

SAGE

Symposium for Advances in Gastroenterology and Endoscopy

Saturday, September 26, 2026
7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Jack and Sheryl Morris Cancer Center
165 Somerset St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

CE Accredited, Live In-Person Activity Provided by

RWJBarnabas Health
Digestive Health

and

Rutgers Health



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Course Description

This multidisciplinary CME program is designed to address critical gaps in the rapidly evolving field of gastroenterology. Advances in endoscopic technology, artificial intelligence, and therapeutic options have transformed the management of gastrointestinal diseases yet challenges remain in integrating these innovations into clinical practice.

Healthcare providers face variability in applying evidence-based guidelines, selecting appropriate endoscopic interventions, utilizing emerging technologies, and managing complex chronic GI conditions. Additional gaps in care coordination, quality metrics, and patient-centered care continue to impact outcomes.

Through expert-led presentations, case-based discussions, and practical insights, this program will equip clinicians with the ability to apply current evidence to GI bleeding, pancreaticobiliary disease, hepatology, IBD, and advanced polyp management; tools needed to enhance diagnostic accuracy, use biomarkers and endoscopic findings more effectively in care decisions; select appropriate endoscopic therapies with greater confidence, and improve interdisciplinary coordination and patient follow-up; improve procedural quality, and deliver high-value, patient-centered care.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be better able to:

- Apply current evidence-based guidelines to the diagnosis and management of common and complex gastrointestinal disorders.
- Evaluate and select appropriate endoscopic techniques and interventions, including advanced therapeutic procedures, based on patient-specific factors.
- Integrate emerging technologies, including AI-assisted imaging and advanced diagnostics, into clinical and endoscopic practice.
- Optimize management strategies for chronic GI diseases, including IBD and liver disease, using current evidence and therapeutic options.
- Implement quality and safety measures to improve endoscopic outcomes and reduce complications.
- Enhance multidisciplinary communication and coordination to improve continuity and efficiency of care.
- Integrate multidisciplinary communication and care pathways to improve safety, efficiency, and continuity across GI and endoscopy services.
- Apply practical implementation strategies that improve adoption of current evidence in real-world gastroenterology and endoscopy practice.

Target Audience

This activity is designed for physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses and other allied health professionals involved in the care of patients with gastrointestinal disease, including those working in gastroenterology, hepatology, inflammatory bowel disease, endoscopy, and related procedural services.

Planning Committee

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Accreditation



In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences and RWJBarnabas Health. Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Physicians: Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences designates that live activity for a maximum of 7.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

Nurses: This activity is awarded 7.5 ANCC contact hours. Nurses should claim only those contact hours actually spent participating in the activity.

Physician Associates: Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences has been authorized by the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for 7.5 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.



ABIM MOC Points: Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 7.5 MOC points in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit.

Faculty Disclosure: The relevant financial relationships of all individuals who affect the content of continuing education activities and any discussion of off-label/investigational uses will be disclosed to the audience at the time of the activity.

Method of Participation

In order to meet the learning objectives and receive continuing education credit, participants are expected to check/sign in on the day of the activity, attend the program, and complete the online evaluation at the conclusion of the activity. A CE certificate will be emailed to participants upon completion of the online evaluation.

Faculty

Activity Directors

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Guest Faculty

David L. Carr-Locke, MD, Professor of Medicine, Professor of Medicine in Pediatrics, Clinical Director for the Center for Advanced Digestive Care. Weill Cornell Medical College

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Agenda

7:00 am	<i>Registration/Continental Breakfast/Exhibits</i>	
7:30 am	Welcome and Introductions	
7:40 am	GI Bleeding and Hemostasis • Classification of Bleeding Lesions • Approach to PUD • Approach to Esophageal and Gastric Varices • New Tools and Techniques for Managing GI Bleeding Case Presentations	Michael Ma, MD Anish Patel, MD Arvind Trindade, MD Daniella Mikhail, MD Nevin Varghese, MD
8:40 am	Emerging Modalities in the Detection and Treatment of GI Bleeding	Kaveh Hajifathalian, MD, MPH
9:10 am	Pancreaticobiliary • Early High Risk Pancreatic Lesions • Pancreatic Cancer Screening • Managing Complex Biliary Obstruction • Innovations in Surgical Management of Pancreas Cancer Case Presentations	Petros Benias, MD Kaveh Hajifathalian, MD, MPH Michael Ma, MD Jade Marhaba, MD Mohamad Aghaie Meybodi, MD Arvind Trindade, MD
10:10 am	Advances in the Operative Management of Pancreatic Neoplasms: What Every Gastroenterologist Should Know	H. Richard Alexander, MD
10:40 am	<i>Refreshments Break/Exhibits</i>	
10:55 am	Hepatology • Algorithm for Abnormal LFTs • Metabolic Dysfunction Associated Steatotic Liver Disease • New Medications for the Treatment of MASLD Case Presentations	Paul J. Gaglio, MD Meghanna Ghattu, MD Keerthi Kesavarapu, DO Lucia Romero-Socorro, MD
11:55 am	New Therapies for MASLD	Ira Jacobson, MD
12:25 pm	<i>Lunch/Exhibits</i>	
1:10 pm	NJ Crohns and Colitis Foundation Lecture IBD: Tackling the Growing Problem of Immune Diseases - Causative Mechanisms and New Therapies	Steven Brant, MD

1:40 pm	Addressing Large Polyps and Dysplasia • Categorizing Polyps - Large and Small • EMR vs ESD • Ablation for Management of Polyps and Dysplasia • Management of Barrett's Esophagus Case Presentations	Petros Benias, MD David L. Carr- Locke, MD Kaveh Hajifathalian, MD, MPH Michael Ma, MD Arvind Trindade, MD Ankoor H. Patel, MD
2:40 pm	Precision Polyp Resection: Safe Techniques for Effective Removal	Gregory B. Haber, MD
3:10 pm	Endoscopy Past Present and Future	David L. Carr- Locke, MD
3:40 pm	<i>Adjourn</i>	
3:40 pm	Industry Sponsored Hands-On Workshops For Fellows, Nurses and Technicians <i>(CE Credit will not be offered for these sessions)</i>	
	Managing Energy Modalities	Erbe USA
	Understanding Stent Technology - Uses and Differences	Boston Scientific
	New Disposable Scope Technology - Duodenoscopes and Cholangioscopes	Boston Scientific
	Artificial Intelligence in Endoscopy	Medtronic
	Endoscopic Closures Devices	Boston Scientific Ovesco Endoscopy
4:30 pm	<i>Reception</i>	

General Information

Registration Fees	
Physician	\$49
Healthcare Professional	\$39
Rutgers Health/RWJBarnabas Health Faculty/Staff	\$29
Resident/Fellow/Healthcare Student*	Complimentary

**Registration must be accompanied by program director's letter confirming resident/fellow/student status. Please upload your letter when registering or email to ccoe@rbhs.rutgers.edu.*

Registrants may be asked to furnish documentation confirming their employment status in order to be eligible for a reduced rate. If it is determined that a registrant does not meet the eligibility criteria, the registrant will be required to pay the necessary tuition fee.

Registration fee includes continental breakfast, refreshment breaks, continuing education credits, and course material. Registration can only be accepted through our secure online website through September 23, 2026. Registration will not be confirmed until payment is received. If payment is not received in time for the activity, Rutgers reserves the right to cancel the registration.

Pre-registration is recommended. On-site registration will be accommodated on a space available basis.

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Course Material

In an effort to provide the most complete materials to attendees and conserve resources, PDF versions of the lecture slides will be made available on-line to registered attendees. Additional information will be provided in future confirmation communications.

Confirmation

Once registered, you will receive an email confirmation. As the activity date approaches, you will receive additional information to assist you with your plans to participate in this activity.

Location

Jack and Sheery Morris Cancer Center
165 Somerset Drive
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Complimentary parking is available behind the Morris Cancer Center in the Hardenberg Street Garage at 18 Hardenberg Street, New Brunswick. Participants will receive additional information in their confirmation materials. For more information and directions visit: <https://www.rwjbh.org/our-locations/specialty-centers/jack-sheryl-morris-cancer-center/>

Cancellation Fee/Refund

A full refund, less a \$25 cancellation fee, will be granted if notice is received no later than September 25, 2026. Refunds will not be issued for any cancellations received after September 25, 2026 and cannot be given for no shows. To cancel, please contact CCOE by email at ccoe@rbhs.rutgers.edu.

For Additional Information

For additional information, questions, or concerns, or if you require special arrangements to attend this activity, please contact CCOE by email at ccoe@rbhs.rutgers.edu.

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