



## **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Medical and Surgical Gastroenterology: A Multidisciplinary Approach**

The Hythe Vail  
715 West Lionshead Circle  
Vail, Colorado 81657

**February 26 – March 1, 2026**

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*.

**DESCRIPTION**

We continue to see great advances in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal and liver disease. Therapy continues to evolve in multiple directions. There are constantly new medications being approved for inflammatory bowel disease. The line is also blurring between the traditional realms of endoscopy and surgery. We are now seeing novel endoscopic approaches for the treatment of GERD, Barrett's esophagus, and acute pancreatitis. To maintain their practices, gastroenterologists and surgeons need to stay up to date on a wide range of topics including approach to resecting the difficult polyp, understanding the best approach to withdrawing therapy in IBD, as well as for management of ischemic colitis, and an update on management of metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis (MASLD); yet formal education in these areas is limited. It is difficult for practicing physicians and surgeons to stay abreast of these new advances. This year we pay special emphasis on inflammatory bowel disease with a whole day dedicated to the topic, including the addition of two distinguished outside speakers. Please join us for the Medical and Surgical Gastroenterology – A Multidisciplinary Approach - this is the 42<sup>nd</sup> year for the course!

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

This activity is intended for gastroenterologists, surgeons, internists, family practitioners, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses and other allied health professionals.

**OBJECTIVES**

After attending this activity, the learner will demonstrate the ability to:

- Identify recently approved therapies for Crohn's and ulcerative colitis.
- Identify updates in the management of HBV and HCV.
- Restate the endoscopic options for the patient with PSC related bile duct strictures.
- Describe the surgical approach to pancreatic cancer.
- Describe the surgical options available to patients with cholangiocarcinoma.
- Review state-of-the-art management for patients with hereditary polyposis syndromes.

**ACCREDITATION STATEMENT**

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

**CREDIT DESIGNATION STATEMENT**

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 15.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**POLICY ON PRESENTER AND PROVIDER DISCLOSURE**

It is the policy of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine that the presenter and provider globally disclose conflicts of interest. The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine OCME has established policies in place to identify and mitigate relevant conflicts of interest prior to this educational activity. Detailed disclosure will be made prior to presentation of the education.

**OTHER CREDITS**

**American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Certification Program** accepts *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* from organizations accredited by the ACCME.

**American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)** accepts *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* from organizations accredited by the ACCME.

PAs may claim a maximum of 15.25 Category 1 credits for completing this activity. **NCCPA** accepts *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* from organizations accredited by ACCME or a recognized state medical society.

**AGENDA****Thursday, February 26, 2026****AFTERNOON**

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| 2:00 – 4:00 | Registration and Visit Exhibits  |
| 4:00 – 5:00 | <b>Keynote Talk</b><br><b>The Paradigm Shifts in Treatment of Pancreatic Cancer</b><br>Marco Del Chiaro, MD, PhD, FACS |
| 5:00 – 6:00 | <b>Welcome Reception</b>   |

**AGENDA****Friday, February 27, 2026****MORNING**

6:30 – 7:00 Breakfast and Visit Exhibits

**OBESITY**

7:00 – 7:25 **Tools of the Trade: Diagnosing and Managing MASLD**  
Amanda Wieland, MD

7:25 – 7:50 **GLP-1 Agonists: Miracle Molecule or Motility Menace**  
Jennifer Christie, MD, MASGE, AGAF

7:50 – 8:15 **Innovations in Endoscopic Approaches to Obesity**  
Margaret Geri Keane, MBBS

8:15 – 8:40 **From Strictures to Stones: A GI Approach to Bariatric Surgery Complications**  
Margaret Geri Keane, MBBS

8:40 – 9:05 **Beyond Cancer: The Expanding Frontier of Liver Transplantation in 2026**  
Amanda Wieland, MD

9:05 – 10:00 Questions and Answers

**AFTERNOON****NEW TECHNOLOGY/INNOVATIONS**

4:15 – 4:40 **Building a Center for High Resolution Anoscopy (HRA)**  
Maaza Abdi, MD

4:40 – 5:05 **Incorporating AI into Your Clinical and Endoscopic Practice**  
Venkata Akshintala, MD (Zoom presentation)

5:05 – 5:30 **Practical Approach to Choosing Therapies for Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis**  
Mark Lazarev, MD

5:30 – 5:55 **Endoscopic Therapy for GERD: What You Need to Know**  
Olaya Brewer Gutierrez, MBBS

5:55 – 6:20 **New Approaches to CRC Screening in 2026**  
Jennifer Christie, MD, MASGE, AGAF

6:20 – 6:45 **Top Clinical Developments in Acute and Chronic Pancreatitis**  
Vikesh Singh, MD, MSc

6:45 – 7:00 Questions and Answers

**AGENDA****Saturday, February 28, 2026****MORNING**

6:30 – 7:00 Breakfast and Visit Exhibits

**HEPATOLOGY**7:00 – 7:25 **Genetic Disorders of the Liver**  
James Hamilton, MD7:25 – 7:50 **A Practical Approach to Benign Liver Lesions**  
James Hamilton, MD7:50 – 8:15 **No Longer Straight and Narrow: Obesity and Disorders of the Esophagus**  
Paul Menard-Katcher, MD8:15 – 8:40 **New Oncologic Indications for Liver Transplant**  
Trevor Nydam, MD8:40 – 9:05 **Surgical Oncology of the Liver (Non-Transplant)**  
Atsushi Oba, MD, PhD

9:05 – 10:00 Questions and Answers

**AFTERNOON****IBD**4:15 – 4:40 **New Diagnostics for the Esophagus – Sponge/Endoflip/Esoflip**  
Paul Menard-Katcher, MD4:40 – 5:05 **Beyond the Usual Suspects: Diagnosis and Management of Non-IBD Colitides**  
Siobhan Proksell, MD5:05 – 5:30 **Caring for Women with IBD: Health Along the Continuum of Life**  
Siobhan Proksell, MD5:30 – 5:55 **Updates to Health Care Maintenance in IBD in 2026**  
Reezwana Chowdhury, MD5:55 – 6:20 **Edge Indications for Ileocolonic Resection and J-Pouch Surgery**  
Amber Moyer, MD6:20 – 6:45 **Pushing the Envelope for Medical Therapy in IBD – Case Presentation**  
Mark Lazarev, MD

6:45 – 7:00 Questions and Answers

**AGENDA****Sunday, March 1, 2026****MORNING**

6:30 – 7:00            Breakfast and Visit Exhibits

7:00 – 10:00        **Case Conference**

10:00                Adjourn

You will receive an email notification to complete the evaluation form and to attest to the number of hours in attendance.

The registration desk will remain open during conference hours.

The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine takes responsibility for the content, quality, and scientific integrity of this CME activity.

This schedule is subject to change.

**SPEAKERS****Reezwana Chowdhury, MD**

Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Division of Gastroenterology

**Marco Del Chiaro, MD, PhD, FACS**

Professor of Surgery  
Chief, Surgical Oncology  
Director, Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Program  
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Anschutz Medical Campus  
Aurora, Colorado

**Maaza Abdi, MD**

Assistant Professor Medicine  
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**Venkata Akshintala, MD**

Associate Professor of Medicine Program  
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Director, Therapeutic Endoscopy Fellowship

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Assistant Professor of Medicine  
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Associate Division Director for Faculty  
Development and Advancement  
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**JOHNS HOPKINS SPEAKERS****James Hamilton, MD**

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Division of Gastroenterology  
Interim Director,  
Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology

**Margaret Geri Keane, MBBS, MSc**

Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Division of Gastroenterology

**Vikesh Singh, MD, MSc**

Professor of Medicine  
Director of Endoscopy  
Director of Pancreatology

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**Paul Menard-Katcher, MD**  
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Aurora, Colorado

**Amber Moyer, MD**  
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Colon and Rectal Surgery  
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Professor of Surgery-Transplant  
Chief, Transplant Surgery  
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**GENERAL INFORMATION****REGISTRATION**

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Keynote Lecture 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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**LOCATION, HOTEL AND TRAVEL INFORMATION**[The Hythe Vail](#)

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Vail, Colorado 81657

**Phone:** 970-477-5565

Reservations: <https://book.passkey.com/go/jhu2026>

Overnight accommodations/hotel reservations can be made online using the link above by **JANUARY 22, 2026**, to secure the group single rate of \$559++, which is good three days pre/post, based on availability.

**Deposit/Cancellation information:**

Credit card required at time of booking. Full, non-refundable, payment for entire stay will be billed on 1/22/26.

Any cancellations after this date will be fully non-refundable. No-shows will be billed for entire stay and remaining nights reserved will be cancelled. Early departures will be billed for remaining nights reserved.

Resort fee \$25/day. Valet \$30/day.

Upon check in, each guest will be required to present a valid credit card, on which an amount of sufficient preauthorization can be obtained to cover all applicable room charges for the length of the guest's stay, plus the anticipated use of the Resort's ancillary services. All charges which are the direct responsibility of the individual attendee must be paid in full upon departure either by check, cash, or credit card.

Check-in time is after 4:00 p.m. and check-out time is before 11:00 a.m. Luggage storage and ski storage will be offered for early arrivals or late departures.

**GROUND TRANSPORTATION**

Shuttle transportation is available from Denver International or Eagle Airports via Epic Mountain Express.

Book online: [https://epicmountainexpress.com/group\\_redirect?code=JHU2026](https://epicmountainexpress.com/group_redirect?code=JHU2026)

**Lift Tickets, Ski Rentals and Lessons**

Group and discount codes to book lift tickets, rentals, and ski lessons:

**Promotion Name:** 43rd Annual Medical and Surgical Gastroenterology

**Promotion Link:** <https://groups.vailresorts.com/vail/lodging-offers/promocode>

**Promotion Code:** GASTRO26

**FEES**

**REGISTRATION CUT-OFF DATE:** February 20, 2026

Register Online:

<https://hopkinscme.cloud-cme.com/aph.aspx?P=5&EID=63538>

**Methods of Payment: Learners must register and submit full payment prior to the start of the activity.** On-site payments can only be accepted if made by learners via credit card through the online portal by 5:00 p.m. ET on the first day of the activity. The registration fee includes instructional materials, welcome reception, continental breakfasts, and refreshment breaks.

	<b>Before</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>After</b>
	<b>12/29/2025</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>12/29/2025</b>
Physicians .....	\$ 695		\$895
Residents*/Fellows*/Nurses/NPs/PAs/Allied Health Professionals .....	\$ 100		\$150

\*with verification of status

You will receive a confirmation by e-mail. If you have not received it by February 20, 2026, call (410) 502-9636 to confirm that you are registered. A transcript of attendance will be available upon attestation of your credit hours and submission of the post activity online evaluation.

The Johns Hopkins University reserves the right to cancel or postpone any activity due to unforeseen circumstances. In this event, the University will refund the registration fee but is not responsible for travel expenses. Additionally, we reserve the right to change the venue to a comparable venue. Under such circumstances registrants will be notified as soon as possible.

**LATE FEE AND REFUND POLICY**

A \$50 late fee applies to registrations received after 5:00 p.m. ET on February 20, 2026. A handling fee of \$50 will be deducted for cancellation. An additional fee may apply for cancellation of other events, including workshops and social activities. Refund requests must be received by fax or mail by February 20, 2026. No refunds will be made thereafter. Transfer of registration to another Johns Hopkins activity in lieu of cancellation is not possible.

**SYLLABUS**

The syllabus will be accessible online and via your mobile device in the CloudCME App prior to the activity.

**HOW TO OBTAIN CREDIT**

Post activity, an online evaluation will be available to attendees to evaluate the activity and individual presentations and to identify future educational needs. Upon completion of the evaluation, the learner must attest to the number of hours in attendance. Credits earned will be added to the learner’s transcript and immediately available for print. **The last day to access the evaluation and attest to your credits is April 14, 2026.**

An outcome survey will be sent to all physician attendees within two months post activity to assist us in determining what impact this activity had on the learner's practice.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine fully complies with the legal requirements of the ADA and the rules and regulations thereof. *Please notify us if you have any special needs.*

**TO REGISTER *or* FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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<https://hopkinscme.cloud-cme.com/aph.aspx?P=5&EID=63538>*Register by Phone**(410) 502-9636*

Register by Fax

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Confirmation/Certificates/Transcripts

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<https://hopkinscme.cloud-cme.com/about/help>

For general information, please visit the activity webpage at

<https://hopkinscme.cloud-cme.com/aph.aspx?P=5&EID=63538>**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Applications for commercial support from health care related industries are pending. A complete list of contributors will be provided in the syllabus. Please note that commercial support received is solely for the educational component of the activity and will not be used to provide food and beverage.

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