

The Texas Liver Institute and the Gastrointestinal and Liver Association of the Americas (GALA) are proud to offer the GALA Dallas Conference being held March 23-24, 2018, at the Hyatt Regency Dallas.

This 1.5-day conference is designed to address the educational needs of healthcare professionals interested in chronic liver and gastrointestinal (GI) diseases. The CME/CE and MOC component of the conference will present state of the art information that will help you manage your patients who have chronic liver and GI diseases.

2018 GALA Conference Series

The Gastrointestinal and Liver Association of the Americas (GALA) was formed in 2013. GALA was organized in order to unite healthcare providers across the Americas who are treating patients with chronic liver and GI diseases. Given the extensive information on new treatment options, evolving data on existing treatment and diagnostic modalities, and critical information on improving patient outcomes, it is vital that healthcare providers who typically are unable to attend the large international conferences are informed of the most important advances.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Gastroenterologists, hepatologists, internists, family practitioners, surgeons, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, fellows/residents in training, registered nurses, and other healthcare professionals with an interest in GI and liver disease.

CME LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this conference, participants should be better able to:

- Describe evolving patient management and treatment strategies for CLD and GI disorders
- Integrate significant advances in therapeutic and diagnostic modalities into clinical practice
- Apply the latest clinical research, including future therapies and their role in the context of the current clinical paradigm

PHYSICIAN ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

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 Annenberg Center for Health Sciences at Eisenhower, the Gastrointestinal and Liver Association of the Americas (GALA), and the Texas Liver Institute. The Annenberg Center for Health Sciences at Eisenhower is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

CREDIT DESIGNATION

The Annenberg Center for Health Sciences at Eisenhower designates this live activity for a maximum of 11.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

NURSING ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

The Annenberg Center for Health Sciences at Eisenhower is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

A maximum of 10.3 contact hours may be earned for successful completion of this activity.

ABIM MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC) POINTS

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 11.0 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.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The event staff will be glad to assist you with any special needs (ie, physical, dietary). Please contact us prior to the event at 1-877-925-9535.

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DALLAS CONFERENCE

March 23-24, 2018
Hyatt Regency Dallas
300 Reunion Boulevard
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For additional information and online registration, please visit:

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AGENDA

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018

12:00 – 12:50 PM

Lunch/Optional Symposium
(Non-Accredited)

12:50 – 1:00 PM

Welcome/Introduction
Conference Chairs:
Mack Mitchell, MD, and
Lawrence Schiller, MD

Current Topics in Gastroenterology I

Moderator: William Chey, MD

1:00 – 1:30 PM

**Evaluation of chronic
diarrhea and IBS-D in the era
of precision medicine**
Lawrence Schiller, MD

1:30 – 2:00 PM

**Chronic idiopathic constipation and
opioid-induced constipation: The
same but different...**
William Chey, MD

2:00 – 2:30 PM

**Gut microbiota and gastrointestinal
health: The basics and what's new**
Christopher Chang, MD

2:30 – 3:00 PM

Q&A/Panel Discussion

3:00-3:15 PM

Break

Current Topics in Hepatology I

Moderator: John Vierling, MD

3:15 – 3:45 PM

**An update on the pharmacologic
treatment of NAFLD/NASH:
Beyond lifestyle modifications**
Naim Alkhouri, MD

3:45 – 4:15 PM

**Autoimmune biliary disease:
Diagnosis and management of
PBC and PSC**
John Vierling, MD

4:15 – 4:45 PM

Management of alcoholic hepatitis
Mack Mitchell, MD

4:45 – 5:15 PM

Q&A/Panel Discussion

5:15 – 5:30 PM

Day 1 Wrap-Up
Conference Chairs:
Mack Mitchell, MD, and
Lawrence Schiller, MD

5:30 – 7:00 PM

Welcome Reception

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for additional educational
resources and information.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

7:30 – 8:20 AM

Breakfast/Optional Symposium
(Non-Accredited)

8:20 – 8:30 AM

Welcome
Conference Chairs:
Mack Mitchell, MD, and
Lawrence Schiller, MD

Current Topics in Hepatology II (Case Format)

Moderator: Robert Brown, MD

8:30 – 9:20 AM

**Current dilemmas in chronic
hepatitis C management**
Robert Brown, MD and Paul Kwo, MD

Case 1:

How to choose your HCV therapy:
a nuc or PI-based regimen

Case 2:

Dealing with HBV coinfection, risk of
HCC after SVR and treating a Child B
cirrhotic with renal failure

9:20 – 10:10 AM

**Current dilemmas in diagnosing
liver masses**
Kimberly Brown, MD and Laura Kulik, MD

Case 1:

Diagnosis and management of
benign liver tumors: How to
distinguish lesions with imaging
and when a biopsy is needed

Case 2:

Diagnosis and management of HCC:
Resect, ablate or transplant? When is
a biopsy needed and when is an
oncologist needed?

10:10 – 10:30 AM

Q&A/Panel Discussion

10:30 – 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 – 11:45 AM

Parallel Sessions
(See box on right for session topics)

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

Lunch/Optional Symposium
(Non-Accredited)

Current Topics in Gastroenterology II

Moderator: Themistocles Dassopoulos, MD

1:00 – 1:20 PM

**The evolving role of therapeutic drug
monitoring in IBD**
Gary Lichtenstein, MD

1:20 – 1:50 PM

**Update on immunomodulators
in IBD**
Themistocles Dassopoulos, MD

1:50 – 2:15 PM

**The diagnosis and management
of hereditary colorectal
cancer syndromes**
C. Richard Boland, MD

2:15 – 2:40 PM

Q&A/Panel Discussion

2:40 – 2:50 PM

Break

Current Topics in Gastroenterology III

Moderator: Ronnie Fass, MD

2:50 – 3:15 PM

**Refractory heartburn:
All roads lead to Rome**
Ronnie Fass, MD

3:15 – 3:40 PM

**Proton pump inhibitors: How
and when to use in the current
environment**
Stuart Spechler, MD

3:40 – 4:05 PM

**Achalasia: Current diagnostic
workup and management**
Vani Konda, MD

4:05 – 4:30 PM

Q&A/Panel Discussion

4:30 – 4:45 PM

Meeting Wrap-Up/Closing Remarks
Conference Chairs:
Mack Mitchell, MD, and
Lawrence Schiller, MD

Small-Group Case Discussion

PARALLEL SESSION TOPICS (Choose one)

GI Woes from Head to Toe

Inflammatory Bowel Disease

NAFLD/NASH/
Alcoholic Liver Disease

Viral Hepatitis

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CONFERENCE
May 11-12, 2018

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