

OVERVIEW

Gastroenterology 2021 provides a comprehensive update for clinicians who care for patients with GI disorders, covering state-of-the-art clinical strategies, updates and expanded options for treatment and diagnosis, and guidance for complex and unusual cases. Upon completion of this conference, participants will be able to interpret major advances in the field of gastroenterology, incorporate the most up-to-date diagnostic approaches to GI disorders, and manage patients with both common and rare GI disorders using established guidelines.

AUDIENCE

This activity is designed for gastroenterologists, internists, surgeons, physicians, fellows and residents. It may also meet the educational requirements for pharmacists, nurses and advanced practice providers.

LOCATION

Hilton Garden Inn is located at 6165 Levis Commons Blvd., Perrysburg, Ohio, 43551 in the Levis Commons shopping district, with convenient access from I-475/US23.

ACCOMMODATIONS

If overnight accommodations are required, contact Hilton Garden Inn, 419-873-0700 or toll-free 1-877-STAY.HGI or online at StayHGI.com. Please mention the ProMedica conference when making reservations to receive the conference room rate.

SPEAKERS

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**Fee:** **\$90 Advanced practice providers and physicians**  
**\$65 Nurses and allied professionals**  
Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and all conference materials.

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## AGENDA

**7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8 a.m. Welcome**  
Michael Basista, MD, MBA

**8:10 a.m. Introductions**  
Jennifer Tillman, FNP-C

**8:15 a.m. Clostridium difficile Infection**  
Thomas J. Colturi, MD

- Review C. difficile epidemiology and recent increase in incidence.
- Identify patients at increased risk of C. difficile infection.
- Recognize pathophysiology and clinical spectrum of C. difficile.
- Summarize C. difficile diagnostic testing, prevention, and recommended treatment options.

**9 a.m. ERCP: A Double-edged Sword**  
Nasser Hajar, MD

- Describe proper indications for ERCP and use of new ERCP-related technologies and techniques.
- Demonstrate basic ERCP teamwork skills.
- Identify possible complications of ERCP.

**9:45 a.m. Pancreatic Cysts: Do We Have to Worry About Them?**  
Muhannad Heif, MD

- Identify different types of pancreatic cysts.
- Describe prevalence of pancreatic cysts.
- Review pathophysiology of pancreatic cysts.
- Discuss management of pancreatic cysts.

**10:30 a.m. Break and Visit Exhibits**

**10:45 a.m. Colorectal Cancer, Diverticular Disease and Colitis**  
Ahmad Malas, MD

- Discuss screening, detection, and preventions of colorectal cancer.
- Evaluate spectrum of diverticular disease.
- Review different causes of colitis including infectious and ischemic etiologies.

**11:30 a.m. Basics of Inflammatory Bowel Disease**  
Tarik Alhmoud, MD, MS

- Identify initial evaluation of chronic diarrhea.
- Explain diagnosis of IBD and its implications.
- Discuss IBD treatment modalities and possible complications of IBD.

**12:15 p.m. Lunch**

**1:15 p.m. Diagnostic Approach to Abnormal Liver Tests**  
Michael Basista, MD, MBA

- Explain differential diagnosis of abnormal liver enzymes.
- Explore methods for determining severity of liver disease and presence of cirrhosis.
- Examine scoring systems for severity of liver disease and how these correlate to risk assessment for procedures.

**1:45 p.m. Primary Lifestyle Interventions for Common GI Conditions**  
Elizabeth Szykowski, PA-C

- Identify GI conditions amenable to lifestyle factors.
- Define behavioral strategies for common GI conditions.
- Recognize signs that signal need for GI referral or testing.

**2:15 p.m. Break and Visit Exhibits**

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**2:30 p.m. Dyspepsia: Acid and Beyond**  
Syed Shafae Hasan, DO

- Identify other causes of heartburn and dyspepsia beyond acid.
- Explain diagnostic approach to heartburn symptoms.
- Discuss various treatment options for acid and non-acid reflux, esophageal hypersensitivity, and functional dyspepsia.

**3:15 p.m. Debunking Myths and Setting the Record Straight on PPIs**  
S. Bashar Almadani, MD

- Explain how prior concerns regarding safety of proton pump inhibitors (PPI) use were based on observational studies with serious methodologic limitations.
- Review literature showing falsehood behind long list of supposed “side effects” from long-term PPI use.
- Examine current best practices of PPI use.
- Highlight role of PPIs in functional dyspepsia.

**3:45 p.m. Panel Discussion/Ask the Experts**  
• Summarize overview of GI symptoms and treatment options for best patient outcomes.

**4 p.m. Evaluation/Adjournment**

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