

ASGE UPDATE

AGA-ASGE 2013 Clinical Congress: New Partnership, New Format

AGA and ASGE have partnered on a new Clinical Congress of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, "Best Clinical Practices: 2013," January 17-19, 2013, Del Coronado, San Diego, Calif. Led by Congress Director David A. Lieberman, MD, AGAF, FASGE, and Co-Directors Gary W. Falk, MD, MS, FASGE, and John A. Martin, MD, FASGE, this program is designed to reflect both organizations' long-standing expertise within the GI community.

New to this year's Congress are two ASGE hands-on sessions: "Upper GI Endoscopy: Esophagus and Gastric Therapies," and "Lower GI Endoscopy: Colonic and Intestinal Therapies." Practitioners will guide attendees through managing both technical as well as cognitive challenges faced during endoscopic practice.

The hands-on sessions will be held on the afternoon of Thursday, Jan. 17, followed by the main Congress on Jan. 18 and 19. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.gilearn.org/clinicalcongress>.

Multimodality Approach to Colorectal Polyps and Cancers course

Explore the frontiers of colorectal neoplasia at the Multimodality Approach to Colorectal Polyps and Cancers course in San Francisco, Calif., February 9-10, 2013. Course Directors Gotumukkala S. Raju, MD, FASGE, John J. Vargo, II, MD, MPH, FASGE, and Steven A. Edmundowicz, MD, FASGE, will present a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach to the diagnosis and management of colorectal polyps and cancers through a panel of experts utilizing video-based case discussions to illustrate clinical challenges. Emphasis will be placed on the role of the gastrointestinal endoscopist as the member of a team that includes oncologists, colorectal surgeons, radiation oncologists, radiologists, geneticists, and pathologists. Attendees will review with experts the entire spectrum of colorectal neoplasia from premalignant colon polyps, to early cancer, to regional cancer, to metastatic cancer. Register today at www.asge.org, or contact ASGE Customer Care at (630) 573-0600.

Register now! ASGE's Annual Postgraduate Course at DDW® 2013

Registration opens in January for ASGE's Annual Postgraduate Course "An International and Multidisciplinary Approach to Gastrointestinal Diseases in 2013: Patient Care at its Best," May 20, Orlando, Fla. This course, led by course directors Todd H. Baron, MD, FASGE, and Vanessa M. Shami, MD, FASGE, will demonstrate how gastrointestinal endoscopy integrates with specialists in various fields to provide excellent, state-of-the-art

care for gastrointestinal diseases. Save the date and plan to register early to receive a discounted rate. Register at www.ddw.org or visit www.asge.org for more information.

Are You Committed to Quality and Safety in Your Endoscopy Unit?

Register today for the **Improving Quality and Safety in Your Endoscopy Unit** course to be held Friday, February 8, San Francisco, Calif. Join course directors Jonathan Cohen, MD, FASGE, and David A. Greenwald, MD, FASGE, for this course that features modules on defining and measuring quality in endoscopy, recommendations for improving the quality in endoscopy units, a thorough review of ASGE quality guidelines and CDC guidelines on infection control, and a hands-on portion covering reprocessing. Register online at www.asge.org, or contact ASGE Customer Care at (630) 573-0600.

ASGE Education Achievement Program

The ASGE Education Achievement Program is designed to recognize and reward endoscopists who are dedicated to their own professional development and furthering their ability to provide the most effective patient care. Participants in this program will receive discounts on ASGE courses and products, as well as a Certificate of Achievement in Endoscopy Education. For additional information on the criteria and application process, please visit www.asge.org.

Have You Visited the ASGE Online Learning Center Lately?

ASGE continues to update the new Online Learning Center with exciting new educational activities. The following activities are currently available:

- **Clinical Guidelines CME Activities**—Test your knowledge on ASGE guidelines and earn CME credit.
- **Endoscopic Learning Library videos On-Demand**—Order videos, take a post-test, and earn CME online.
- **Recorded sessions from past activities**—Includes recorded sessions from the Annual Postgraduate Courses, separated into 1-hour CME activities by topic.
- **Practice Management Resources**—Resources related to coding and reimbursement are available for download.
- **2012 Video Forum and World Cup of Endoscopy videos**

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