

DIVISION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

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Current Topics in Gastroenterology and Hepatology

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Course Directors: Bonnie Ewald, M.D. and Kristen Farwell, M.D.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This annual course encompasses both luminal gastroenterology and hepatology and is designed to provide gastroenterologists, internists, surgeons, and advanced practitioners with a clinically oriented update on current advances, emerging technologies, and evolving management strategies in gastroenterology and liver disease.

This three-day program will cover a broad range of topics, including inflammatory bowel disease, advanced endoscopic procedures, gastrointestinal motility disorders, colorectal disease, metabolic and weight-related conditions, and hepatology. Sessions will examine the scientific basis of disease management and provide practical guidance to support evidence-based clinical decision-making.

This activity will address the following ACGME/ABMS Competencies: Medical Knowledge, Patient Care, Practice Based Learning and Improvement.

Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Apply current evidence and guideline-based therapies in the management of inflammatory bowel disease, including biologic and emerging treatment options.
- Integrate advanced diagnostic and therapeutic techniques, including motility testing, POEM, ESD, and EUS, into clinical practice.
- Implement best practices for the evaluation and management of colorectal disease, diverticular disease, and gastrointestinal malignancies.
- Optimize care for patients with metabolic-associated liver disease, alcohol-related liver disease, and obesity using current medical and multidisciplinary approaches.
- Utilize artificial intelligence and emerging technologies to enhance gastrointestinal diagnosis, treatment, and workflow efficiency.

ACCREDITATION

The Lahey Clinic Hospital, Inc. is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.



CREDIT DESIGNATION

The Lahey Clinic Hospital, Inc. designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.50 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This program is pending CE approval with the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

SUNDAY July 19, 2026

3:30 pm **Registration**

4:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

Bonnie Ewald, M.D.,
Course Director

Kristen Farwell, M.D.,
Course Director

Moderator: Kristen Farwell, M.D.

4:05 **AI in GI**

Katherine Brunner, M.D.

4:30 **Treatment Strategies
in C. difficile**

Anna Leszczynski, M.D.

4:55 **Updates in IBD Medications**

Jeremy Spiewak, PharmD

5:20 **Positioning IBD Treatment
in 2026**

Randall Pellish, M.D.

5:45 **Use of GLP-1 Therapies in IBD**

Colleen Kelly, M.D.

6:30 **Panel Discussion**

7:00 **Adjourn & Welcome Reception**

MONDAY July 20, 2026

7:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

Moderator: Bonnie Ewald, M.D.

Moderator: David Burns, M.D.

8:00 **OK, So What Do I Order?
A Case-Based Discussion
of Upper GI Motility
and pH Testing**

Nicole Hanley-Williams, M.D.

8:25 **POEM & ESD**

Syed Kashif Mahmood, M.D.

8:50 **Advances in Interventional EUS:
EUS-Guided Gallbladder
Drainage, Gastrojejunostomy,
and the EDGE Procedure**

Mena Bakhit, M.D.

9:15 **Management of Major Bile
Duct Injuries**

Attila Nakeeb, M.D.



MONDAY July 20, 2026 (cont'd)

- 9:40 **Panel Discussion**
- 10:00 **Break**
- 10:25 **Iron Deficiency Anemia**
Russell Baur, M.D.
- 10:50 **Colorectal Cancer in the 21st Century: What's Changing and What's the Same?**
David Kleiman, M.D.
- 11:15 **Update on Diverticular Disease: The Straight Poop!**
Peter Marcello, M.D.
- 11:40 **Panel Discussion**
- 12:00 pm **Fellows Case Presentations**
Moderator: Steven Nezhad, M.D.
Joseph Cappuccio, D.O.
Olivia Karcis, M.D.
- 12:30 pm **Adjourn**

TUESDAY July 21, 2026

- 7:30 am **Continental Breakfast**
Moderator: Stephen Fabry, M.D.
- 8:00 **Treatment Updates in Primary Biliary Cholangitis**
Carmi Punzalan, M.D.
- 8:25 **Management of Alcohol-Associated Liver Disease and Cirrhosis**
Amir Qamar, M.D.
- 8:50 **Liver Lesions**
Jalil Afnan, M.D.
- 9:15 **GLP-1 Therapies**
Amanda Powell, M.D.
- 9:40 **Pathophysiology and Treatment Update in MASH**
Bubu Banini, M.D., Ph.D.
- 10:25 **Panel Discussion**
- 10:45 **Adjourn**

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<https://lahey.cloud-cme.com/course/courseoverview?P=5&EID=9444>

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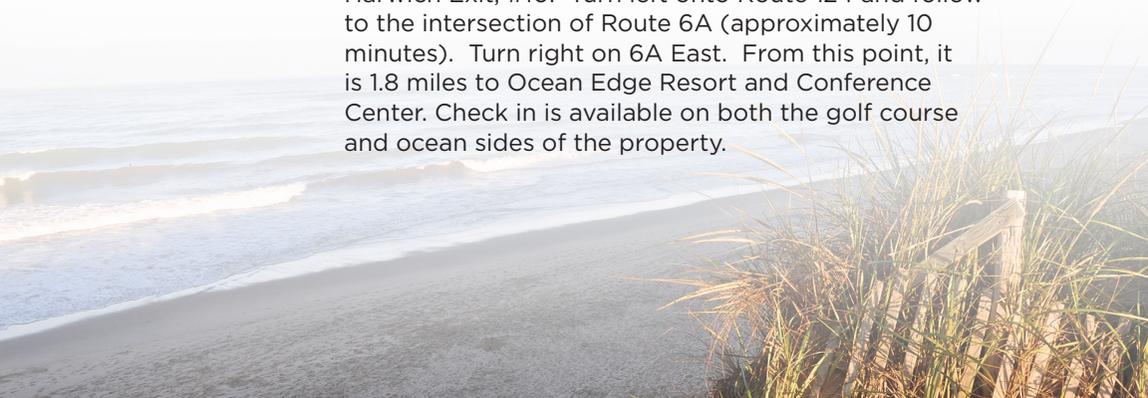
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A block of rooms has been reserved for registrants attending this seminar at a special conference rate. The block includes hotel rooms on the ocean side of the property as well as 1-bedroom villas across the street on the golf course side of the property. In order to receive the special rate, reservations must be made before the room block fills or before the expiration date of June 19, 2026, whichever comes first. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. For reservations, registrants may call Ocean Edge at 1-800-343-6074 or (508) 896-9000 or email the registration department at stay@oceanedge.com. Registrants should identify themselves as part of the Lahey GI course in order to receive the special conference rate. Please ask about any additional resort/early departure fees.

To view their website: www.oceanedge.com

DIRECTIONS TO OCEAN EDGE

Pick up Route 6 (Mid-Cape Highway) at the end of the Sagamore Bridge and follow Route 6 to the Brewster/Harwich Exit, #10. Turn left onto Route 124 and follow to the intersection of Route 6A (approximately 10 minutes). Turn right on 6A East. From this point, it is 1.8 miles to Ocean Edge Resort and Conference Center. Check in is available on both the golf course and ocean sides of the property.



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