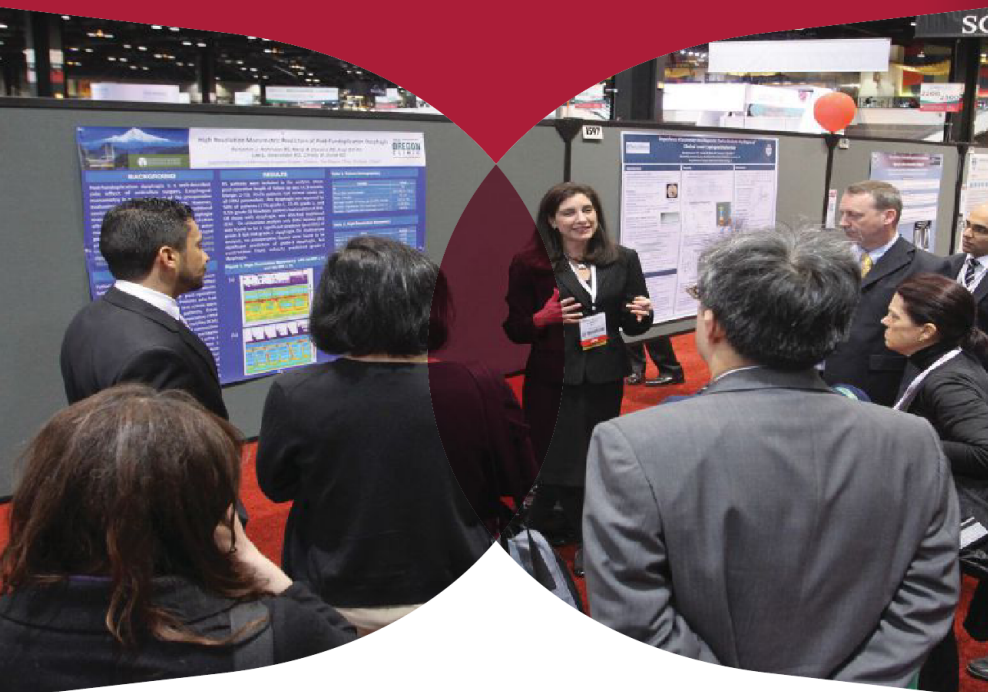




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**Program Highlights
and
Registration Information**

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Nina Parthasarathy, MD

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Connect with DDW Using Social Media



OFFICIAL HASHTAG!

Use **#DDW15** on all of the outlined social media platforms to join the conversation. DDW and its followers use this to categorize all tweets about the 2015 meeting.

Get DDW news and announcements in real time and interact with other participants by using social media.

DDWBLOG Digestive Disease Week 2015 www.ddwblog.org

One of the easiest ways to jump into social media is to read and comment on the DDW blog. The site offers tips for planning your week at the meeting, DC tourism information and session previews. Check out the comments section to see what others think and to share your own thoughts and questions.



www.facebook.com/DDWMeeting

“Like” DDW to get news and updates directly in your news feed. You can also post photos, videos and comments on DDW’s wall, get access to special discounts from DC-area businesses and more.



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Twitter has become a hub for news and information sharing and is a popular way for participants to connect and communicate with each other. Follow and tweet DDW (@**DDWMeeting**) to join the conversation.



www.youtube.com/DDWMeeting

Watch presenter and attendee interviews from DDW 2014 and get updates on DDW 2015 every day during the meeting. You can also view step-by-step tutorials on how to submit an abstract, claim CME and use MyDDW to plan your itinerary. No registration is required to watch.



QR Codes

QR codes like this one will appear on posters in the Poster Hall. Scanning the code with your mobile device will allow you to view the ePoster* and a video* produced by the poster presenter. Get a free QR code reader at www.i-nigma.mobi.

**If submitted.*



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instagram.com/DDWMeeting

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DDW on Demand Included with Registration

NEW We know attendee schedules at DDW are full, and by offering DDW on Demand as part of registration, you'll be able to maximize your experience and have a better balance of education, networking and free time. You can attend live sessions that fit in your schedule then view the rest in the comfort of your home or office.

Valued at **more than \$1,200**, DDW on Demand is an online-only library that will include nearly 500 hours of non-ticketed presentations* from DDW 2015. Attendees will also receive two years of convenient online access to the capture, plus the following features:

- Online access to content as soon as 24 hours after the session.
- Streaming content for viewing on mobile technology including iPad®, iPhone® and most Android™ devices.
- Enhanced search: find any word in the presentation slides.
- Downloadable MP3 and PDF files.

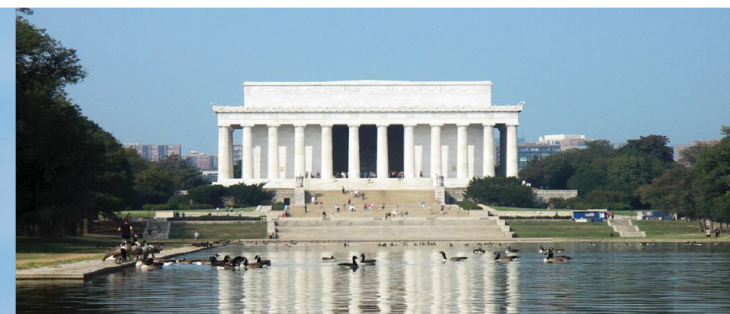
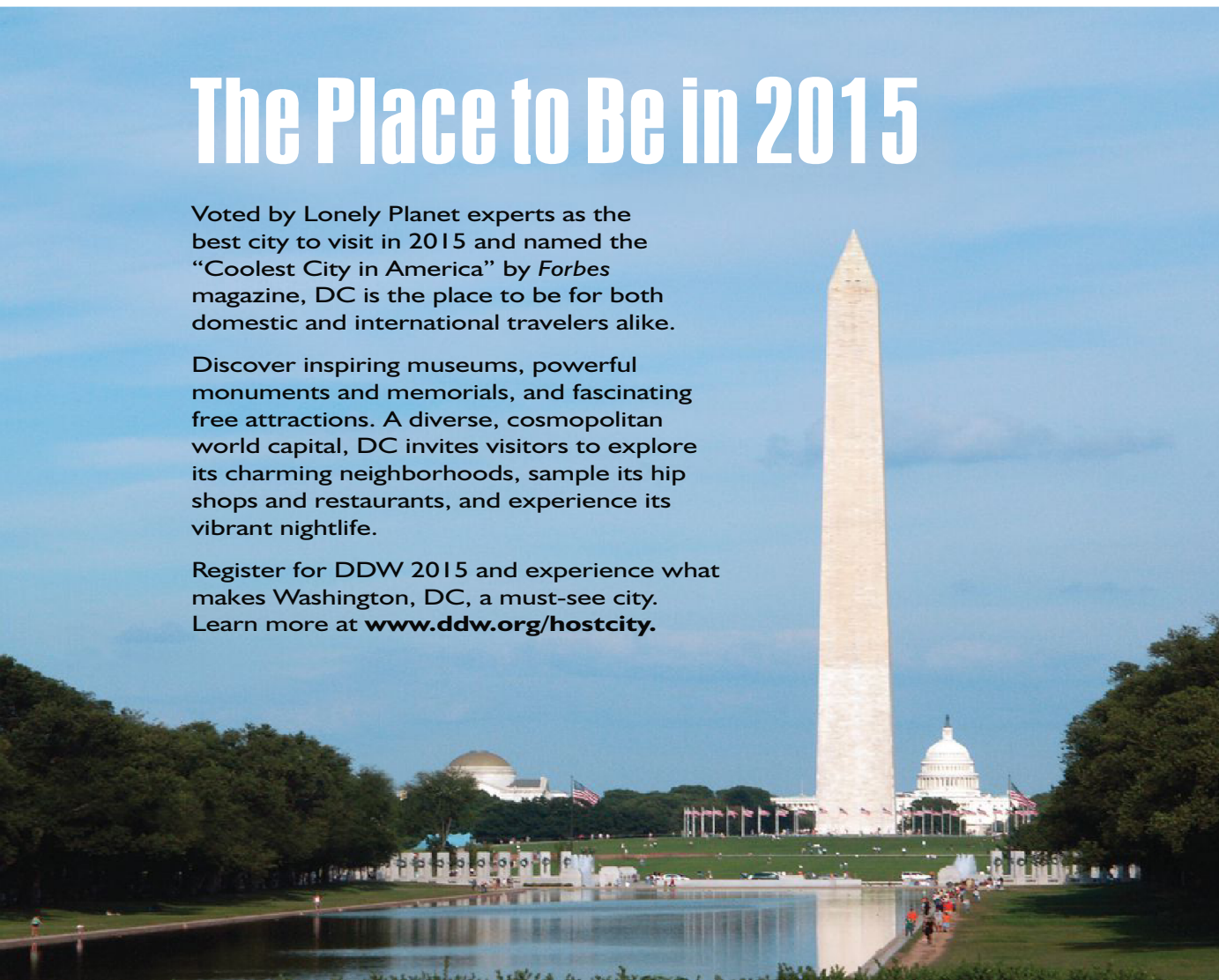
**Ticketed sessions will not be included in DDW on Demand.
Presentations will be included if permission is granted by presenter.*

The Place to Be in 2015

Voted by Lonely Planet experts as the best city to visit in 2015 and named the "Coolest City in America" by *Forbes* magazine, DC is the place to be for both domestic and international travelers alike.

Discover inspiring museums, powerful monuments and memorials, and fascinating free attractions. A diverse, cosmopolitan world capital, DC invites visitors to explore its charming neighborhoods, sample its hip shops and restaurants, and experience its vibrant nightlife.

Register for DDW 2015 and experience what makes Washington, DC, a must-see city. Learn more at www.ddw.org/hostcity.



Registration and Housing



Important Registration Dates

Jan. 7, 2015

Registration and housing open for members of AASLD, AGA, ASGE and SSAT.

Jan. 14, 2015

General registration and housing open.

April 1, 2015

Early bird registration deadline — save at least \$100 by registering on or before this date!

April 10, 2015

Last day to register and receive a badge and tickets in the mail prior to the meeting. If you register after this date, you must pick up your badge and tickets on site.

Registration Fees

Register by April 1 and save at least \$100.

NEW DDW on Demand, a comprehensive online digital library of presentations from DDW 2015, is now included with registration. Consisting of presenters' slides with fully synchronized audio*, you can view topics missed at the live meeting as if you were actually attending each session.**

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Category	On or Before April 1	After April 1
Member	\$135	\$235
Member Associate	\$135	\$235
Member Postdoctoral Fellow	Complimentary	\$140
Member Trainee	Complimentary	\$140
Nonmember	\$460	\$560
Nonmember Associate	\$185	\$285
Nonmember Postdoctoral Fellow	\$185	\$285
Nonmember Trainee	\$185	\$285
Exhibitor	\$135	\$235
Practice Manager	\$185	\$285
Student	\$135	\$235
Spouse/Guest	\$45	\$45

How to Register and Make Hotel Arrangements

Everything you need to register is available online.

- Download complete registration materials, including a preliminary program, society postgraduate course information and more at **www.ddw.org**.
- Register online or call 888-873-3976 (U.S. and Canada) or +1-508-743-8521 (international) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET.
- Make your hotel reservation when you register for DDW. All hotel reservations must be made through Travel Planners, DDW's housing provider, as hotels cannot take direct reservations. A list of DDW hotels and a hotel map is online at **www.ddw.org/housing**. Reserve online or by calling 800-221-3531 (U.S. and Canada) or +1-212-532-1660 (international) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. ET.

Registration and Housing Confirmation

Confirmation of your registration and housing arrangements will be sent within 24 business hours of receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation within 10 business days, please contact:

- DDW registration: 888-873-3976 (U.S. and Canada) or 508-743-8521 (international); or
- DDW housing: 800-221-3531 (U.S. and Canada) or 212-532-1660 (international).

Your badges and tickets will be mailed to you if you register by April 10.

Meeting Cancellations and Refunds

Requests for cancellation must be received by April 10 to receive a refund. These requests must be sent in writing via email to DDW@xpressreg.net or mailed to DDW at the following address:

DDW Registration
4930 Del Ray Ave
Bethesda, MD 20814

Phone cancellations are strictly prohibited. Requests will not be honored after April 10. Substitutions are not permitted. All refunds are subject to a \$50 cancellation fee per ticketed event.

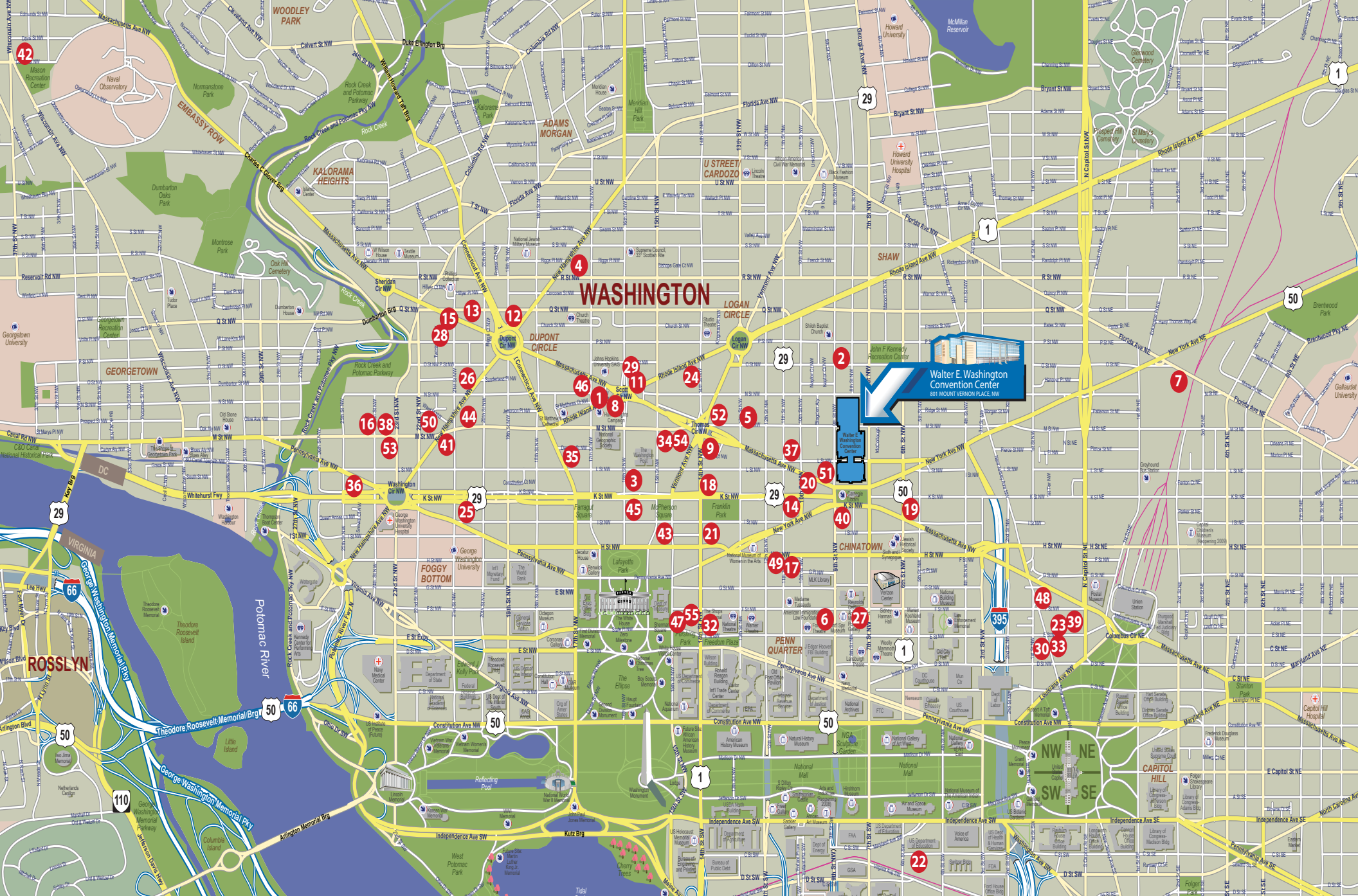
Photography/Video Waiver

DDW plans to take photographs and video at DDW 2015 and reproduce them in DDW educational, news or promotional material, whether in print, electronic or other media, including the DDW website. By participating in DDW 2015, you grant the right to use your name, photograph and biography for such purposes to DDW. All postings become the property of DDW. Postings may be displayed, distributed or used by DDW for any purpose.

Radio Frequency Identification Waiver

Radio frequency identification (RFID) badge scanning technology will be utilized at this event in Halls A-C only in order to better understand attendee/delegate interests and preferences. The information collected will be used to improve future meetings. No personal information is stored in the RFID badge, only an ID number. We encourage all participants to take part in this process to ensure the most accurate data is obtained. Should you wish to opt out of this program, you will be able to do so when you register for the event.

Map #	Hotel	Distance to Convention Center	Single Rate	Double Rate	Twin Rate	Triple Rate	Quad Rate
1	Beacon Hotel and Corporate Quarters	0.9 miles	\$239.00	\$239.00	\$259.00	\$279.00	NA
2	Cambria Suites	0.4 miles	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$319.00	\$319.00
3	Capital Hilton	0.8 miles	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$334.00	\$359.00
4	Carlyle Suites Hotel <i>(closed for renovation until Spring 2015)</i>	1.7 miles	\$269.00	\$269.00	\$269.00	\$289.00	\$289.00
5	Comfort Inn Downtown	0.5 miles	\$202.00	\$202.00	\$202.00	\$212.00	\$222.00
6	Courtyard by Marriott – Convention Center	0.6 miles	\$299.00	\$299.00	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00
7	Courtyard by Marriott – DC US Capitol	1.4 miles	\$258.00	\$258.00	\$258.00	\$278.00	\$298.00
8	Courtyard by Marriott – Embassy Row	0.8 miles	\$239.00	\$239.00	\$259.00	\$269.00	\$279.00
9	Donovan House, a Kimpton Hotel	0.5 miles	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$339.00	\$339.00	\$359.00
10	DoubleTree Crystal City	4.0 miles	\$229.00	\$229.00	\$229.00	\$239.00	\$249.00
11	DoubleTree Washington, DC	0.9 miles	\$235.00	\$235.00	\$235.00	\$265.00	\$295.00
12	Dupont Circle Hotel	1.4 miles	\$279.00	\$279.00	\$279.00	\$299.00	\$319.00
13	Embassy Row Hotel	1.4 miles	\$289.00	\$289.00	\$289.00	\$289.00	\$289.00
14	Embassy Suites Convention Center	0.4 miles	\$294.00	\$294.00	\$294.00	\$314.00	\$334.00
15	Fairfax at Embassy Row	1.4 miles	\$299.00	\$319.00	\$319.00	\$349.00	\$379.00
16	Fairmont Washington Georgetown	1.7 miles	\$329.00	\$329.00	\$329.00	\$359.00	\$389.00
17	Grand Hyatt Washington	0.6 miles	\$315.00	\$315.00	\$315.00	\$340.00	\$365.00
18	Hamilton Crowne Plaza	0.6 miles	\$259.00	\$259.00	\$259.00	\$279.00	\$299.00
19	Hampton Inn Convention Center	0.3 miles	\$279.00	\$279.00	\$279.00	\$289.00	\$299.00
20	Henley Park Hotel	0.2 miles	\$305.00	\$305.00	NA	NA	NA
21	Hilton Garden Inn Downtown	0.7 miles	\$289.00	\$289.00	\$289.00	\$309.00	\$329.00
22	Holiday Inn Capitol	1.4 miles	\$299.00	\$299.00	\$299.00	\$309.00	\$319.00
23	Hotel Helix, a Kimpton Hotel	0.9 miles	\$299.00	\$299.00	\$319.00	\$339.00	\$359.00
24	Hotel George	1.1 miles	\$329.00	\$329.00	\$329.00	\$369.00	\$389.00
25	Hotel Lombardy	1.5 miles	\$299.00	\$299.00	\$299.00	\$329.00	NA
26	Hotel Madera, a Kimpton Hotel	1.4 miles	\$289.00	\$289.00	\$289.00	\$319.00	\$339.00
27	Hotel Monaco, a Kimpton Hotel	0.5 miles	\$369.00	\$369.00	NA	NA	NA
28	Hotel Palomar, a Kimpton Hotel	1.5 miles	\$289.00	\$289.00	\$289.00	\$319.00	\$339.00
29	Hotel Rouge, a Kimpton Hotel	1.2 miles	\$269.00	\$269.00	\$269.00	\$299.00	\$319.00
30	Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill	1.0 miles	\$289.00	\$289.00	\$289.00	\$314.00	\$339.00
31	Hyatt Regency Crystal City	4.7 miles	\$269.00	\$269.00	\$269.00	\$274.00	\$299.00
32	JW Marriott	0.9 miles	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$340.00	\$360.00
33	Liaison Capitol Hill, a Affinia Hotel	1.1 miles	\$259.00	\$259.00	\$259.00	\$279.00	\$279.00
34	Loews Madison Hotel	0.8 miles	\$301.00	\$301.00	\$301.00	\$330.00	\$355.00
35	Mayflower Renaissance	1.1 miles	\$315.00	\$315.00	\$315.00	\$335.00	\$355.00
36	Melrose Georgetown Hotel	1.8 miles	\$269.00	\$269.00	\$279.00	\$299.00	\$319.00
37	Morrison-Clark Inn	0.5 miles	\$299.00	\$299.00	NA	NA	NA
38	Park Hyatt Washington	1.7 miles	\$329.00	\$329.00	\$329.00	\$329.00	\$329.00
39	Phoenix Park Hotel	1.1 miles	\$269.00	\$269.00	\$279.00	\$289.00	\$299.00
40	Renaissance Downtown	0.3 miles	\$310.00	\$310.00	\$310.00	\$330.00	\$350.00
41	Renaissance Dupont Circle	1.5 miles	\$287.00	\$287.00	\$287.00	\$307.00	\$327.00
42	Savoy Suites	3.4 miles	\$239.00	\$239.00	\$239.00	\$259.00	\$259.00
43	Sofitel Lafayette Square	0.8 miles	\$329.00	\$329.00	NA	NA	NA
44	St. Gregory Luxury Hotel and Suites	1.4 miles	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	NA	NA
45	St. Regis Washington, DC	0.9 miles	\$319.00	\$319.00	\$319.00	\$394.00	NA
46	Topaz Hotel, a Kimpton Hotel	1.0 miles	\$279.00	\$279.00	\$279.00	\$309.00	\$339.00
47	W Washington, DC	0.9 miles	\$339.00	\$339.00	\$339.00	\$339.00	NA
48	Washington Court Hotel	0.9 miles	\$259.00	\$279.00	\$279.00	\$299.00	\$319.00
49	Washington Marriott at Metro Center	0.6 miles	\$299.00	\$299.00	\$299.00	\$319.00	\$339.00
50	Washington Marriott Georgetown	1.6 miles	\$287.00	\$287.00	\$287.00	\$307.00	\$327.00
51	Washington Marriott Marquis	Adjacent	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$340.00	\$360.00
52	Washington Plaza	0.7 miles	\$289.00	\$289.00	\$289.00	\$319.00	NA
53	Westin Georgetown	1.7 miles	\$269.00	\$269.00	\$269.00	\$294.00	NA
54	Westin Washington, DC City Center	0.8 miles	\$289.00	\$289.00	\$289.00	\$309.00	\$329.00
55	Willard InterContinental	1.0 miles	\$359.00	\$359.00	\$359.00	\$389.00	\$419.00



DDW 2015 Hotels

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| 1 Beacon Hotel and Corporate Quarters | 19 Hampton Inn Convention Center | 38 Park Hyatt Washington |
| 2 Cambria Suites | 20 Henley Park Hotel | 39 Phoenix Park Hotel |
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| 9 Donovan House, a Kimpton Hotel | 28 Hotel Palomar, a Kimpton Hotel | 47 W Washington, DC |
| 10 DoubleTree Crystal City | 29 Hotel Rouge, a Kimpton Hotel | 48 Washington Court Hotel |
| 11 DoubleTree Washington, DC | 30 Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill | 49 Washington Marriott at Metro Center |
| 12 Dupont Circle Hotel | 31 Hyatt Regency Crystal City | 50 Washington Marriott Georgetown |
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| 14 Embassy Suites Convention Center | 33 Liaison Capitol Hill, a Affinia Hotel | 52 Washington Plaza |
| 15 Fairfax at Embassy Row | 34 Loews Madison Hotel | 53 Westin Georgetown |
| 16 Fairmont Washington Georgetown | 35 Mayflower Renaissance | 54 Westin Washington, DC City Center |
| 17 Grand Hyatt Washington | 36 Melrose Georgetown Hotel | 55 Willard InterContinental |
| 18 Hamilton Crowne Plaza | 37 Morrison-Clark Inn | |

Preliminary Program Listings



Friday, May 15

Schedule is subject to change.

Noon	8 p.m.	Registration Open
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Saturday, May 16

7 a.m.	6 p.m.	Registration Open
8 a.m.	Noon	SSAT PG/Maintenance of Certification Course — Colo-Rectal \$
8 a.m.	Noon	SSAT PG/Maintenance of Certification Course — HPB \$
8 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	Scientific Sessions*
8:15 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	AGA Spring Postgraduate Course: <i>Evidence That Will Change Your Practice: New Advances for Common Clinical Problems</i> \$
9:30 a.m.	4 p.m.	Poster Sessions and ePosters
2 p.m.	5 p.m.	AASLD Hepatology Update: The Year in Review \$

Sunday, May 17

7 a.m.	6 p.m.	Registration Open
8 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	Scientific Sessions*
8:30 a.m.	12:35 p.m.	AGA Spring Postgraduate Course: <i>Evidence That Will Change Your Practice: New Advances for Common Clinical Problems</i> \$
9:30 a.m.	4 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open
9:30 a.m.	4 p.m.	Poster Sessions and ePosters

Monday, May 18

7 a.m.	6 p.m.	Registration Open
7:45 a.m.	5 p.m.	ASGE Annual Postgraduate Course: <i>Best Endoscopic Practices 2015: Understanding the Evidence and Enhancing Your Skills</i> \$
8 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	Scientific Sessions*
9:30 a.m.	4 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open
9:30 a.m.	4 p.m.	Poster Sessions and ePosters

Tuesday, May 19

7 a.m.	4 p.m.	Registration Open
8 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	Scientific Sessions*
9:30 a.m.	4 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open
9:30 a.m.	4 p.m.	Poster Sessions and ePosters

*Please refer to AASLD, AGA, ASGE and SSAT Highlights for detailed information on specific scientific sessions.

The Best of DDW 2015 Session

Tuesday, May 19, 2–4 p.m.

Moderators: **Grace H. Elta, MD, AGAF, FASGE**, DDW council chair, and **Francis M. Giardiello, MD, AGAF**, DDW council treasurer

A discussant from each of the four societies will review the top presentations. Attend this not-to-be-missed session to get an overview of the latest, best and most thought-provoking research presented all week.

DDW Breakfast with the Experts

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

Session Fee: **\$75**

DDW's popular Meet-the-Professors format is offered in the morning, too. Just like the lunch sessions, these are scholarly, dynamic discussions in an informal, small-group atmosphere. Breakfast is included. Space is limited. Please visit the DDW website, **www.ddw.org**, to review individual sessions' 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**

Participate in a scholarly, dynamic discussion in an informal, small-group atmosphere. A boxed lunch is included. Space is limited. Please visit the DDW website, **www.ddw.org**, to review individual sessions' topics and learning objectives.

Late-Breaking Abstract Sessions

NEW These sessions feature the most-up-to-date research, submitted and reviewed just prior to the meeting. This year, these sessions will be jointly sponsored by all four DDW sponsoring societies.

Poster Sessions and ePosters

New Hours: Saturday, May 16–Tuesday, May 19, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Nearly 4,000 basic science and clinical posters will be on display at DDW. Authors will be at their posters to answer questions from noon until 2 p.m. on the day their posters are scheduled. ePosters will return in 2015. See page 33 for more information about ePosters.

Poster Tours

Sunday, May 17 and Monday, May 18, 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Fee: **\$20**

Subject-matter experts from AGA, ASGE and SSAT will help you navigate the Poster Hall by leading tours of the most significant research presented in six topic areas. Tour registration will open in March, when accepted abstracts have been selected. Visit **www.ddw.org** to review tour topics.

Diversity Reception

Monday, May 18, 6–7 p.m.

Jointly sponsored by all four societies, this reception provides a valuable networking opportunity for minorities to gather, discuss relevant issues and learn more about what each society is doing to promote diversity within gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery.

Combined Clinical Symposia

Saturday, May 16–Tuesday, May 19

AASLD, AGA, ASGE and SSAT offer jointly sponsored symposia on topics of broad interest to DDW participants. The integrated, multidisciplinary approach of these sessions will interest clinicians and basic scientists alike.

Date	Time	Title	Moderators	Sponsors
Saturday, May 16	10–11:30 a.m.	Periprocedural Management of Antithrombotic Agents	Mandeep S. Sawhney, MD, FASGE; Neena S. Abraham, MD, AGAF, MSCE, FASGE; Matthew Hutter, MD	ASGE, AGA, SSAT
	2–3:30 p.m.	Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Perianal Crohn's Disease	Edward V. Loftus, Jr., MD; Najjia N. Mahmoud, MD; David A. Schwartz, MD	AGA, ASGE, SSAT
	4–5:30 p.m.	Managing Gastrointestinal Bleeding in Cirrhosis	Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao, MD; Louis-Michel Wong Kee Song, MD; Shimul A. Shah, MD	AASLD, ASGE, SSAT
Sunday, May 17	8–9:30 a.m.	Interval Colon Cancers: Problem We Can Solve or Achilles Heel?	Linda Rabeneck, MD, MPH; John J. Vargo, II, MD, MPH, FASGE; David A. Lieberman, MD, AGAF	ASGE, AGA
	10–11:30 a.m.	Assessment of Surgical Risk in the Patient with Liver Disease	Patrick S. Kamath, MD; Bijan Eghtesad, MD	AASLD, SSAT
	2–3:30 p.m.	Multidisciplinary Treatment of Leaks, Fistulas and Perforations: What Is Possible?	Michael B. Ujiki, MD; Shyam Varadarajulu, MD; Christopher C. Thompson, MD, MSc, FACG, FASGE	SSAT, ASGE, AGA
Monday, May 18	10–11:30 a.m.	Gastric Cancer: Epidemiology, Prevention, Diagnosis and Management	Ernst Johan Kuipers, MD, PhD, AGAF; Norio Fukami, MD, FASGE; John T. Mullen, MD	AGA, ASGE, SSAT
	2–3:30 p.m.	Pancreatic Necrosis: Where Are We Now and What Is the Future?	Taylor S. Riall, MD; Vanessa M. Shami, MD, FASGE; Matthew J. DiMagno, MD	SSAT, ASGE, AGA
	4–5:30 p.m.	Endoscopic Assessment of the Patient with Sclerosing Cholangitis	Gregory J. Gores, MD, AGAF; Bret T. Petersen, MD, FASGE; Frank G. Gress, MD, AGAF	AASLD, AGA, ASGE, SSAT
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	Randall W. Burt, MD, AGAF; Arnold J. Markowitz, MD; William M. Grady, MD, AGAF	ASGE, AGA, SSAT
	10–11:30 a.m.	Endoscopic Management of Barrett's Esophagus: Watch, Ablate or Resect?	Gary W. Falk, MD, MS, AGAF; Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH; Steven R. DeMeester, MD	AGA, ASGE, SSAT
	2–3:30 p.m.	Is POEM the Future of Achalasia Therapy?	Christy M. Dunst, MD; Michael F. Vaezi, MD, PhD; Stavros N. Stavropoulos, MD	SSAT, ASGE, AGA

Combined Translational Symposium

Monday, May 18, 10–11:30 a.m.

Models that Drive Obesity and Its Complications

Moderators: **Ali Tavakkoli, MD**, and **Anna Mae Diehl, MD**

Continuing Medical Education (CME)



CME credit is available for most DDW sessions. Each of the sponsoring societies certifies its own activities for CME credit. Sessions that do NOT offer CME will be indicated as such in the Agenda Book.

Society CME Statements

AASLD

The American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The AASLD designates these live activities for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Statement on Disclosure

It is the policy of AASLD to ensure balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor in all its individually or jointly sponsored educational programs.

All faculty/authors participating in any AASLD sponsored programs, as well as planners and committee members, are expected to disclose any real or apparent conflict(s) of interest that may have a direct bearing on the subject matter of the continuing medical education program.

When an unlabeled use of a commercial product or an investigational use not yet approved for any purpose is discussed during an educational activity, the speaker shall disclose to the audience that the product is not labeled for the use under discussion or that the product is still investigational.

AASLD will identify and resolve all conflicts of interest prior to program implementation.

AGA

The American Gastroenterological Association Institute (AGA Institute) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The AGA Institute designates these live educational activities for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

In accordance with ACCME's Standards for Commercial Support of Continuing Medical Education, all faculty and planning partners must disclose any financial relationship(s) or other relationship(s) held within the past 12 months. The AGA Institute implements a mechanism to identify and resolve all conflicts of interest prior to delivering the educational activity to learners.

ASGE

The American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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AASLD Highlights



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR
THE STUDY OF LIVER DISEASES



AASLD is the leading organization of scientists and health-care professionals committed to preventing and curing liver disease.

Hepatology Update: The Year in Review

Moderators: **Paul Martin, MD, FAASLD**, and
Michael H. Nathanson, MD, PhD, FAASLD

Saturday, May 16, 2–5 p.m.

This program aims to improve patient care by increasing clinicians' awareness of recent research that strengthens current clinical care protocols and to provide investigators with new discoveries that advance the field of hepatology. This program represents a unique opportunity for expert hepatologists to summarize clinical and basic research publications on topics that are highly relevant to the practice of hepatology and liver-based research.

Upon completion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Discuss the most recent advances in treatment of viral hepatitis, NAFLD and HCC.
- Discuss the newest concepts for organ allocation in liver transplant.
- Discuss the most recent advances in the diagnosis and management of the complications of end-stage liver disease.

Registration Fees

	On or Before April 1	After April 1
AASLD Member	\$100	\$150
Nonmember	\$200	\$250

Preliminary Schedule

Time	Session
2 p.m.	Welcome and Introduction
2:05 p.m.	Decompensated Cirrhosis
2:35 p.m.	Hepatocellular Carcinoma
3:05 p.m.	Fatty Liver Disease
3:35 p.m.	Break
3:55 p.m.	Viral Hepatitis
4:25 p.m.	MELD and Organ Allocation
4:55 p.m.	Wrap-up

Plenary Sessions

Sunday, May 17, 8–9:30 a.m. and 10–11:30 a.m.

The best abstracts in basic and clinical hepatology will be presented at these highly focused sessions.

NEW Academic Debates

Tuesday, May 19, 8–10:30 a.m.

The purpose of the program is to challenge gastroenterology trainees and practitioners to think critically about important and controversial issues in hepatology. This will also require that they learn the skill of balanced argument, i.e. factually examining the pros and cons of the issue. It will require consideration of scientific, societal, individual and financial sides to each of the important clinical issues to be debated. This is an entirely new format for AASLD and for DDW that will do more to engage the panels and audience than any of the other formats used in the meeting setting.

Teams of young clinicians representing leading academic medical centers guided by an experienced mentor in the field will debate the role of transplant for acute alcoholic hepatitis as well as allocation of hepatitis C treatment at the first annual Academic Debates. This program will bring together young clinicians to present their positions about complex topics to an audience of their peers and mentors.

Upon completion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Describe the role of liver transplantation in acute alcoholic hepatitis taking into consideration patient outcomes and ethical considerations.
- List reasons for limiting hepatitis treatment to those with advanced fibrosis taking into account patient outcomes and disease containment as well as other considerations such as societal costs.

Clinical Symposia

Hepatitis C Recommendations for 2015

Sunday, May 17, 10–11:30 a.m.

This session will be a comprehensive overview of HCV treatment options that will be available for clinical use in 2015. HCV treatment is a rapidly evolving area and the information is not easy to access in many GI practices. This session will provide an expansion of clinical knowledge and will draw from the HCV guidelines developed by AASLD and IDSA.

Upon completion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Understand the role of an interferon free regimen.
- Appreciate possible toxicities.
- Evaluate patients with renal failure for HCV therapy.

Prospects for Therapy of Hepatic Fibrosis

Sunday, May 17, 10–11:30 a.m.

The emergence of the fatty liver disease epidemic and associated hepatic fibrosis has created an urgent need to gain insights into mechanisms underlying this condition. Recent advances in clarifying hepatic stellate cell biology and mechanisms of fibrosis progression and regression have raised the realistic expectation for new antifibrotic treatments in the coming years. As a result, a greater understanding of hepatic fibrosis mechanisms and potential treatments is of great interest to practicing clinicians and trainees, including mid-level providers and both specialist and generalist physicians. This program is intended to impart new knowledge about how recent insights into hepatic fibrosis pathogenesis are leading to novel therapeutic approaches. Moreover, the program will review the emerging technologies that will enhance our ability to quantify fibrosis without the need for performing liver biopsy. This information will be essential not only for patient management in future years, but to optimize the design of clinical trials in the largest number of patients in order to safely test the efficacy of candidate antifibrotic drugs.

Upon completion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Highlight recent insights into the pathogenesis of hepatic fibrosis and its regression.
- Define current and emerging technologies to assess fibrosis non-invasively or in liver biopsies.
- Highlight challenges and prospects for antifibrotic drug trials and how their efficacy will be addressed.

Non-Cirrhotic Portal Hypertension and Congenital Portosystemic Shunts: Multidisciplinary Approach to Recognition, Evaluation and Management

(Co-provided with NASPGHAN)

Sunday, May 17, 4–5:30 p.m.

Non-cirrhotic portal hypertension (NCPH) and congenital portosystemic shunts (CPSS) are a group of heterogeneous disorders that are increasingly recognized in children and adults due to improved imaging capabilities and the development of innovative diagnostic and therapeutic techniques. The purpose of this program is to improve recognition of patients with NCPH and CPSS among providers specializing in adult and pediatric hepatology and to provide guidance for evaluation and care of affected patients by multidisciplinary teams. The program will present unique perspectives from each specialty to advance the participants' knowledge in the diagnosis and management of these conditions, thus promoting the health and optimal care of this group of patients.

Upon completion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Review current evidence on the etiology and management of NCPH and CPSS.
- Provide guidance for evaluation and care of affected patients.

How Far Do We Go to Eradicate Hepatitis C?

Monday, May 18, 8–9:30 a.m.

Although current HCV treatment is efficacious and will cure many individuals, the degree to which that treatment will penetrate the estimated 130 to 170 million persons around the world with chronic HCV infection is unknown, especially when money available for health care is limited. The purpose of this program is to assess how the existing tools could be used to address this challenge. The emphasis will be based on public health effectiveness of treatment and preventative modalities like vaccination.

Upon completion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Identify the common non-GI medical issues in patients who have chronic liver disease and in patients who have undergone liver transplantation.
- Recognize the common non-GI medical issues in patients who have inflammatory bowel disease.
- Develop an approach to managing the non-GI medical issues and recognize when it is appropriate to refer patients to specialists.

Diagnosing and Treating Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease in Children and Adolescents

Monday, May 18, 2–3:30 p.m.

Children and adolescents with NALFD are at high risk of future morbidity and mortality. NAFLD not only leads to end-stage liver disease, but it is also associated with early cardiovascular disease and increased risk of type II diabetes. It is not well established when to initiate screening for diabetes and dyslipidemia in children with NAFLD nor how to treat these comorbidities and NAFLD itself. This clinical symposium will educate practitioners on the current diagnostic tools for NAFLD and for insulin resistance and dyslipidemia in the setting of NAFLD as well as treatment strategies available for patients with NAFLD or a combination of NAFLD, diabetes and dyslipidemia.

Upon completion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Use best practices to screen and diagnose children with NAFLD.
- Identify comorbidities of NAFLD early and use current guidelines to inform treatment decision.
- Use the most up-to-date recommendations for treatment of NAFLD in children and adolescents.

Value of Screening for Cirrhosis and Liver Cancer

Monday, May 18, 4–5:30 p.m.

This program will identify methods of cirrhosis (and liver cancer) detection that can be applied to large practices or health-care systems. The learner will become knowledgeable about potential obstacles and solutions to implementing these methods.

Upon completion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Define value in health care and its possible meaning in the context of chronic liver disease.
- Recognize the arguments for and against screening for cirrhosis and liver cancer.

Diagnosing and Treating Renal Disease in Cirrhotic Patients

Tuesday, May 19, 8–9:30 a.m.

Patients with cirrhosis are at risk for acute and chronic renal disease. The severity and acuity of renal dysfunction is highly variable and plays an important role in both short-term and long-term prognosis. Recent advances in knowledge and testing have allowed more precise diagnostic accuracy. In addition, novel scoring systems have been developed and emphasize the prognostic importance of even mild renal dysfunction. This clinical symposium will educate practitioners on the diagnostic tools, prognostic importance and treatment strategies available for patients with cirrhosis and renal dysfunction.

Upon completion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Define the different types of renal disease and understand how to use the novel diagnostic criteria for renal dysfunction in patients with cirrhosis.
- Determine the prognosis and reversibility of renal disease in patients with cirrhosis.
- Understand the current and future therapeutic options available to treat renal disease in patients with cirrhosis.

Ethnic and Racial Disparities in Liver Disease

Tuesday, May 19, 10–11:30 a.m.

This clinical symposium will educate practitioners on the impact of ethnicity and race in liver disease management and outcomes. In a society that is becoming increasingly diverse and globalized, it is critically important to understand the role of ethnicity and race in the detection, progression and management of liver disease. Ethnicity and race have clearly been shown to mediate biologic and socioeconomic factors that influence outcomes in chronic liver disease and liver transplantation, and awareness of such in clinical practice may aid in closing the disparate gap in outcomes of liver disease and liver transplantation among patients of diverse ethnic and racial groups.

Upon completion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Identify how ethnicity and race mediate the detection, progression, and outcomes of hepatocellular carcinoma.
- Demonstrate ethnic and racial differences in the manifestation and outcomes of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease.
- Recognize how ethnicity and race mediate organ allocation and outcomes in liver transplantation.

State-of-the-Art Lectures

Managing Alcoholic Liver Disease

Monday, May 18, 10–11 a.m.

Speaker: **Vijay Shah, MD**

Upon completion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Identify approaches to diagnose alcoholic liver disease.
- Understand treatment options in different prognostic groups.
- Discern role of liver transplantation in this population.

Non-Invasive Assessment of Fibrosis

Monday, May 18, 2–3 p.m.

Speaker: **Nezam H. Afdhal, MD, FAASLD**

Upon completion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Understand the role of non-invasive tests and liver biopsy for staging fibrosis.
- Recognize limitations of fibrosis tests.
- Learn how to incorporate testing into clinical care for liver disease patients.

Issues in Hepatitis C: Identification, Access to Care and Cost

Monday, May 18, 4–5 p.m.

Speaker: **Nancy Reau, MD, FAASLD**

Upon completion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Discuss current recommendations in HCV screening, performance and limitations.
- Discuss linkage to care, hurdles and strategies for improvement.

Iron Overload Disease: Misdiagnosed and Misunderstood

Tuesday, May 19, 10–11 a.m.

Speaker: **Kris V. Kowdley, MD, FACP, FAASLD**

Upon completion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Recognize the clinical features and long-term complications of iron overload.
- Describe the appropriate diagnostic workup for patients with iron overload.
- Describe the limitations of current diagnostic testing for hereditary hemochromatosis.

Other AASLD Programming

Research/Topic Fora, held Sunday, May 17, through Tuesday, May 19, will offer opportunities for presentation of original research and exchange of ideas and data.

Topics include:

- Autoimmune/Cholestatic Liver Disease.
- Cell and Molecular Biology.
- Hepatitis B and C.
- Liver Transplantation.
- NASH/ASH.
- Viral Hepatitis.

AASLD General Learning Objectives

- Provide a forum for the exchange of new scientific and clinical information relevant to the study of liver disease.
- Create an arena for the interchange of opinions regarding the care and management of all types of liver disease.
- Assess new diagnostic or therapeutic techniques related to liver disease.

AGA Highlights



The AGA is committed to expanding the science of gastroenterology and furthering excellence in the practice of gastroenterology.

 = An additional fee is required for this session.

AGA Spring Postgraduate Course

Evidence That Will Change Your Practice: New Advances for Common Clinical Problems

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

For complete course details, please visit the AGA website at www.gastro.org/pgcourse or the DDW website at www.ddw.org.

Plenary Sessions

Plenary sessions will highlight the most novel and innovative studies at DDW.

AGA/ASGE Joint Presidential Plenary

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AGA and ASGE will present the most novel and innovative research in gastroenterology and GI endoscopy at this collaborative session. The plenary will feature both abstract and invited speaker presentations interspersed in the program.

Both societies have scheduled their postgraduate courses and other DDW programming around this session to help attendees stay up-to-date with the latest research without missing other educational opportunities.

AGA Basic Science Plenary

Sunday, May 17, 10–11:30 a.m.

Distinguished Abstract Plenaries

Saturday, May 16,
Sunday, May 17, and
Monday, May 18

For the latest information on these sessions, and all other DDW programming, please use the online interactive guide at www.gastro.org/ddw-highlights.

Morton I. Grossman Lectureship: Lgr5 Stem Cells in Gastroenterology

Sunday, May 17, 8–9:30 a.m.

The AGA Institute is excited to announce that Hans Clevers, MD, PhD, professor of molecular genetics at the Hubrecht Institute, will be presenting the Morton I. Grossman Lectureship at DDW 2015.

NEW AGA Institute Council
 Global Topic Sessions

Saturday, May 16, Monday, May 18, and
 Tuesday, May 19

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?)

Cochrane Symposium:
 The Next Wave of Biologic Agents
 for the Treatment of IBD: Evidence
 from Cochrane Reviews

Sunday, May 17, 8-9:30 a.m.

Rodger C. Haggitt
 GIPS Clinical Symposium

Sunday, May 17, 10-11:30 a.m.

The Dr. Charles S. Lieber Lecture —
 New Frontiers

NASH: The Convergence of Inflammation,
 Fat and Fibrosis and the Path to Treatment

Sunday, May 17, 2-3 p.m.

Funderburg Symposium:
H. pylori Gastritis and Gastric Cancer:
 Bacterial, Host and Environmental
 Factors Interact to Cause Malignancy

Monday, May 18, 8-9:30 a.m.

Emmet B. Keefe Symposium:
 Impact of Long-Term Suppression
 of Chronic HBV Infection

Monday, May 18, 4-5:30 p.m.

AGA Trainee and Young GI Track

These sessions are specifically designed to meet the unique needs of physicians who are new to the field. Participants will learn about all aspects of starting a career in clinical practice or research, have the opportunity to network with mentors and peers, and review board material.

Mentor and Advisor Program: Reception for Trainees/Young GIs — An Evening with AGA Mentors

Saturday, May 16, 5:45-7:15 p.m.

Meet your peers, and more established colleagues who serve as mentors, while enjoying refreshments.

Board Review Course

Session Chairs: **Arthur J. DeCross, MD, AGAF;**
Carl L. Berg, MD, and **Anil B. Nagar, MD**

Monday, May 18, 8 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

This session, designed around content from DDSEP® 7, serves as a primer for third-year fellows preparing for the board exam as well as a review course for others wanting to test their knowledge. Discount coupons for DDSEP 7 will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Career and Professional Related Issues

Session Chairs: **Rotonya Carr, MD,** and
Sheryl Pfeil, MD

Monday, May 18, 12:30–2 p.m.

Receive advice on career options in gastroenterology, learn what you need to know to find your first job from both a United States and international medical graduate perspective, and understand how the changes in health care will affect your future as a gastroenterologist.

Free lunch is included, but quantities are limited. Boxed lunches are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

NEW Advancing Clinical Practice: GI Fellow-Directed Quality Improvement Projects

Monday, May 18, 2–3:30 p.m.

This trainee-focused session will showcase selected abstracts from GI fellows based on quality improvement, with a concluding state-of-the art lecture. Attendees will be provided with information that defines practical approaches to quality improvement from start to finish. Free coffee and tea will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Focused Clinical Updates and Focused Research Roundtables

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

Session Fee: **\$60 per session**

These sessions are designed to help you choose the “must see” clinical research and basic science abstracts accepted by AGA for presentation at DDW. Session topics for 2015 include:

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

AGA Section Education and Networking Exchange

Saturday, May 16, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

- Interact with section members and leaders.
- Learn about section events and plans for the future.
- View top posters from each section and discuss with the authors.

Curbside Consultants

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

Session Fee: **\$60 per session**

These sessions are highly interactive and designed to provide attendees with direct access to advanced clinical experts on a focused topic. Session topics for 2015 include:

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

AGA Academy of Educators Plenary Session

Incorporating Quality Improvement Education Across the Learning Continuum

Tuesday, May 19, 8–9:30 a.m.

At this special session for educators, participants will discuss options for educators across the continuum in education related to informing, assessing and facilitating learning about quality in clinical medicine. Upon completion of the session, attendees will be able to envision strategies for QI in clinical practice and medical education.

Presentations will be followed by roundtable discussions led by faculty, and breakfast will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information about the Academy of Educators, the home for educators within AGA, please visit www.gastro.org/academyedu.

How to Meet the New MOC Requirements

Sponsored by the AGA Institute Education and Training Committee

Tuesday, May 19, 10–11:30 a.m.

Starting in January 2014, requirements for the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program have changed. 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.

NEW AGA MOC Course

Course Director: **Robert C. Lowe, MD**

Tuesday, May 19, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Session Fee: **\$150**

(Register for both the AGA and ASGE MOC Course for \$200 combined.)

This live self-study course is designed around the AGA Guidebook to ABIM Recertification 2014 module. The module has been approved by the ABIM for 10 MOC points. The format of this two hour interactive course incorporates audience-response technology to review the gastroenterology module.

AGA Institute Council Sessions

The AGA Institute Council is comprised of 12 sections, each of which is responsible for developing the sessions and programs at DDW as they relate to specific areas of practice. Below, please find a breakdown of all AGA Institute Council sessions for DDW 2015 listed by the sponsoring council section. To learn more about the AGA Institute Council, please visit www.gastro.org/council-sections.

Clinical Practice

- Making Dollars and Sense of Quality: A How-To Guide for the Physician Quality Reporting System
- Management of Eosinophils in the GI Tract
- The Future of Academic Gastroenterology

Esophageal, Gastric & Duodenal Disorders

- The EGD of Autoimmunity
- The Genomic Revolution – Personalizing the Upper GI Tract
- The Intersection of GERD, Aspiration and Lung Transplantation

Growth, Development & Child Health

- Challenges and Opportunities in Pediatric Liver Diseases
- Gut Microbiome and Clinical Outcome in Pediatrics
- IBS 21st Century: Time to Switch from Treating Symptoms to Eliminate the Cause?

Gastrointestinal Oncology

- Debate: Colonoscopy vs. Stool Testing for Colon Cancer Screening
- Microbiome, Metabolites and Cancer
- Role of Inflammation in Gastrointestinal Cancer

Imaging & Advanced Technology

- Achalasia
- Bariatric Complications: Bariatric Surgery in 2015
- Pancreatic Cysts: Wait, Operate or Ablate?

Immunology, Microbiology & Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

- Endpoints in Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Positioning Biologic Therapy in Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- What is the Best Model to Understand IBD?

Intestinal Disorders

- Celiac Disease: Causes and Dilemmas
- Radiation Injury, Intestinal Failure and Rehabilitation
- Xenobiotics, Microbiota and Intestinal Disease

Liver & Biliary

- AGA Emmet B. Keeffe Symposium: Impact of Long-Term Suppression of Chronic HBV Infection
- Health Economics of Diagnosis and Treatment for Chronic Liver Disease
- The Dr. Charles S. Lieber Lecture – New Frontiers: NASH: The Convergence of Inflammation, Fat and Fibrosis and the Path to Treatment

Neurogastroenterology & Motility

- Making Research Work for Patients – What is in the Pipeline?
- Motility Matters: An Interactive Forum to Debate What Progress the Field Has Made
- NGM Cutting Edge: New Roles for Old Cells

Obesity, Metabolism & Nutrition

- Intestinal and Hepatic Lipid Droplets in Health and Disease
- Molecular Mechanisms of Intestinal Lipid Absorption: Targets for Obesity Therapy
- Nutrition, Epigenetics and Metabolic Programming

Pancreatic Disorders

- Acute and Chronic Pancreatitis: Landmark Studies, Management Decisions and Future
- Are Biomarkers Practical for Early Detection and Prognosis of Pancreatic Cancer?
- Clinical Targeting of Stellate Cells and Autophagy in Pancreatic Cancer: Hope for Patients or Potential Disaster?

Regulatory Peptides, Cell Signaling & Molecular Biology

- Closing the Gap Between the Mouse and Human Immune Systems
- Irritant Sensing in the Gut: New Pathways to Visceral Pain of Digestive Diseases
- The Epigenetic Landscape Controlling Gene Expression in the Gastrointestinal Tract

Abstract-Based Sessions

The 12 sections of the AGA Institute Council are responsible for the selection and development of abstract-based oral and poster sessions for presentation at DDW. For the latest information on these sessions, and all other DDW programming, please use the online interactive guide at **www.gastro.org/ddw-highlights**.

Committee Sponsored Symposia Sessions

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. Each of these committees focus on specific areas as they relate to gastroenterology and the medical community at-large. These committees focus on areas such as clinical guidelines, government affairs, quality measurement, research policy and underrepresented minorities. At DDW 2015, attendees will be able to attend the following sessions, developed by 15 of the committees from the AGA Institute. To learn more about AGA Institute Committees, please visit **www.gastro.org/committees**.

- A Conversation About Industry-Funded Clinical Trials
- Advanced Endoluminal Imaging: State of Clinical Practice
- Advancing Clinical Practice: GI Fellow-Directed Quality Improvement Projects
- AGA Academy of Educators Plenary Session: Incorporating Quality Improvement Education Across the Learning Continuum
- AGA Institute – Rome Foundation Lectureship: Clinical Practice and Research for FGIDs in the Technology Era
- Best of AGA at DDW in Chinese
- Best of UEG Week at DDW
- Board Review Course
- Career and Professional Related Issues
- Chips Ahoy
- Demographic Changes in the U.S. and Its Impact on Medicine in the 21st Century
- Disruptive Threats to Gastroenterology Practices
- Ethical Issues Regarding Quality Improvement in Gastroenterology
- Exploring Gender Based Differences in the Ergonomics and Economics of Gastroenterology

- How to Maintain Academic Commitment as Your Institution Moves into an RVU-Based System
- How to Meet the New MOC Requirements
- ICD-10 – Last-Minute Implementation Strategy
- Leveraging Big Data in GI Research
- Lo Mejor de DDW
- Practical Guidelines for the Physician Innovator
- Practical Implications of Clinical Guidelines
- Publishing and Reading Journals in the Digital Age – Tips from the AGA Editors
- Quality Measures in GI: Past, Present and Future
- Screening and Surveillance for Colorectal Cancer: A Global Perspective
- The Things I Know Now I Wish I'd Known Then... Surviving the First Years in Academic Medicine
- Tips and Tricks for Navigating the ACGME Milestones
- Why Should Physicians Be Involved in the Political Process? An Insider's View

Check the online planner, MyDDW

As you prepare for the meeting, AGA will include suggested program tracks to assist in planning a schedule of sessions that directly meet your interests. Tracks include:

- Advanced Endoscopy.
- AGA Trainee and Young GI.
- Basic Science.
- IBD: Basic.
- IBD: Clinical.
- Motility.
- Pancreaticobiliary.
- Pediatrics.
- Practitioner.

ASGE Highlights



ASGE is the premier specialty society dedicated to advancing patient care and digestive health by promoting excellence and innovation in gastrointestinal endoscopy.

 = An additional fee is required for this session.

ASGE Annual Postgraduate Course

Best Endoscopic Practices 2015: Understanding the Evidence and Enhancing Your Skills

Monday, May 18, 7:45 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Breakfast will be served at 7 a.m.*

Course Directors: **Brenna Casey, MD, FASGE,**
Grace H. Elta, MD, FASGE, and **Brian C. Jacobson,**
MD, MPH, FASGE

NEW Live self-assessment content for benchmarking medical knowledge in endoscopy-related topics. ABIM-approved for MOC Points. Audience response system for real-time testing of knowledge.

Learn the latest developments in gastrointestinal endoscopy while interacting with an internationally renowned faculty. Presentations will include video demonstrations, case-based presentations, didactic lectures, panel discussions and debates on some of the controversial areas in endoscopic therapy. Common issues encountered daily in your practice, such as quality colonoscopy and removal of defiant polyps, will be discussed. Breakout sessions will allow attendees a choice of topics and interaction with faculty in smaller groups. Join your colleagues for a full day of outstanding presentations that will be directly applicable to your endoscopic practice.

Registration fee includes syllabus, continental breakfast and lunch. For complete details, please visit the ASGE website at www.asge.org/ddw or the DDW website at www.ddw.org.

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Hands-On Workshops

Saturday, May 16, Sunday, May 17, and Tuesday, May 19

These two-and-a-half-hour sessions will provide an opportunity for participants to interact with expert faculty as they demonstrate techniques in the following areas:

Saturday, May 16

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	Hemorrhoid Therapies (HW1) Course Director: Jeffrey M. Marks, MD, FASGE
3–5:30 p.m.	EMR (HW2) Course Director: Andrew Y. Wang, MD, FASGE

Sunday, May 17

7:30–10 a.m.	Enteral Access (HW3) Course Directors: Stephen A. McClave, MD, FASGE, and Douglas G. Adler, MD, FASGE
3:30–6 p.m.	Suturing and Closures (HW5) Course Director: Amrita Sethi, MD

Tuesday, May 19

7:30–10 a.m.	ERCP (HW7) Course Director: Peter V. Draganov, MD, FASGE
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Registration Fee (Per Session)	On or Before April 1	After April 1
ASGE Member	\$325	\$395
Nonmember	\$395	\$450
ASGE Trainee Member	\$175	\$225

ESD Hands-On Workshop (HW4)

(Maximum of 40 attendees.)

Sunday, May 17, 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Course Director: **Norio Fukami, MD, FASGE**

This two-and-a-half-hour session is intended for those who seek hands-on experience in endoscopic mucosal dissection. Faculty consists of the leading authorities worldwide in this technique.

Registration Fee (Per Session)	On or Before April 1	After April 1
ASGE Member	\$425	\$495
Nonmember	\$495	\$550
ASGE Trainee Member	\$275	\$325

NEW Senior Fellows Hands-On Workshop (HW6)

Monday, May 18, 8:30–11:30 a.m.

Course Director: **Walter J. Coyle, MD, FASGE**

This hands-on workshop is intended for second and third year fellows going into practice and will provide an updated review of hands-on skills.

Registration Fee (Per Session)	
ASGE Trainee Member	\$175
Nonmember Trainee	\$225

Advanced Capsule Endoscopy

Tuesday, May 19, 11:45 a.m.–2 p.m.

Course Directors: **Carol E. Semrad, MD,** and **Laurel R. Fisher, MD, FASGE**

This case-based session is intended to assist current practitioners in advancing their skills in capsule endoscopy.

Registration Fee (Includes Lunch)	On or Before April 1	After April 1
ASGE Member	\$350	\$425
Nonmember	\$425	\$495
ASGE Trainee Member	\$250	\$325

ASGE Clinical Symposia and Special Sessions

Saturday, May 16–Tuesday, May 19

Session topics include:
(titles subject to change)

- Advanced ERCP.
- Advances in Detection and Management of Dysplasia in Inflammatory Bowel Disease.
- ASGE/Chinese Society of Gastroenterology (CSGE) International Symposium.
- ASGE/Indo U.S. Symposium: Endoscopic Challenges and Solutions.
- ASGE/Japan Gastroenterological Endoscopy Society (JGES) International Symposium.
- ASGE/Korean Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (KSGE) International Symposium.
- ASGE/Sociedad Interamericana de Endoscopia Digestiva (SIED) International Symposium.
- Best of ASGE DDW in Spanish.
- Big Problems in the Small Bowel: A Case-Based Approach.
- Colonoscopy: What's New and What Should I Be Doing?
- Controversies in Colorectal Cancer Screening.
- ERCP Essentials.
- EUS-Guided Interventions in GI Oncology.
- How to Publish Great Papers in *GIE*.
- How to Succeed in Endoscopy: The Early Years.
- Interventional and Therapeutic EUS: Yes, It's Here!
- Is Less More? A Balanced View of Stenting.
- LEADing Women Forward in Gastroenterology Careers.
- Managing Perforations, Leaks and Fistulas.
- Offering Endoscopic Obesity Therapy in Your Practice: What Will It Take?
- Optimizing Costs and Efficiency in a Value-Based World.
- Optimizing the Management of Gastric Variceal Hemorrhage.
- Q-U-A-L-I-T-Y in Endoscopy: Find Out What It Means to You!
- Real Time Assessment of Diminutive (< 5 mm) Polyps Histology: Are We Confident?
- Role of Endoscopy in 'Idiopathic' Recurrent Acute Pancreatitis.
- The Future of Advanced Endoscopic Imaging Techniques.
- The Many Ways to Skin a Polyp.
- The New Frontier of Submucosal Endoscopy.
- The Role of Endoscopy in the Bariatric Patient.

ASGE Video Plenary Session

Tuesday, May 19, 8 a.m.–Noon

The ASGE Endoscopic Video Plenary Session features peer-reviewed videos demonstrating the most innovative endoscopic techniques and unusual cases from around the world. Don't miss these diverse, cutting-edge presentations.

ASGE World Cup of Endoscopy

Tuesday, May 19, 1–3 p.m.

ASGE's fifth annual World Cup of Endoscopy will feature leading videos representing different countries. All selected videos will be presented and scored by a panel of international judges live at DDW!

ASGE Fellows Networking Session

Saturday, May 16, 5–6 p.m.

This session offers trainees an opportunity to network with ASGE leaders and discuss topics specifically of interest to trainees.

Register online for this event at
www.asge.org/fellowssession.

ASGE International Sessions

Societies from China, India, Japan, Korea and Latin America will be showcasing their endoscopic advances during jointly sponsored sessions with ASGE at DDW 2015. This is your opportunity to learn about other countries' advancements in the field through didactic presentations and open discussions.

ASGE Resource Center

Saturday, May 16, Noon–6 p.m.

Sunday, May 17, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.

Monday, May 18, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19, 7 a.m.–4 p.m.

The ASGE Resource Center is the place at DDW to learn about and purchase ASGE products. Explore ASGE's Endoscopic Learning Library of DVDs containing demonstrations of endoscopic procedures. Check out the large selection of ASGE physician and patient education products and signature logo items. You can also pick up the latest issue of GIE Journal, ASGE Connections, upcoming course information; learn about the benefits of ASGE membership; and resources to help your practice succeed.

NEW ASGE Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Course

Tuesday, May 19, 1–3 p.m.

Session Fee: **\$150**

(Register for both the ASGE and AGA MOC Course for \$200 combined.)

This live self-assessment course has been designed around ASGE's GESAP content to provide registrants with the opportunity to benchmark their medical knowledge in endoscopy-related topics against competence standards as determined by the ABIM. This two-hour course has been approved for ABIM MOC Points and will utilize audience response technology to test your knowledge in real-time.

ASGE Learning Center

Saturday, May 16–Monday, May 18,
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

The ASGE Learning Center is a dynamic, interactive educational resource that provides DDW attendees the opportunity to:

- View videos from ASGE's complete endoscopic learning library, including newly commissioned DVDs and winners of the 2015 ASGE Audiovisual Award.
- Earn CME for free.
- Attend hands-on endoscopic demonstrations.

NEW Senior Fellows Update

Saturday, May 16, 2–3:30 p.m.

Second and third year fellows are invited to this session for an updated review of topics including EMR, anorectal disease, “on-call” emergencies, chromoendoscopy, dilation, and tricks and tips in colonoscopy.

SSAT Highlights



The SSAT annual meeting is a premier forum for presentation of original, state-of-the-art work in surgical gastroenterology.

For complete details about the SSAT Annual Meeting, please visit the SSAT website at **www.ssat.com** or the DDW website at **www.ddw.org**.

SSAT PG/Maintenance of Certification Course \$

Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m.–Noon

This year the SSAT will conduct two concurrent PG/MOC Courses. The first will focus on Colo-Rectal topics such as diverticulitis, intra-operative management of IBD and colon cancer. This course will explore the evidence that supports the management of these disorders, and experts will provide a “how I do it” approach to their subject areas. The format will be a mix of didactic sessions and case presentations.

The second course will focus on pancreatic and liver surgery. The format will be a mix of didactic sessions along with videos and conclude with case presentations. We expect all participants to leave with an enhanced understanding of both the current state-of-the-art practices and where we are going as GI physicians. Completion of this course will help fulfill Part II MOC requirements.

NEW SSAT Hands-On Courses \$

Saturday, May 16, 1–5 p.m.

The SSAT will conduct two new concurrent Hands-On Sessions in the Exhibit Hall. The first session will focus on HPB with pancreas and liver open and laparoscopic work stations. The second course will focus on transanal excision of tumors of the rectum. Through a hands-on educational initiative, a comprehensive review of operative techniques and available devices for the pancreas and liver (course one) and transanal endoscopic surgery (TES) procedures (course two) will take place.

Opening Session

Sunday, May 17, 7:30–8 a.m.

SSAT's 56th Annual Meeting begins with an opening session that will include the introduction of new members, announcements of SSAT-funded awards, reports from the SSAT Foundation and conferment of the Founders Medal. The session will be immediately followed by the Presidential Plenary Session and the Presidential Address.

Plenary Sessions

Presidential Plenary A and B

Sunday, May 17, 8–9 a.m. and 10:15–11 a.m.

Plenary Oral Presentations

Sunday, May 17, 2–3:30 p.m. and 4–5:30 p.m.

Monday, May 18, 8–9:30 a.m. and 2–3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19, 8–9:30 a.m. and 10–11:30 a.m.

Presidential Address

Sunday, May 17, 9–9:45 a.m.

Speaker: **Fabrizio Michelassi, MD**, president, SSAT

Doris and John L. Cameron

Guest Oration:

Leading Innovation in the Age of Health-Care Transformation

Sunday, May 17, 11–11:45 a.m.

Speaker: **Jeff Degraff**, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan

State-of-the-Art Conference

Surgical Management of Diabetes

Sunday, May 17, 2–3:30 p.m.

The SSAT State-of-the-Art Conference is sponsored by the SSAT Research Committee.

Video Sessions

Sunday, May 17, 4–5:30 p.m.

Monday, May 18, 8–9:30 a.m.
(Continental breakfast provided.)

Tuesday, May 19, 10–11:30 a.m.

The breakfast session features a potpourri of topics, while the other two are themed sessions. All sessions feature peer-reviewed presentations selected from submitted video abstracts.

Controversies in GI Surgery

Each of these sessions provides a forum for a debate in which distinguished faculty will tackle opposing sides of hot-topic, controversial GI issues.

Controversies in GI Surgery A

Monday, May 18, 10–11 a.m.

- Buried Barrett Metaplasia after Endoluminal Ablation: A Ticking Time Bomb or Much Ado About Nothing?

Controversies in GI Surgery B and C

Monday, May 18, 4–5 p.m.

- Postoperative Medical Management of Crohn's Disease: Prevention and Surveillance Strategies.
- Does Liver Resection Improve the Outcome of Patients with Colorectal Liver Metastases and Extrahepatic Disease?

Symposia

The SSAT continues its tradition of presenting symposia with the American Hepato Pancreato Biliary Association (AHPBA), American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS), International Society for Digestive Surgeons (ISDS) and Society of American Gastrointestinal Surgeons (SAGES) at DDW.

SSAT/AHPBA Symposium:

Starting A Career In Hepatobiliary Surgery

Monday, May 18, 8–9:30 a.m.

SSAT/ASCRS

Monday, May 18, 2–3:30 p.m.

SSAT/ISDS Breakfast Symposium

Tuesday, May 19, 7:45–9:30 a.m.

Kelly and Carlos Pellegrini SSAT/SAGES Lunch Symposium

Tuesday, May 19, Noon–3 p.m.

Quick Shot Oral Presentations

Sunday, May 17, 4–5:30 p.m.

Monday, May 18, 8–9:30 a.m. and 10–11:30 a.m.

Authors present brief oral reports on their work, with time allotted for follow-up questions from the audience during sessions on Monday.

Clinical Ward Rounds

Monday, May 18,
10–11 a.m. and 4–5 p.m.

The SSAT “Ward Rounds” are case-based sessions that feature heightened interactivity between audience and panel experts in a freewheeling educational format.

- Management of the Failed Fundoplication:
What to Do About Recurrent and New Symptoms.
- Neuroendocrine Liver Metastases: Observation,
Resection, Ablation or Symptom Suppression?
- Hereditary Colorectal Neoplasia:
What Is the State of the Art in Diagnosis
and Management?

Maja and Frank G. Moody State-of-the-Art Lecture

Monday, May 18, 11–11:45 a.m.

Speaker: **TBD**

Resident Education Committee Panel

A Primer for Your Job Search

Sunday, May 17, 2–3:30 p.m.

Continuing Education Committee Panel

Advances in Endoscopic Surgical Interventions

Monday, May 18, 2–3:30 p.m.

Exhibits and Activities



Please support DDW exhibitors by visiting the Exhibit Hall. Industry support of DDW funds many aspects of the meeting and helps keep the cost of your attendance down.

Exhibit Hall

Sunday, May 17–Tuesday, May 19,
9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Make time to visit the Exhibit Hall to learn more about the latest, cutting-edge products and services for gastroenterology and related fields.

Dedicated Exhibit Hall Hours

We've scheduled fewer sessions during selected times (9:30–10 a.m., 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m. and 3:30–4 p.m.) so you can visit the Exhibit Hall without missing sessions.

Foundation Row

This area features not-for-profit organizations that promote public awareness of gastroenterology-related diseases.

Practice Solutions Pavilion

This area of the Exhibit Hall features electronic medical and health record (EMR/EHR) technologies, practice management products and practice management services.

Publisher's Row

Attendees will find all the latest books, journals and periodicals focusing on gastroenterology-related issues displayed within the Exhibit Hall. Browse through the vast selection and purchase them if you like.

Exhibit Hall Activities

Bistro Tickets

Saturday, May 16–Monday, May 18,
11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Conveniently located in the Exhibit Hall, this is a great dining option that allows you to both save time and sit down to a plentiful lunch. Purchase meal tickets online when registering for DDW.

NEW Complimentary Lunch

DDW is offering complimentary sandwiches in the Exhibit Hall on Tuesday, May 19, at 11:30 a.m., while quantities last.

Product Theaters

Exhibitors will showcase the latest GI products and innovations in live, 45-minute presentations held in the DDW Theater. View the schedule at www.ddw.org/product-theaters.

Surf-n-Snack Zone

Take a break, check your email, meet up with colleagues or just relax for a while at the Surf-n-Snack Zone. This dedicated area in the Exhibit Hall offers free Wi-Fi service, as well as plenty of seating in close proximity to concession outlets in the Exhibit Hall.

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DDW Planning Tools



Pre-plan to maximize your meeting experience with these guides and tools.

Items listed here are in order of release date. Access all planning resources online at **www.ddw.org**.

NEW DDW Preview

An interactive tool that allows you to view high-level detail for the 2015 program. Look at the entire list at once, or sort by society and day to narrow it down. It will be updated as new information is available. Access now at **www.ddw.org/program**.

Step-by-Step Guide

Whether you're considering attending DDW for the first time, haven't been to a recent meeting or are a long-time DDW veteran, this guide will take you step by step through everything you need to know and do to make the most of your DDW experience. Start today at **www.ddw.org/guide**.

Registration Checklist

DDW registration is online only. It's easy, efficient and user-friendly. Use this checklist to help keep track of your choices before and during the online registration process. Available now at **www.ddw.org/registration**.

Digital Agenda Book

The digital version of the DDW Agenda Book will be available online prior to the start of the meeting — download before you arrive to plan your itinerary and save time. Available April 20, 2015.

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MyDDW

With MyDDW, you can search all 400 sessions and 4,000 posters, including full-text abstracts, to find the presentations you want to attend and the posters you want to see. You can also search for exhibitors and their products and services, and locate their booths on a map. Create your own customized itinerary in advance and spend your valuable time on site in sessions, not flipping through program pages. You can plan your DDW experience on your PC, mobile device or both. Available mid-April 2015.

Other DDW Resources



Abstracts on Disk

In your conference bag, you will find a disk containing all of the accepted abstracts for DDW 2015. The abstracts are searchable by author, day, full text, title or number, category and sponsoring society. You can also print and annotate them.

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Abstract Book 💰

Complete, compiled version of all DDW 2015 accepted abstracts in one book. Quantities are limited and only pre-orders will be available for pick up on site in the registration area.

NEW All DDW attendees will receive a complimentary PDF of the Abstract Book. Available April 20, 2015.

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Agenda Book

The printed Agenda Book is your on-site guide for week-at-a-glance and convention center maps, general information, session listings, faculty index and much more. It is provided on site with your bag pick up.

ePosters

With each poster at DDW 2015 presented for only one day, it's difficult to fit in everything that interests you. ePosters takes DDW posters online, where you can access them during and after the meeting. The complete poster* will be available for viewing, and authors have the option to supply a PDF, an interactive PowerPoint presentation and a video to further explain their data. Available May 16, 2015.

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Electronic Question and Answer Service (eQ&A)

Select sessions will heighten the participant experience by integrating an interactive eQ&A service. The system will allow attendees to submit questions via the Web or text messaging and thereby participate in moderator-facilitated activities. Additional details will be distributed prior to the start of each session.

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