



Digestive Health  
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# 2025 Digestive Health Symposium

September 26–27, 2025

Balboa Bay Resort  
Newport Beach, California

September 28, 2025

Hoag Hospital Irvine Campus  
Irvine, California



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Keynote Presenter

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Professor & Chairman, Digestive Diseases Center,  
Showa University Koto Toyosu Hospital, Tokyo Japan  
Emeritus President of JGES (Japan Gastroenterological  
Endoscopy Society)



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# Conference *Overview*

Join global thought leaders in digestive health for a dynamic program featuring live cases, expert presentations, and interactive panels. Designed for gastroenterologists, general surgeons, physician extenders, primary care providers, and nurses, the sessions will cover key topics such as foregut, motility, pancreaticobiliary, bariatrics, hepatology, and IBD. Plus, don't miss a special half-day hands-on experience with the latest endoscopic technologies on Sunday, September 28.

# Educational Objectives

## Foregut/GERD Session

- Explore options for difficult to treat GERD
- Identify recent advances in Barrett's Esophagus detection and treatment
- Recognize evolving technology for diagnosis and treatment of esophageal disorders

## Pancreas/Biliary Session

- Describe the importance of a multidisciplinary approach in managing IGG4-related diseases
- Demonstrate endoscopic techniques for hepatology diagnosis
- Evaluate the impact of new surgical techniques on complications and mortality rates

## Bariatric Session

- Provide updates on current and future GLP-1 based medications including upcoming clinical trials
- Provide updates on bariatric surgery options including primary and revisional options, medical inclusion criteria and future therapies
- Evaluate the benefits of a comprehensive weight and metabolic center of excellence, including education on updated medical, endoscopic and surgical therapies

- Analyze the clinical outcomes and benefits of endoscopic weight loss and metabolic therapies, focusing on endoscopic sleeve gastropasty for weight loss and duodenal mucosal resurfacing techniques for T2DM

## Hepatology Session

- Discuss the prevalence of MASLD in Asian populations and the limitations of BMI in diagnosis
- Identify best practices for cirrhotic liver management to reduce readmissions and improve quality of life
- Highlight the role of locoregional treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma, along with emerging technologies such as histotripsy in liver cancer treatment

## IBD Session

- Discuss developments in medical management and technology in improving outcomes in inflammatory bowel disease
- Review updated guideline on the management of anal intraepithelial neoplasia
- Assess the utility of prehabilitation and integrative approach in optimizing surgical outcomes for Crohn's disease



### Accreditation

Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian is accredited by the California Medical Association (CMA) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

### Credit Designation

Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian designates this educational activity for the maximum of 14.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. This credit can apply to the CMA Certification of Continuing Medical Education.

### ABIM MOC Recognition Statement

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 14.75 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.

## Distinguished Faculty



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## Invited Faculty

**Avni Jain, MD, FRPC**  
Gastroenterologist  
Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver,  
Canada

**Brennan M. Spiegel, MD, MSHS**  
Professor of Medicine and Public Health  
Cedars-Sinai Site Director  
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

**Linda Ahn B. Nguyen, MD, FACG, AGAF**  
Clinical Professor of Medicine  
Gastroenterology & Hepatology  
Stanford Health Care

**Amy M. Tyberg, MD, FASGE**  
Gastroenterologist  
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical  
School

**Mazen Nouruddin, MD, MHSc**  
Hepatologist  
Houston Methodist Hospital

## Hoag Faculty

**Donald Abrahm, MD**  
Gastroenterologist  
Hoag Digestive Health Institute

**Carlos R. Beccera, MD**  
Margaret Givan Larkin Endowed Chair in  
Developmental Cancer Therapeutics  
Medical Director, Cancer Research  
Hoag Family Cancer Institute

**David T. Ahn, MD, MPH**  
Endocrinologist, Chief of Diabetes Services  
Kris V. Iyer Endowed Chair in Diabetes Care  
at The Mary and Dick Allen Diabetes Center

**Melissa L. DeSouza, MD**  
Foregut and Bariatric Surgeon  
Hoag Digestive Health Institute

**Adrian B. Dobrowolsky, MD, FACS, FASMBS**  
Director, Bariatric Weight Loss Program  
Hoag Digestive Health Institute

**Christy M. Dunst, MD, FACS, FAFS**  
Chief of Foregut Program  
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**Tse-Ling Fong, MD**  
Director, Hoag Liver Program  
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**Jared A. Forrester, MD**  
Hepatobiliary & Pancreas Surgeon  
Hoag Family Cancer Institute

**Steve Grossman, MD, PhD**  
Executive Medical Director  
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**Caroline Hwang, MD**  
Program Director, Margolis Family  
Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program  
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**Christina N. Jenkins, MD, FACS, FASCRS**  
Colorectal Surgeon  
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**Ravi J. Kankotia, MD**  
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**Paul J. Korc, MD**  
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**Rashmi Kumar, MD**  
Gastroenterologist  
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**Brian T. Lee, MD**  
Hepatologist  
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**Phuong (Phoenix) Nguyen, MD**  
Program Advisor, Advanced Endoscopy  
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**Matthew Oman, MD**  
Gastroenterologist  
Chair of Gastroenterology  
Hoag Digestive Health Institute

**Abhay Parikh, MD**  
Gastroenterologist  
Eric & Shiela Samson Endowed Chair in  
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**Trushar J. Patel, MD**  
Interventional Radiologist  
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**Daryl Pearlstein, MD**  
Director, Thoracic Surgery and Lung  
Cancer Program  
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**Jennifer Phan, MD**  
Program Director, Bariatric Endoscopy  
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**Elizabeth R. Raskin, MD**  
Surgical Director, Margolis Family  
Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program  
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**Matthew D. Stanley, MD**  
Thoracic Surgeon  
Hoag Family Cancer Institute

**Tara E. Seery, MD**  
Director, Hepatobiliary Cancers  
Co-Director Cell Therapy  
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**Ronald R. Wolf, MD**  
Medical Director, Hepatobiliary and  
Pancreatic Surgery Program  
Hoag Family Cancer Institute

**Friday, September 26, 2025**  
**Balboa Bay Resort**

7:00 – 7:50 AM      **Registration, Breakfast, and Exhibits**

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**Session 1 - Foregut and GERD**

- 8:00 – 8:10 AM      **Welcome and Program Introduction**  
Dr. Kenneth Chang
- 8:10 – 8:25 AM      **When PPI isn't Enough: GERD Treatment Updates**  
Dr. Christy Dunst
- 8:30 – 8:45 AM      **Tech and Toys in the Diagnosis and Management of Foregut Motility Disorders**  
Dr. Linda Nguyen
- 8:50 – 9:50 AM      **Live Cases: cTIF, POEM, Z-POEM, Laparoscopic/Robotic Surgery**  
Moderated by Dr. Haruhiro Inoue
- 9:55 – 10:25 AM      **Morning Break, Refreshments, and Exhibits**
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM      **Barrett's Esophagus: When to Refer for Screening and Advanced Therapy**  
Dr. Melissa DeSouza
- 10:50 – 11:15 AM      **Case Discussion**  
Moderated by Dr. Christy Dunst
- 11:20 – 12:20 PM      **Lunch and Exhibits**
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**Session 2 - Pancreas and Biliary**

- 12:20 – 12:25 PM      **Session Introduction**  
Dr. Phoenix Nguyen
- 12:25 – 12:40 PM      **Developing a Multidisciplinary Approach for IgG4 Diagnosis and Management**  
Dr. Paul Korc
- 12:45 – 1:00 PM      **EUS-Guided Interventions**  
Dr. Amy Tyberg
- 1:05 – 2:05 PM      **Live Cases: ECRP 1, ECRP 2, EUS PANC, EUS LIVER, Robotic Distal Pancreatectomy (recorded)**  
Moderated by Dr. Ron Wolf and Dr. Phoenix Nguyen
- 2:10 – 2:25 PM      **Robotic Assisted Approaches to Surgical Management of Pancreas Cancer**  
Dr. Jared Forrester
- 2:30 – 2:45 PM      **Minimally Invasive Approaches to Surgical Management of Severe Pancreatitis**  
Dr. Ronald Wolf and Dr. Jared Forrester
- 2:45 – 3:00 PM      **Q&A**  
Moderated by Dr. Ron Wolf and Dr. Phoenix Nguyen

3:00 – 3:10 PM      **Afternoon Break, Refreshments, and Exhibits**

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### **Session 3 - Bariatric**

- 3:15 – 3:20 PM      **Session Introduction**  
Dr. Adrian Dobrowolsky
- 3:25 – 3:40 PM      **What's New and Next in Obesity Medication?**  
Dr. David Ahn
- 3:45 – 4:00 PM      **Endoscopic Weight Loss and Metabolic Therapies: Novel Options for Patients with Obesity and Type 2 Diabetes**  
Dr. Jennifer Phan
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM      **Live Cases: ESG, TORe + MACE/RAP, BEAM**
- 5:00 – 5:15 PM      **Bariatric Surgery is Alive and Well - Using Goal Directed Therapy in this Confusing World of Obesity Management**  
Dr. Adrian Dobrowolsky
- 5:30 – 6:30 PM      **Networking Reception**

## **Saturday, September 27, 2025**

### **Balboa Bay Resort**

7:00 – 7:50 AM      **Registration, Breakfast, and Exhibits**

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### **Session 4 - Endoscopy: Past, Present and Future**

- 7:55 – 8:00 AM      **Welcome and Session Introduction**  
Dr. Jennifer Phan
- 8:00 – 8:35 AM      **Keynote Presentation**  
**Innovations, Technology and the Future**  
Dr. Haruhiro Inoue
- 8:35 – 9:10 AM      **Journey with EUS/FNA/FNB, Endohepatology and GERD/TIF**  
Dr. Kenneth Chang
- 9:10 – 9:30 AM      **Q&A**  
Moderated by Dr. Jennifer Phan
- 9:30 – 9:50 AM      **Morning Break, Refreshments and Exhibits**
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### **Session 5 - Hepatology**

- 9:50 – 10:00 AM      **Welcome and Session Introduction**  
Dr. Tse-Ling Fong
- 10:00 – 10:15 AM      **Advances in MASLD/MASH Therapeutics**  
Dr. Mazen Nouruddin

10:20 – 10:35 AM	<b>Updates in Cirrhosis Management and Clinically Significant Portal Hypertension</b> Dr. Brian T. Lee
10:40 – 10:55 AM	<b>Updates in Digital Pathology and Innovation</b> Dr. David Braxton
11:00 – 11:15 AM	<b>Recent Advances in Locoregional Therapy for Liver</b> Dr. Trushar Patel
11:20 – 11:35 AM	<b>Case Discussion</b>
11:35 – 11:50 AM	<b>Q&amp;A</b> Moderated by Dr. Tse Ling Fong
12:00 – 1:00 PM	<b>Lunch and Exhibits</b>

### Session 6 – IBD

1:00 – 1:10 PM	<b>Introduction</b> Dr. Caroline Hwang and Dr. Don Abraham
1:10 – 1:30 PM	<b>Artificial Intelligence in GI: Where We've Been and Where We're Going</b> Dr. Brennan Spiegel
1:35 – 1:50 PM	<b>Updates in IBD Medical Management: Navigating the Many Choices for Your Patient</b> Dr. Caroline Hwang
1:55 – 2:10 PM	<b>Integrative Surgery for Crohn's Disease</b> Dr. Elizabeth Raskin
2:15 – 2:30 PM	<b>Anal Intrepthelial Neoplasia: Multidisciplinary Management in Diagnosis &amp; Treatment</b> Dr. Christina Jenkins
2:35 – 2:50 PM	<b>Case Discussion</b>
2:50 – 3:10 PM	<b>Q&amp;A</b> Moderated by Dr. Donald Abraham
3:15 PM	<b>Symposium Conclusion</b>

**Sunday, September 28, 2025**  
**Hoag Hospital Irvine**

### Hands-On Endoscopy

7:30 – 7:50 AM	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>
8:00 – 12:00 PM	<b>Hands-on Endoscopy Sessions</b>
12:00 PM	<b>Workshop Conclusion</b> <b>Boxed Lunch Provided</b>



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20% off published registration fees.

## Registration Fees

	2-Day Symposium & Hands-On Workshop	2-Day Symposium	Hands-On Workshop
Hoag Medical Staff Members	\$225	\$200	\$50
Hoag PA, NP, RN, Technologists, and Fellows	\$50 (refundable deposit)	\$50 (refundable deposit)	\$25
Physicians	\$500	\$400	\$100
PA, NP, RN, Technologists, and Fellows	\$200	\$150	\$50

Registration includes breakfast, lunch, and refreshments. Daily valet parking is \$30 per vehicle, per visit. Conference attendees are responsible for vehicle parking charges. There will be a 3% administrative fee for all cancellations.