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26TH
 ANNIVERSARY

26th Annual
Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Viva la Vida

March 17 – 20, 2026

Caribe Hilton
 San Juan, Puerto Rico

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- Hot Debates in GI
- New Developments in IBD
- Updates in Cancer Screening
- Obesity Management
- Advanced Practice Provider and Nursing Track
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Description

The Viva la Vida course has reached its 26th anniversary sponsored by the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, with the overarching goal of updating important topics in Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Endoscopy. We have partnered with Stanford Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology to jointly organize our Viva la Vida course. Join us and enjoy the program we have designed for you with over 50 sessions on topics in Gastroenterology, Endoscopy and Hepatology, including a separate track dedicated to advanced practice providers and nursing, given by 45 professors from both institutions. In addition to didactic lectures, there will be debates and panel discussions.

Who Should Attend

This activity is intended for gastroenterologists, hepatologists, surgeons, fellows, residents, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, and allied health professionals who are interested in gastroenterology and hepatology.



General Information

EARLY REGISTRATION

Monday, March 16, 2026 • 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 • 7:00 - 7:25 a.m.

LOCATION AND HOTEL INFORMATION

We strongly encourage you to book your accommodations at the conference headquarters hotel. The Johns Hopkins Office of CME makes every effort to secure the best rate for overnight accommodations. The rate is part of a negotiated conference package that incorporates many services. By staying at the host hotel and booking within the room block, you help us maintain current conference benefits and keep future registration fees reasonable. Please consider this when making your overnight accommodations decision.

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HOTEL RESERVATION CUT-OFF DATE:

FEBRUARY 13, 2026

A limited block of sleeping rooms has been reserved for your convenience and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Link: Johns Hopkins 2026 - Start your reservation

The Caribe Hilton is a full service hotel that offers a range of services and amenities to make your stay in San Juan complete. Located just ten minutes from the San Juan airport.

Make your reservation [online](#) or call the hotel directly and specify that you are attending the Johns Hopkins **Viva la Vida** conference to receive the special group rate of \$353, single or double, plus tax. The rate is honored, based on availability, 5 days before and 5 days after the event dates.

Additional charges will apply: Daily resort charge, currently \$50 per room, per night resort fee, plus applicable commonwealth and local tax, currently 9%. Portage: \$6.38 per person, plus applicable tax, currently at 10.5% state tax and 1% municipality tax (includes both check-in and check-out). Room Attendant: \$0.50 per person, per day, plus applicable tax, currently at 10.5% state tax and 1% municipality tax. For the complete list of amenities, please refer to the website. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. Check-out time is 12:00 noon.

Objectives

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

- Analyze recent advances in the diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal and liver diseases across multiple subspecialties, including motility, hepatology, pancreatology, esophageal disorders, and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).
- Integrate evidence-based strategies for effective screening, surveillance, and prevention of gastrointestinal malignancies and metabolic conditions.
- Evaluate the clinical utility and limitations of emerging diagnostic and therapeutic technologies such as neuromodulation, endohepatology, and advanced endoscopic procedures.
- Compare and contrast differing expert perspectives on controversial or evolving topics in gastroenterology to enhance clinical decision-making.
- Apply multidisciplinary and patient-centered approaches to optimize outcomes in patients with complex GI and hepatobiliary disorders.

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 17 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

FEES

Register Online by **MARCH 10, 2026**

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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.

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| Physicians | \$ 525 |
| Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Track..... | \$ 225 |
| Nursing Track | \$ 50 |

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You will receive a confirmation by e-mail. If you have not received it by **March 10, 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 **March 10, 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 **March 10, 2026**. No refund 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.

SOCIAL EVENT

A complimentary reception for registrants, faculty and guests will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Please indicate your attendance when registering. NOTE: The commercial support received is solely for the educational component of this activity and will not be used to support this social event.

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 17 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.

The Johns Hopkins University has approved this activity for **17 contact hours for non-physicians**.

Maintenance of Certification

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 17 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.



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.

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 May 4, 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.

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Sponsoring Division Website: www.hopkins-gi.org

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Program - Main Course

| TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 | | | | | | FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026 | | | | | |
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| 7:00 – 7:25 | Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibits | | | | | 7:00 – 7:30 | Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibits | | | | |
| 7:25 – 7:30 | Welcome, Introduction and Conference Goals John Clarke, MD and Anthony Kalloo, MD | | | | | 7:30 – 7:50 | IBD Moderator: Reezwana Chowdhury, MD | What to Do With Dysplasia in Your IBD Patient Mark Lazarev, MD | | | |
| Motility Moderator: Olaya Brewer Gutierrez, MD | | | | | | 7:50 – 8:10 | Fertility and Pregnancy in the IBD Patient: Key Things to Know Sarah Streett, MD | | | | |
| 7:30 – 7:50 | My Approach to Refractory Constipation Leila Neshatian, MD | | | | | 8:10 – 8:30 | Abdominal Ultrasound in IBD: Is it for Your Practice? Reezwana Chowdhury, MD | | | | |
| 7:50 – 8:10 | Fecal Incontinence: A Primer Tony Kalloo, MD | | | | | 8:30 – 8:50 | Therapeutic Drug Monitoring: Is It for All Patients and All Drugs Kian Keyashian, MD | | | | |
| 8:10 – 8:30 | Updates on Gastroparesis John Clarke, MD | | | | | 8:50 – 9:10 | DEBATE IBD Therapeutics: Let's Stick to the Old Drugs versus Let's Go with the New Drugs Old: Megan Murphy, MD New: Sarah Streett, MD | | | | |
| 8:30 – 8:50 | How to Use Neuromodulators for your Functional Abdominal Pain Leila Neshatian, MD | | | | | 9:10 – 9:40 | Questions and Answers | | | | |
| 8:50 – 9:10 | DEBATE Is Anorectal Manometry Necessary Yes - Tony Kalloo, MD No - John Clarke, MD | | | | | 9:40 – 10:00 | Refreshment Break and Exhibits | | | | |
| 9:10 – 9:40 | Questions and Answers | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9:40 – 10:00 | Refreshment Break and Exhibits | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pancreas Moderator: Walter Park, MD | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | Key Things to Know in the Management of Chronic Pancreatitis Vikesh Singh, MD, MSc | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10:20 – 10:40 | Managing Pancreatic Cysts in 2026 Ellie Afghani, MD | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | Pancreatic Cancer Screening: Where Do We Currently Stand Marcia Canto, MD, MHS | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | Updates on the Management of Acute Pancreatitis Ellie Afghani, MD | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11:20 – 11:40 | Updates in Autoimmune Pancreatitis Walter Park, MD | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11:40 – 12:00 | Questions and Answers | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6:00 – 7:30 | Welcome Reception | | | | | | | | | | |
| WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7:00 – 7:30 | Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibits | | | | | | | | | | |
| Liver Moderator: James Hamilton, MD | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7:30 – 7:50 | Making Progress on MASLD James Hamilton, MD | | | | | 10:00 – 10:20 | Understanding the Current Obesity Epidemic and Treatment Options: A Whirlwind Summary Aaron Yeoh, MD | | | | |
| 7:50 – 8:10 | Future of Liver Transplantation Michelle Ma, MD | | | | | 10:20 – 10:40 | Anal Cancer: The Forgotten GI Cancer That We Could Be Missing Maaza Abdi, MD | | | | |
| 8:10 – 8:30 | Viral Hepatitis: Updates for 2026 Paul Kwo, MD | | | | | 10:40 – 11:00 | Celiac Disease: Tips for Successful Management Nielsen Fernandez-Becker, MD, PhD | | | | |
| 8:30 – 8:50 | Updated Management of Portal Hypertension Deepthi Dronamraju, MD | | | | | 11:00 – 11:20 | What to Make of Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth? Irene Sonu, MD | | | | |
| 8:50 – 9:10 | Endohepatology: Current State-of-the-Art Olaya Brewer Gutierrez, MD | | | | | 11:20 – 11:40 | The Problem of Early Onset Colorectal Cancer Zachariah Foda, MD | | | | |
| 9:10 – 9:40 | Questions and Answers | | | | | 11:40 – 12:00 | Questions and Answers | | | | |
| 9:40 – 10:00 | Refreshment Break and Exhibits | | | | | 12:00 | Adjourn | | | | |
| Esophagus Moderator: Nielsen Fernandez-Becker, MD, PhD | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | How to Approach Dysphagia in 2026 John Clarke, MD | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10:20 – 10:40 | What is the Ideal Test for Gastroesophageal Reflux? Tsion Abdi, MD | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | Per-Oral Endoscopic Myotomy: Updates and My Take Joo Ha Hwang, MD, PhD | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | Eosinophilic Esophagitis: An Emerging Epidemic for the 21st Century Nielsen Fernandez-Becker, MD, PhD | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11:20 – 11:40 | DEBATE How Safe are PPIs Not Safe - Tsion Abdi, MD Safe - John Clarke, MD | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11:40 – 12:00 | Questions and Answers | | | | | | | | | | |
| THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7:00 – 7:30 | Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibits | | | | | | | | | | |
| Screening and Surveillance Moderator: Uri Ladabaum, MD | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7:30 – 7:50 | Tips and Tricks to Maximize the Yield of Your Colonoscopy Shai Friedland, MD | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7:50 – 8:10 | How to Screen Your IBD Patients Mark Lazarev, MD | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8:10 – 8:30 | Colorectal Cancer: The Stanford Experience Uri Ladabaum, MD | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8:30 – 8:50 | Obesity Screening: Who, How and Why Aaron Yeoh, MD | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8:50 – 9:10 | Is Microbiome Screening and Evaluation Ready for Prime Time? Irene Sonu, MD | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9:10 – 9:40 | Questions and Answers | | | | | | | | | | |
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Advanced Practice Provider Course

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| 7:00 – 7:30 | Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibits | | | 7:00 | 7:30 | Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibits | |
| 7:30 – 7:40 | Welcome, Introduction and Conference Goals Monica Nandwani, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, NEA-BC and Monica Riegert, DNP, CRNP | | | 7:30 | 7:40 | Welcome, Introduction and Conference Goals Monica Nandwani, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, NEA-BC and Monica Riegert, DNP, CRNP | |
| 7:40 – 8:00 | Beyond the Burn: Evolving Strategies for Reflux Management Monica Nandwani, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, NEA-BC | | | 7:40 | 8:00 | Mind, Mood and Motility: The Bigger Picture in Gut-Brain Disorders Evelyn Pillor, DNP, FNP-BC | |
| 8:00 – 8:20 | What's Stopping the Swallow? Practical Approaches to Dysphagia Shelly Orloff, MSN, ANP | | | 8:00 | 8:20 | Elevated LFTs and MASLD: A Comprehensive Approach Kathryn Lee-Young, DNP, CRNP | |
| 8:20 – 8:40 | Primer on Chronic Pancreatitis Vikesh Singh, MD, MSc | | | 8:20 | 8:40 | Focal Liver Lesions: When to Watch, When to Worry Jenna Rice, NP | |
| 8:40 – 9:00 | When the Stomach Hits Pause: A Comprehensive Approach to Gastroparesis Evelyn Pillor, DNP, FNP-BC | | | 8:40 | 9:00 | Approach to the Relapsing IBD Patient Kian Keyashian, MD | |
| 9:00 – 9:20 | Cutting Edge Endoscopy: POEM and Beyond Mouen Khashab, MD | | | 9:00 | 9:20 | Hereditary Colon Cancer: Key Things to Know Zachariah Foda, MD | |
| 9:20 – 9:40 | Questions and Answers | | | 9:20 | 9:40 | Questions and Answers | |
| 9:40 – 10:00 | Refreshment Break and Exhibits | | | 9:40 | 10:00 | Refreshment Break and Exhibits | |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | Advancing the Scope: The Latest in Colon Cancer Screening Monica Riegert, DNP, CRNP | | | 10:00 | 10:20 | Anal and Perianal Disease: Clinical Insights, Diagnosis and Management Bridget Morris, MSN, CRNP | |
| 10:20 – 10:40 | Managing the Patient with Celiac Disease Nielsen Fernandez-Becker, MD, PhD | | | 10:20 | 10:40 | GI Bleeding Essentials: Diagnosis, Stabilization and Treatment Jenna Rice, NP | |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | Taking the Guesswork Out of Gassiness: How to Deflate the Bloat Shelly Orloff, MSN, ANP | | | 10:40 | 11:00 | Dysplasia in Your IBD Patient Mark Lazarev, MD | |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | New Drug Therapy for PBC and PSC Michelle Ma, MD | | | 11:00 | 11:20 | Hepatitis ABCs: Key Updates Every Provider Should Know Kathryn Lee-Young, DNP, CRNP | |
| 11:20 – 11:40 | Navigating Diarrhea and IBS-D: Diagnostic Pearls and Therapeutic Advances Bridget Morris, MSN, CRNP | | | 11:20 | 11:40 | Managing Anticoagulation in Patients Undergoing Endoscopy Maaza Abdi, MD | |
| 11:40 – 12:00 | Questions and Answers | | | 11:40 | 12:00 | Questions and Answers | |
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Nursing Course

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| 7:40 – 8:00 | Gastroparesis: When The Stomach Hits Pause Wendy Peng, BSN, RN | | 7:40 | 8:00 | Combating Fatty Liver with Weight Loss Medication and a New FDA Approved Drug Marinen Maglente, BSN, RN | | | | | | |
| 8:00 – 8:20 | Gut Feelings: Navigating the GLP-1 Journey Katie Fritch, MPH, BSN, RN | | 8:00 | 8:20 | Hepatitis in Focus: The Latest Discoveries and Treatments Paul Kwo, MD | | | | | | |
| 8:20 – 8:40 | Unblocking the Path: Modern Strategies for Managing Chronic Constipation Wendy Peng, BSN, RN | | 8:20 | 8:40 | Primary Biliary Cholangitis: A Rare Liver Disease with New Treatment Options Available Marinen Maglente, BSN, RN | | | | | | |
| 8:40 – 9:00 | Diagnosing GI Motility: Slow, Fast or Stuck in Neutral Monica Johnson, BSN, RN | | 8:40 | 9:00 | The Future of Liver Transplantation: Indications and Innovations for 2026 Deepti Dronamraju, MD | | | | | | |
| 9:00 – 9:20 | A Clear View Down Under: Demystifying High Resolution Anoscopy Katie Fritch, MPH, BSN, RN | | 9:00 | 9:20 | The Fundamentals of Biliary Obstruction: Strategies for Successful Outcomes James Hamilton, MD | | | | | | |
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| 10:00 – 10:20 | When IBD Goes Beyond the Gut: The Extraintestinal Drama Kaitlyn Price, BSN, RN | | 10:00 | 10:20 | The Notorious C.Diff: Diagnosis, Damage and Defense Michelle Ryan, MSN, BSN, RN | | | | | | |
| 10:20 – 10:40 | Expecting the Unexpected: IBD Meets Motherhood Sarah Streett, MD | | | | From Prescription to Patient: Streamlining Medication Approval Processes Erin Novakoski, RN | | | | | | |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | Gut Instincts: The Future of IBD Treatment is Here Megan Murphy, MD | | 10:20 | 10:40 | Smooth Moves: Mastering the Colonoscopy Prep Like a Pro! Kaitlyn Price, BSN, RN | | | | | | |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | Scope it Out: Innovations in IBD Surveillance Reezwana Chowdhury, MD | | 10:40 | 11:00 | Perioperative Anticoagulation: Preparing Patients for Surgery Safely Maaza Abdi, MD | | | | | | |
| 11:20 – 11:40 | Diarrhea: The Unstoppable Force Monica Johnson, BSN, RN | | 11:00 | 11:20 | Diagnosis and Surveillance of Barrett's Esophagus Marcia Canto, MD, MHS | | | | | | |
| 11:40 – 12:00 | Questions and Answers | | | | Questions and Answers | | | | | | |
| 6:00 – 7:30 | Welcome Reception | | | | | | | | | | |

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