore procedures for evaluation of esophageal motility disorders including functional lumen imaging probe and high-resolution esophageal manometry.

STATION 9: Thompson Training Box

Faculty: *Eric P. Trawick, MD*

Demonstrate the use of an endoscope and use various skills such as torque and retroflexion.





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HRISHIKESH SAMANT, MD, FACG



SARAH C. GLOVER, DO

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

5:30 pm Registration Opens

5:45 pm Welcome Reception - Open to All Course Attendees

6:30 pm **Luis A. Balart, MD, MACG**
Memorial Lecture - Liver Transplants
Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG
Introduced by: Hrishikesh Samant, MD, FACG, and Sarah C. Glover, DO
Develop and evaluate tailored strategies for liver transplant candidates and recipients to include optimal donor selection, immunosuppression regimens, and management of common complications.

7:30 pm **LGS Member Crawfish Boil**
(RSVP required)
For more information and to register, visit website: www.lagisoc.org

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

7:00 am Registration / Continental Breakfast / Visit Exhibits

7:00 am LGS Annual Business Meeting

7:50 am Welcome and Introductions
Hrishikesh Samant, MD, FACG, and Sarah C. Glover, DO

SESSION 1: Liver
Moderator: Hrishikesh Samant, MD, FACG

8:00 am **Management of Alcohol-Related Liver Disease**
Philip K. Henderson, DO
Formulate an evidence-based management plan for patients with alcoholic hepatitis, and monitor for complications of advanced alcoholic liver disease, including portal hypertension.

8:30 am **Hepatitis B: To Treat or Not to Treat?**
Nancy S. Reau, MD, FACG
Interpret serologic and virologic markers to determine the phase of chronic hepatitis B infection, assess eligibility for antiviral therapy based on clinical guidelines and patient-specific factors, and formulate an individualized management plan for patients with chronic hepatitis B, including treatment and monitoring strategies.

9:00 am **Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure**
Peng-Sheng (Brian) Ting, MD
Recognize the clinical criteria and diagnostic features of acute-on-chronic liver failure, analyze the underlying precipitating factors contributing to



ACLF in hospitalized patients, and initiate evidence-based supportive management strategies for ACLF in the acute care setting along with the role of liver transplant.

9:30 am **Panel Discussion / Q & A**

9:45 am **Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits**

SESSION 2: Upper GI Disorders

Moderator: Qiang Cai, MD, PhD, MACG

10:15 am **Diagnosis and Management of Eosinophilic Esophagitis and EGID**

Kathryn A. Peterson, MD, MSci

Discuss the pathophysiology, clinical presentation, diagnostic criteria, and evidence-based management strategies for eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE) and other eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders (EGIDs), enabling improved recognition and treatment of these conditions in clinical practice.

10:45 am **Management of Gastroparesis**

Michael Camilleri, MD, MACG

Explain the diagnosis and multidisciplinary management of gastroparesis, with a focus on current evidence-based therapies, dietary and lifestyle interventions, and emerging treatment modalities aimed at improving patient outcomes.

11:15 am **Practical Applications of Third Space Endoscopy in the Upper GI Tract**

Qiang Cai, MD, PhD, MACG

Describe the principles, techniques, and clinical indications of third space endoscopy in the upper gastrointestinal tract, and explore its practical applications in the diagnosis and management of conditions such as achalasia, submucosal tumors, and gastroparesis.

11:45 am **Panel Discussion / Q & A**

12:00 pm **Break / Lunch Provided**

12:45 pm **Luncheon Lecture: Ergonomics and Endoscopy**

Patrick E. Young, MD, FACG

Identify the current state of ergonomics as it relates to endoscopy and provide strategies to reduce injury and enhance procedural efficiency and comfort.

1:15 pm **Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits**

SESSION 3: Lower GI Disorders

Moderator: James D. Morris, MD, FACG

1:30 pm **EMR and ESD of Colonic Lesions**

Peter V. Draganov, MD, FACG

Discuss the indications, techniques, and outcomes of endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) and endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) for colonic lesions, emphasizing lesion assessment, procedural planning, and complication management.

2:00 pm **Treatment of Colonic Strictures and Pseudo Obstruction**

Mohamed O. Othman, MD

Evaluate and manage colonic strictures and colonic pseudo-obstruction, focusing on diagnostic approaches, endoscopic and non-endoscopic treatment modalities and strategies to prevent recurrence and complications.

2:30 pm **Disorders of the Pelvic Floor**

Camille S. Thelin, MD

Identify the pathophysiology, diagnosis, and management of pelvic floor dysfunction, with an emphasis on integrating current guidelines, diagnostic tools, and multidisciplinary treatment strategies into clinical practice.

3:00 pm **Panel Discussion / Q & A**

3:15 pm **Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits**

3:45 pm **The David R. Raines, Jr., MD, FACG Education Session: Fellow Case Presentations from Ochsner Clinic, Tulane University, LSU Shreveport, and LSU New Orleans**

Introduction: Stephen W. Landreneau, MD, FACG

4:45 pm **Daily Wrap-Up and Poster Awards**

Hrishikesh Samant, MD, FACG, and Sarah C. Glover, DO

5:00 pm **Adjourn for the Day**



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SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

7:00 am Registration / Continental Breakfast / Visit Exhibits

7:50 am Welcome and Announcements
Hrishikesh Samant, MD, FACG, and Sarah C. Glover, DO

SESSION 4: Pancreatic and Biliary Disease

Moderator: Jason R. Stibbe, MD

8:00 am **Pancreatitis Primer**
Kelly E. Hathorn, MD
Explain acute and chronic pancreatitis, including etiology, clinical presentation, diagnostic evaluation, and current management strategies, aimed at improving early recognition and optimal care of patients with pancreatic disorders.

8:20 am **Update on Advanced Endoscopy Related to Biliary Tree and Pancreas**
Vivek Kaul, MD, FACG
Describe advanced endoscopic techniques in the evaluation and management of biliary and pancreatic disorders, including ERCP, EUS-guided interventions, and emerging technologies, with a focus on clinical indications, procedural advances, and patient outcomes.

8:40 am Autoimmune Diseases of the Pancreas and Biliary Tract*Luis F. Lara, MD*

Discuss autoimmune pancreatitis and autoimmune biliary disorders, including their clinical features, diagnostic criteria, and evidence-based management strategies, with an emphasis on distinguishing these conditions from malignancy and other mimickers.

9:00 am Advanced Endoscopy for Pediatric GI*Russell Zwiener, MD*

Explore the indications, techniques, and outcomes of advanced endoscopic procedures in pediatric gastroenterology, with a focus on adapting adult technologies for pediatric use, ensuring safety, and addressing unique anatomical and developmental considerations in children.

9:20 am Panel Discussion / Q & A**9:45 am Break / Visit Posters and Exhibits****SESSION 5: Inflammatory GI Disorders***Moderator: Nisha Loganathantharaj, MD***10:00 am IBD Endoscopy***Bo Shen, MD, FACG*

Explore the role of endoscopy in the diagnosis, monitoring, and management of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), including techniques for assessing disease activity, evaluating treatment response, and guiding therapeutic decisions in both Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

10:30 am Update on Celiac and Non-Celiac Enteropathies*Amelie Therrien, MD*

Discuss celiac disease and non-celiac enteropathies, including recent advances in diagnosis, pathophysiology, and treatment approaches, with a focus on differentiating these conditions and managing patients effectively in clinical practice.

11:00 am Management of Microscopic Colitis*Kristin E. Burke MD, MPH*

Describe the diagnosis and management of microscopic colitis, including the latest approaches to treatment, differentiation from other gastrointestinal disorders, and strategies to improve patient outcomes in both the acute and long-term management phases.

11:30 am Panel Discussion / Q & A**11:45 am Course Wrap-Up and Take-Away Points***Hrishikesh Samant, MD, FACG, and Sarah C. Glover, DO***12:00 pm Course Adjourns**



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

There are separate registration fees for ACG's Endoscopy School and the ACG/LGS Regional Postgraduate Course. The registration fee for each course includes admission to all sessions, continental breakfasts, lunch on Friday for Endoscopy School attendees, lunch on Saturday for ACG/LGS Regional Course 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 on **February 3, 2026**. No refunds will be given after this date. Attendees must register online at meetings.gi.org.

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ACG MEMBER TYPE	EARLY BIRD (On or Before 2/3)	Fee (After 2/3)
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/LGS REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE

ACG MEMBER TYPE	EARLY BIRD (On or Before 2/3)	Fee (After 2/3)
Physician	\$275	\$350
Resident / Trainee / Candidate	\$125	\$200
Associate / Advanced Practice Provider	\$125	\$200
Medical Student	\$25	\$25
NON-MEMBER TYPE		
Physician / PharmD / PhD / Guest	\$375	\$450
Resident / Trainee	\$175	\$250
NP / PA / Allied Health (RN, LPN)	\$175	\$250
Medical Student	\$50	\$50

MOBILE APP INFORMATION

Included with your registration is complimentary 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.



ACCREDITATION / CME / MOC

ACG's Endoscopy 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 9.5 AMA PRA *Category 1 Credits*TM. 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 9.5 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 Louisiana Gastroenterology 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 12 AMA PRA *Category 1 Credits*TM. 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 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 programs will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Located on the banks of the Mississippi River, this upscale hotel is within walking distance to the French Quarter and Jackson Square, as well as numerous restaurants, shops, and attractions. Hotel amenities include a restaurant, lounge and bar, a fitness center, and outdoor pool.

To make a reservation, book online at <https://book.passkey.com/e/51127631> or call **504-584-3999**. Special meeting room rates per night are \$266 for a standard guestroom plus taxes (currently 14.45%, in addition to a \$3.00 occupancy fee per room per night). Room rates include complimentary basic guest room internet and access to the hotel healthclub.

Reservations must be made by **February 3, 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. Cancellations made within 72 hours of check-in will be charged one night's room and tax.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about these programs, contact ACG at education@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 no later than **February 3, 2026**.





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