



Annual USC Update in GI and Liver Disease: Controversies and Guidelines in 2025

September 12, 2025

3:00 pm-7:00 pm

September 13, 2025

7:30 am-3:45 pm

**The Westin Pasadena
Pasadena, CA
Live Conference**

Keck School of Medicine of **USC**

*Presented by:
Department of Medicine
Division of Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases
USC Office of Continuing Medical Education*



PROGRAM AGENDA

Friday, September 12, 2025

3:00 pm **Registration**

3:45 pm **Welcome**

Liyun Yuan, MD, PhD and Anisa Shaker, MD

Session I: Great Debates in GI and Hepatology

4:00 pm **Pancreatic Cysts-Dangerous Precancer or Incidental Finding-Monitor or Resect!**

Moderator: Anisa Shaker, MD

James L. Buxbaum, MD and Mohd Raashid Sheikh, MD

4:45 pm **Under (Portal) Pressure: Choosing Between Conventional Medical Therapy vs. Early TIPS**

Moderator: Saro Khemichian, MD

Brian Kim, MD and David S. Shin, MD

5:30 pm **Questions/Panel Discussion**

6:00 pm **Opening Keynote Address**

H. Pylori Diagnosis and Management: Where Are We in 2025?

William D. Chey, MD

7:00 pm **Welcome Reception**

Saturday, September 13, 2025

7:30 am **Registration**

8:00 am **Welcome Back**

Liyun Yuan, MD, PhD and Anisa Shaker, MD

Session II: Liver

Moderator: Jeffrey A. Kahn, MD, Helen Han, MD and Liyun Yuan, MD, PhD

8:10 am **A New Era in Alcohol Associated Hepatitis: Tailored Transplant Policies & Integrated Post-Transplant Care**

Brian P. Lee, MD

8:30 am **Pushing Boundaries: Emerging Liver Transplantation for Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma, Colorectal Metastases**

Mark L. Sturdevant, MD

8:50 am **Charting the Course: New Guidelines on the Road to Eliminating Hepatitis B & C**

Kali Zhou, MD, MAS

9:10 am **The Exciting New Landscape of Treatment for Cholestatic Liver Diseases**

Lily Dara, MD

9:30 am **Hepatology Keynote Address**

MASLD and MetALD: Expanding the Horizon of Liver Metabolic Disease

Naim Alkhouri, MD

10:00 am **Panel Discussion**

10:20 am **Break**

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Session III: Upper GI

Moderator: Anisa Shaker, MD

- 10:40 am **Dysphagia: the Endoscopy Looks Normal, Now What?**
Edy E. Soffer, MD
- 11:00 am **Is it Dyspepsia or Gastroparesis? Abdominal Pain, Nausea/Vomiting, and Bloating**
Brent Hiramoto, MD
- 11:20 am **Stump the Faculty and Audience: Challenging GI Cases**
Moderators: Damie Odafalu, MD and Saroja D. Bangaru, MD
USC Gastroenterology Fellows
- 11:50 am **Panel Discussion/Questions**
- 12:00 pm **Lunch**

Session IV: Lower GI

Moderator: Cynthia Cherfane, MD

- 1:00 pm **Iron Deficiency Anemia: When and How to Evaluate the Small Bowel**
Neel K. Mann, MD
- 1:20 pm **Navigating Pelvic Floor Disorders: Approach to Incontinence and Refractory Constipation**
Nipaporn Pichetshote, MD
- 1:40 pm **Medical Management of IBD: What's New in 2025**
Sarah Sheibani, MD
- 2:00 pm **Break**

Session V: Advanced Endoscopy

Moderator: Ara Sahakian, MD

- 2:20 pm **The William R. Grigsby Lecture**
Tackling Difficult Colon Polyps: EMR and Beyond
Uzma D. Siddiqui, MD
- 2:50 pm **Unscrambling the POEM Z-E-G Alphabet: From Zenker's to Achalasia to Gastroparesis**
Ara Sahakian, MD
- 3:10 pm **Forum on Obesity Management: GLP-1a, Endoscopic Procedures, and Bariatric Surgeries**
Danise Bi, MD and Harry J. Wong, MD
- 3:30 pm **Full Panel Discussion/Questions**
- 3:40 pm **Closing Remarks**
Anisa Shaker, MD and Liyun Yuan, MD, PhD
- 3:45 pm **Adjourn**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Recent breakthroughs in diagnosing and treating gastrointestinal and liver diseases are reshaping patient care. Innovative therapies are transforming the management of IBD, MASLD, Met-ALD, cholestatic liver diseases, and viral hepatitis B/C, while advanced endoscopic and imaging techniques are redefining our approach to pancreaticobiliary diseases, motility disorders, and early luminal neoplasia. Despite these advances, significant knowledge gaps persist. The upcoming conference aims to update community standards of practice by addressing topics such as obesity management, metabolic liver diseases, revised transplant policies, the challenges of alcoholic hepatitis, emerging transplant strategies for cholangiocarcinoma, metastatic colon cancer, and various luminal, upper GI, lower GI, and pancreatic disorders. This event will highlight the latest developments in gastroenterology and hepatology to enhance patient care.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Implement innovative techniques: apply novel pharmacological and diagnostic methods in managing gastrointestinal and liver diseases.
- Adhere to updated guidelines: integrate revised standards into clinical decision-making and patient management.
- Collaborate effectively: engage in multidisciplinary teamwork to optimize care for complex cases.
- Evaluate patient outcomes: use metrics to assess the impact of new interventions on patient health.
- Enhancing the networking of USC GI/Liver specialty and local community.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is designed for gastroenterologists, hepatologists, surgeons, oncologists, and allied health professionals from local and regional community practices near Keck Medical Center (Los Angeles, Orange County, and surrounding areas) who want to improve their knowledge of GI/liver.

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

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

CREDIT DESIGNATION

The Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California designates this live activity for a maximum of 9.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The following may apply 9.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™* for license renewal: Registered Nurses may report up to 9.25 credit hour(s) toward the CME requirements for license renewal by their state Board of Registered Nurses (BRN). CME may be noted on the license renewal application in lieu of a BRN provider number.

Physician Assistants: The National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants states that *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* accredited courses are acceptable CME requirements for recertification.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Registration cancellations must be received by the USC Office of CME (fax or email) by September 9, 2025, 12:00 pm PDT for a refund. A \$50 cancellation fee will be applied. In the event of course cancellation by conference organizers, all registration fees will be fully refunded. USC will not refund any travel costs incurred.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

To book a room at the Westin Pasadena, please scan the QR code below or visit: <https://marriott.com/en-us/hotels/laxpw-the-westin-pasadena/rooms/>



REGISTRATION FORM

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TUITION

Early bird fees for live registration end on September 9, 2025 at 12:00 pm PDT.
After September 9, 2025: Please register on-site on September 12, 2025.

	Early Bird	After September 9
Physician	☐ \$299	☐ \$350
NP/PA/APP	☐ \$199	☐ \$250
RN/AH	☐ \$199	☐ \$250
Fellow/Resident/Student	☐ \$99	☐ \$99



LOCATION

The Westin Pasadena: 191 N. Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California, 91101

PARKING

Self-parking rate is \$19 or valet is available for \$24.

REGISTRATION

Mail: Office of CME, 1540 Alcazar Street, CHP 223, Los Angeles, CA 90033
Mail-in registration must be postmarked by September 9, 2025.

Online: keckusc.cloud-cme.com/GI2025

Phone: (323) 442-2555 Fax: (323) 442-3734 for AMEX, Mastercard, Visa

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On-site: Available September 12, 3:00 pm and September 13, 7:30 am at the Westin Pasadena.

Name_____

Degree_____ Medical License Number_____

Email Address*_____ Phone number_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____

Zip Code_____ Specialty_____

Institutional Affiliation_____

Special Dietary or Physical Needs _____

We strive to accommodate dietary restrictions. Please note that not all food items may meet special requirements. Food items will be labeled for your convenience.

*Registration confirmation and event reminder will be emailed.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

No cash accepted.

☐ Check (Check payable to USC. Check payment must be postmarked by September 9, 2025)

☐ Credit Card (Mastercard or Visa. AMEX by Phone/Mail/Fax only)

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