

**Ohio Gastroenterology Society Annual Meeting
Sept. 14, 2024**

The Renaissance Hotel Westerville-Polaris

FRIDAY Sept. 13

8:00 – 8:30 pm **Abstract Posters Pre-view**

8:30 – 9:30 pm **Dessert Welcome Reception**

Arriving Friday evening? Join us for a nightcap and desserts in the Port Room

SATURDAY Sept. 14

Session titles subject to change

7:00 am **Registration / Breakfast / Visit Exhibits**

7:45 am **Welcome** – Sangeeta Agrawal, MD, FACP, President, Ohio Gastroenterology Society
Instructions/announcements – Dany Raad, MD, Education Chair, Ohio Gastroenterology Society

Part 1: Creating a Healthy and Safe Endoscopy Suite

8:00 am **Achieving a Sustainable GI Practice: The Going Green initiative**
Deepak Agrawal, MD, MPH, MBA, FACP, Associate Professor and Chief of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Department of Internal Medicine, The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School, Austin, TX

Climate change is a crisis and if urgent actions to curb greenhouse gas emissions are not taken, it will seriously impact the health and healthcare of the population world wide. Procedure-intensive specialties such as gastroenterology are among the top contributors to healthcare greenhouse gas emissions. The actions need to be at regulatory, corporation and individual level. We will discuss responsibility, advocacy and actions that can be taken by providers. By attending, you should be able to implement practical changes to decrease carbon footprint in the endoscopy unit and gastroenterology practice.

8:25 am **Ergonomics in Endoscopy**
Swati Pawa, MD, FASGE, FACP, Professor of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Section on Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC

There is a high prevalence of endoscopic related injury in gastroenterologists due to the increased demand of GI endoscopy and shortage of the gastroenterologist work force. By attending, you should recognize the prevalence and risk factors of Endoscopic Related Injury (ERI), discuss the ASGE guidelines on role of ergonomics in preventing ERI, and optimize ergonomics of the endoscopic unit and endoscope.

8:50 am **Q&A / Discussion**

Part 2: Debate in Foregut Disease: Refractory GERD, Optimize Medical Therapy or Refer to Surgery

9:00 am **Moderator:** *Dany Raad, MD, Gastroenterologist, University Hospitals, Cleveland, OH*

Optimize Medical Therapy
Michael Vaezi, PhD, MD, MS, MACG, Clinical Director, Division of Gastroenterology, Director of the Center for Swallowing and Esophageal Disorders, and Professor of Medicine, Vanderbilt Health, Nashville, TN

We are faced with patients whose GERD symptoms are not optimally treated, thus there is a need to learn about the latest recommendations in how best manage this difficult group of patients. By attending, you should be able to assess the importance of medical therapy in patients with GERD and differentiate the role of medical and surgery in those with refractory GERD symptoms.

Refer to Surgery

Reginald Bell, MD, FACS, Founder, Institute of Esophageal and Reflux Surgery, Lone Tree, Colorado

The role of antireflux surgery patients with medically-refractory GERD is not clearly defined. By attending this session, you should be able to discuss the importance of regurgitative symptoms to patient selection for antireflux procedures and recognize the role of hiatal hernia patient selection for antireflux procedures.

10:00 am **Break / Visit Exhibits & Posters**

Part 3: The Rising Obesity Pandemic

10:45 am **Advances in the Treatment of MASLD**

Nancy Reau, MD, FACP, Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Digestive Diseases and Nutrition, Rush University, Chicago, IL

Nearly 1/3rd of the US has Metabolic Dysfunction Associated Steatotic Liver disease of which 25% are at risk for progression to significant liver disease. Recognizing and managing this population is imperative for all specialties. By attending, you should be able to discuss the known current recommendations for which individuals with MASH should receive pharmacological therapy and pick therapies for concomitant conditions (HTN, T2DM) that are also MASLD favorable.

11:10 am **Endoscopic Options for Bariatric Treatment**

Omar Sadiq, MD, Gastroenterologist, University Hospitals, Cleveland, OH

Obesity and obesity related diseases are a growing epidemic, which have been inadequately addressed for a majority of patients. Endobariatrics adds treatment options for patients who do not get effective weight loss from medical approaches, and are not candidates for surgical interventions. By attending, you should be able to identify endoscopic options for weight loss and bariatric treatments.

11:35 am **Q&A / Discussion**

Part 4: Debate in Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Topic TBD

11:45 am **Moderator:** *Emad Mansoor, MD, Gastroenterologist, University Hospitals, Cleveland, OH*

Position 1

Taha Qazi, MD, Gastroenterologist, Cleveland, OH

IBD management has become increasingly complex. The need for a primer through debates will allow attendees better understanding of management. By attending, you should be able to discuss the new/novel medical therapies for IBD and recognize the appropriate time for surgery in setting of CD and UC.

Position 2

Shail Govani, MD, Gastroenterologist, Ohio Gastroenterology Group, Columbus, OH

Management of IBD remains challenging with a number of different controversies including best methodology for dysplasia surveillance and the choice between surgical and medical management. In this forum, we will discuss the merits of different approaches to patient management and review the corresponding data. By attending, you should be able to determine different surveillance strategies for colon dysplasia in IBD and recognize the risks of medication de-escalation in IBD.

12:45 pm **Lunch - Captain Room**

1:30 pm **Poster Awards /Business Meeting - Captain Room**

2:00 pm **Breakout Bonus Sessions (choose one)**

Session 1: Pearls to match in a GI fellowship (for Residents) – Port Room

Moderated by Sangeeta Agrawal, MD, FACP, FASGE

- *Bianca Islam, MD, GI Fellow, University Hospitals, Cleveland, OH*

Session 2: Should I do a 4th year Fellowship? (for Fellows) – Starboard Room

Moderated by Dany Raad, MD

- *Vu Nguyen – IBD 4th year*
- *Nancy Reau, MD – Hepatology 4th year*
- *Deepak Agrawal, MD, MPH, MBA, FACG – Therapeutic endoscopy 4th*

Session 3: Ohio Legislative/Advocacy Update & Discussion (for Attending physicians) – Captain Room

- *Joe Rosato, Director, Governmental Relations, Ohio State Medical Association*
- *Sapna Thomas, MD, FACG, ACG Governor for Northern Ohio*
- *Andrew Chun, MD, FACG, ACG Governor for Southern Ohio*

2:30 pm

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