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Turning Science into Medicine

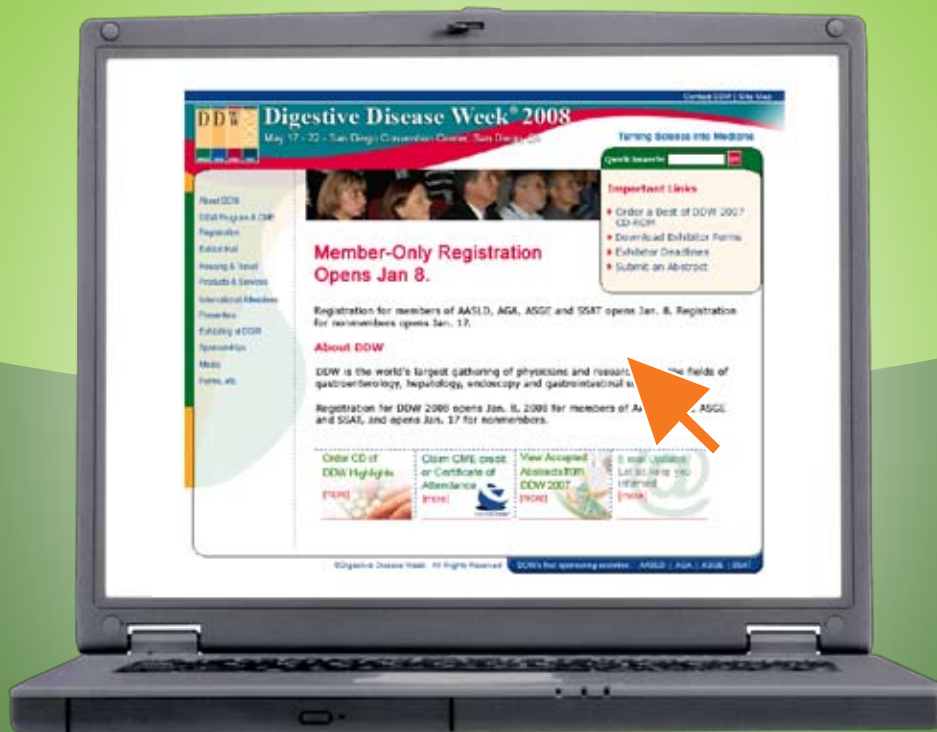


**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**



**MAY 17-22, 2008**  
Exhibit Dates: May 18-21, 2008  
San Diego Convention Center  
San Diego, California

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**JERRY SANDERS**  
MAYOR

### **Greetings from America's Finest City!**

It is a tremendous privilege to have Digestive Disease Week 2008 returning to San Diego for the third time. I want to extend my warmest greetings to everyone and remind you to mark your calendar now for DDW, May 17–22, 2008.

Most people think of San Diego for its near perfect climate and beautiful beaches, but the region is blessed with more than just sunshine. San Diego offers a wealth of riches not bestowed on many places, including a relaxed and friendly spirit that characterizes the best of Southern California. The Gaslamp Quarter, Seaport Village, PETCO Park and world-renowned family attractions are special treasures that both visitors and locals enjoy year round. Ours is an international city, and many visitors take advantage of our proximity to the Mexican border and turn their stay into a two-nation vacation.

San Diego's numerous charms are hard to resist, and you'll soon discover why many attendees "come for the convention and stay for the vacation." On behalf of all San Diegans, I again want to welcome you back to our great city, our beautiful bayside Convention Center and DDW 2008.

Sincerely,

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**JERRY SANDERS**  
Mayor  
City of San Diego



San Diego will host the 39th annual Digestive Disease Week® (DDW®) this May. It is my pleasure to invite you to attend this meeting, which is the leading educational forum for digestive disease academicians, clinicians, researchers and trainees from all over the world.

Staying abreast of new developments in our field is vital to your professional success. Whether you work in patient care, research, education or administration, DDW's educational and scientific sessions offer something for you. The DDW program addresses all facets of digestive disease research and clinical care, as well important issues such as practice management, career development, public policy as it relates to healthcare providers, and quality of clinical care.

DDW 2008 will be a complete educational and professional experience.

- > Choose from over 400 sessions, including clinical and research symposia, state-of-the-art lectures, and research and topic fora, covering a wide array of topics and presented by a world-renowned faculty unsurpassed in their field.
- > Inform yourself about new and important discoveries in a variety of liver-related disciplines at AASLD's Research Highlights session, now in its second year.
- > Debate the controversial issues and treatment challenges surrounding major GI and liver disorders at the AGA Institute Spring Postgraduate Course.
- > Design your own self-directed educational experience with interactive educational resources and hands-on demonstrations of endoscopic procedures at the ASGE Learning Center.
- > Refresh your knowledge of procedural safety in the OR, including how to learn from mistakes, at the SSAT Education Committee panel.
- > Partake in an array of special networking and social opportunities to meet fellow digestive disease specialists from around the globe and around the corner.
- > Participate in scholarly and dynamic discussions in a small-group setting during Meet the-Professor and Meet-the-Investigator Luncheons.
- > Review the latest and best basic, translational and clinical research in gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery at DDW's expansive Poster Sessions.

In recognition of the geographical and cultural diversity of our attendees, the society postgraduate course general sessions and other selected sessions will offer simultaneous oral translation in Spanish and Japanese. More information is available at [www.ddw.org/translations](http://www.ddw.org/translations).

Inside this Preliminary Program, you will find more detailed information about the DDW 2008 educational offerings and instructions for registering. To take advantage of early-registration discounts, and to ensure your place in limited-attendance sessions, I encourage you to register before the early registration deadline of April 11. I hope to see you in San Diego.

Sincerely,

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Carlos Pellegrini, MD  
DDW Council Chair

## REGISTRATION AND HOUSING

### THE DDW REGISTRATION PACKET

The registration packet contains all the information you need to register for Digestive Disease Week and affiliated courses and workshops.

The packet includes:

- > Preliminary Program
- > Registration and Housing Form
- > Child Care Form (see page 52 of this brochure)
- > AGA Institute Postgraduate Course Brochure
- > ASGE Postgraduate Course Brochure
- > SSAT Postgraduate Course Brochure
- > DDW Tours and Registration Form (see page 49-51 of this brochure)

If you are missing any of the items listed above, visit [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org) to download each item or contact DDW Administration by phone at 301-272-0022 or by e-mail at [ddwadmin@gastro.org](mailto:ddwadmin@gastro.org) to have a packet mailed to you.

### PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

This brochure contains information about the approximately 200 invited speaker sessions to be held at DDW 2008. Programming is developed and sponsored by the DDW societies—AASLD, AGA Institute, ASGE and SSAT. Sessions can be sponsored by a single society or by several societies acting in collaboration. Each society contributes program content unique to its specialty, resulting in a diverse and highly topical program. Program information is organized as follows:

#### Week-at-a-Glance Chart (pages 8–10)

This chart offers a very general overview of the week, sorted by sponsoring society and date.

#### Preliminary Program (pages 11–14)

This is a comprehensive list of the approximately 200 invited speaker sessions sorted by date and time.

#### DDW and Society Highlights (pages 15–39)

This section includes detailed information about jointly sponsored sessions and highlights of each society's programming. **New in 2008:** For details about the final program, including information about oral and poster abstract presentations and specific room assignments, you can refer to the My DDW personal meeting planner, an online tool that will be available at [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org) starting in March 2008 and accessible onsite via computer terminals. The My DDW personal meeting planner enables you to easily search the complete DDW program and develop a meeting itinerary (see page 46 for more details). You can also refer to the printed DDW Program Book, which will be available onsite. An Abstracts on Disk CD-ROM, containing accepted abstracts only, will be mailed to registrants who register by April 25, 2008.





## Register Early—Save Money and Secure Housing

It's a good idea to register early and make housing arrangements in advance—it saves you money, allows you to arrange for the hotel of your choice, secures your space in ticketed sessions and eliminates the need to spend time at onsite registration. Member-only registration opens prior to general registration to provide members an opportunity to secure their ticketed sessions and housing choices in advance.

### Important Registration Dates

- > Member-Only Registration Opens **Jan. 8, 2008**
- > Member-Only Registration applies to members of the four sponsoring societies—AASLD, AGA, ASGE and SSAT.
- > General Registration Opens **Jan. 17, 2008**
- > Early-Bird Registration Deadline is **April 11, 2008**—Save \$100 by registering before this date! Registration fees increase by \$100 after April 11. This increase also applies to members of the DDW sponsoring societies.
- > Housing Deadline and Last Day to Register and Receive Badge and Tickets in Mail Prior to Meeting: **April 25, 2008**
- > Individuals who register after **April 25, 2008** must pick up their registration materials onsite.

### CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

CME credit is available for most of the DDW sessions. Each of the DDW sponsoring societies will be certifying their activities for CME credit. Refer to the DDW Program Book onsite for details of which sessions carry CME credit. Computer terminals dedicated to CME credit processing will be available onsite. Attendees may also process their CME after the meeting by visiting [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org). Refer to each society's highlights section for its CME statement.

### TICKETED SESSIONS

Most DDW sessions are included in your DDW registration fee. Some sessions have additional fees and require separate registration using the Registration and Housing Form. The ticket icon denotes sessions that require separate registration and a fee. The cost of the session is listed in this brochure as well as on the Registration and Housing Form. Ticketed sessions are very popular and do sell out, so register early.

### COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION AND HOUSING FORM

The easiest and fastest way to register is online at [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org). If you prefer to register by fax or mail, enclosed in the registration packet is a Registration and Housing Form. Please submit only one registration per person. Photocopies of the form are

accepted. If you do not have a registration form on hand, visit [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org) to download a form or contact DDW Administration by phone at 301-272-0022 or by e-mail at [ddwadmin@gastro.org](mailto:ddwadmin@gastro.org) to have a form sent to you.

- > Refer to pages 42–44 of this brochure for a map and list of hotels and amenities to complete Section 2. All reservations must be made via DDW Registration and Housing, as hotels cannot take direct reservations.
- > Register for the DDW program in Section 3. This includes DDW Combined Clinical Symposia, non-ticketed sessions and entrance to the Poster Hall and Exhibit Hall.
- > Information regarding all ticketed sessions (Section 4) is in this brochure. You must register for DDW in Section 3 to register for these events.
- > To register for a postgraduate course (Section 5), refer to this brochure and the society brochures for details. You do not need to register for DDW to attend a postgraduate course.

### REGISTRATION AND HOUSING CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of your registration and housing arrangements will be sent within 72 business hours of receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation within ten business days, contact DDW registration at 800-424-5249 (United States and Canada) or 847-940-2155 (International). Your badges, tickets and the Abstracts on Disk CD-ROM will be mailed to you in mid-April 2008.

**CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS****Meeting Cancellations**

Written cancellations and requests for a refund must be received on or before May 9, 2008. Requests will not be honored after this date. Requests submitted after April 25, 2008 must also include the tickets and badge you received in the mail. Substitutions are not permitted. Refunds, minus a \$50 administrative fee per event, will be mailed after the meeting. Fees for sessions with breakfasts or luncheons are nonrefundable. Mail refund requests to:

DDW Registration and Housing  
108 Wilmot Road, Suite 400  
Deerfield, IL 60015-5124

**Housing Deposits and Cancellations**

All hotel reservations require a deposit via credit card or check payment. The check must be drawn from a U.S. bank and be made out to DDW Registration and Housing. A \$250 deposit is required for a standard room, \$500 for a one-bedroom suite and \$750 for a two-bedroom suite. Credit cards will be charged for the deposit amount at the time the reservation is made. Your hotel's individual cancellation policy will be printed on your confirmation from DDW Registration and Housing. Please refer to this policy for information regarding reservation cancellations and possible forfeiture of deposit. If you have questions about your hotel's cancellation policy, please contact the hotel directly.

All rooms are confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. If all five of your selections are unavailable, DDW Housing will select a room for you based on either best rate or location (you choose which criteria by checking the appropriate box on the Registration and Housing Form). Published room rates apply only to rooms booked through Experient, DDW's registration and housing provider.

**ONSITE REGISTRATION**

Onsite registration will be located in the San Diego Convention Center, Hall C, and open during the following dates and times:

Friday, May 16 ..... Noon – 8:00 pm  
Saturday, May 17 –  
Wednesday, May 21 ..... 7:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Thursday, May 22\* ..... 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

\* ASGE Postgraduate Course only.

**SATELLITE MATERIALS PICKUP**

If you preregister and receive your badge and tickets in the mail prior to the meeting, we encourage you to use one of the satellite materials pickup areas to obtain your conference bag and onsite materials for DDW scientific sessions and society postgraduate courses.

Satellite materials pickup areas will be located at the following Official DDW Hotels:

- > San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina (South Tower, Level 3, Marina Ballroom Registration Desk)
- > Manchester Grand Hyatt (Worthington's Foyer, Second Level)

**The hours of operation will be:**

Friday, May 16 ..... Noon – 8:00 pm  
Saturday, May 17 – Sunday, May 18 ..... 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

**4 Ways to Preregister and Make Housing Arrangements****INTERNET**

Visit [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org) to register, make housing arrangements and to access up-to-date information about DDW 2008.

**FAX**

If paying with a major credit card, fax the completed registration and housing form to 800-521-6017 (United States and Canada) or 847-940-2386 (International).

**PHONE**

With the completed Registration and Housing Form on hand, call 800-424-5249 (United States and Canada) or 847-940-2155 (International) between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm EST, Monday through Friday.

**MAIL**

Enclose full payment (check in U.S. dollars or credit card) and completed Registration and Housing Form and mail to:

DDW Registration and Housing  
108 Wilmot Road, Suite 400  
Deerfield, IL 60015-5124

**The easiest and fastest way to register and make housing arrangements for DDW is to visit [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org). DDW online registration and housing provides the convenience of one-stop shopping, allowing you to register, secure housing, make travel arrangements and rent a car all in one visit.**



## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

### AIRLINE RESERVATIONS

Experient is the official air travel coordinator for DDW 2008. Experient provides custom itineraries with the lowest fares and best journey time and offers the convenience of confirming registration, housing and air travel online. Fly the official airline of DDW—United Airlines—and save with special discounts exclusive to attendees and their guests.

There are three ways to arrange for your air travel:

- > Via the Internet: Visit [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org). DDW online is the fastest and easiest way to book your air travel, register for the meeting and secure housing all in one visit. There is a \$22 service charge per airline ticket, but you can save \$5 by booking online.
- > Call Experient: Call 800-621-1083 (United States and Canada) or 847-940-1176 (International) between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm CST, Monday through Friday. There is a \$22 service charge per airline ticket. Save \$5 when you book online.
- > Contact the Airline: Call United Airlines directly at 800-521-4041 or visit [www.united.com](http://www.united.com) and reference #565HM to receive a discount.

### CAR RENTALS

Hertz has been appointed the official car rental company for DDW 2008.

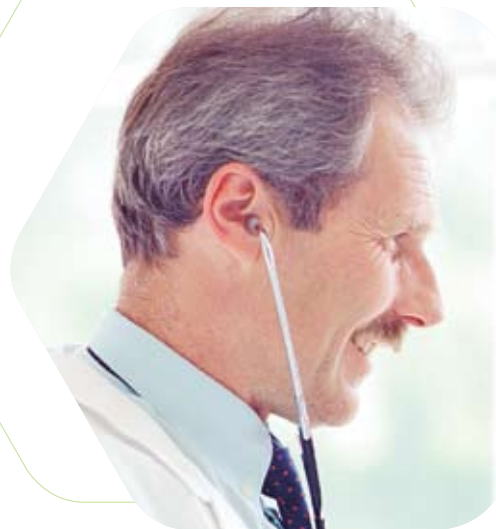
There are three ways to arrange for your car rental:

- > Via the Internet: Visit the Housing & Travel section of [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org) and click on the link to Hertz. Enter #010L0065 as your convention number (CV). This will enable you to receive a special DDW discount.
- > Call Experient: Call 800-621-1083 (United States and Canada) or 847-940-1176 (International) between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm CST, Monday through Friday.
- > Contact Hertz: Call Hertz at 800-654-2240 (U.S. and Canada) or 405-749-4434 (International) or visit [www.hertz.com](http://www.hertz.com). Provide #010L0065 as your convention number (CV). This will enable you to receive a special DDW discount.

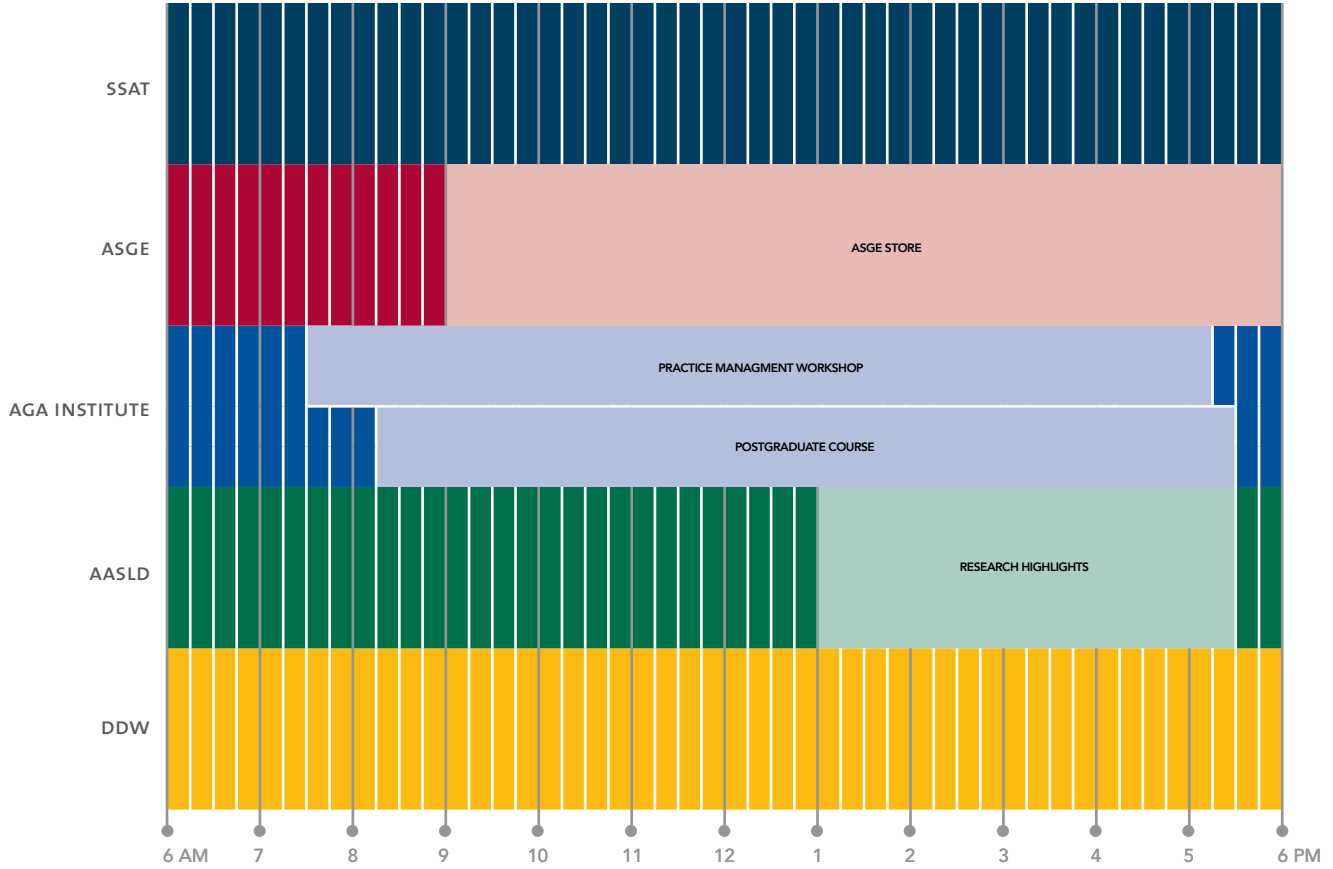
### VISA REQUIREMENTS

Some participants from outside the United States will need to apply for a visa at the American Embassy, Consulate or other visa-issuing office in their country of origin. To obtain a visa, you will need a letter of invitation, a valid passport, a photo ID and a completed Form DS-156 (nonimmigrant visa application form). To receive a letter of invitation, complete the online form at [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org) in the "International Attendees" section. Contact DDW Administration by phone at 301-272-0022 with any questions.

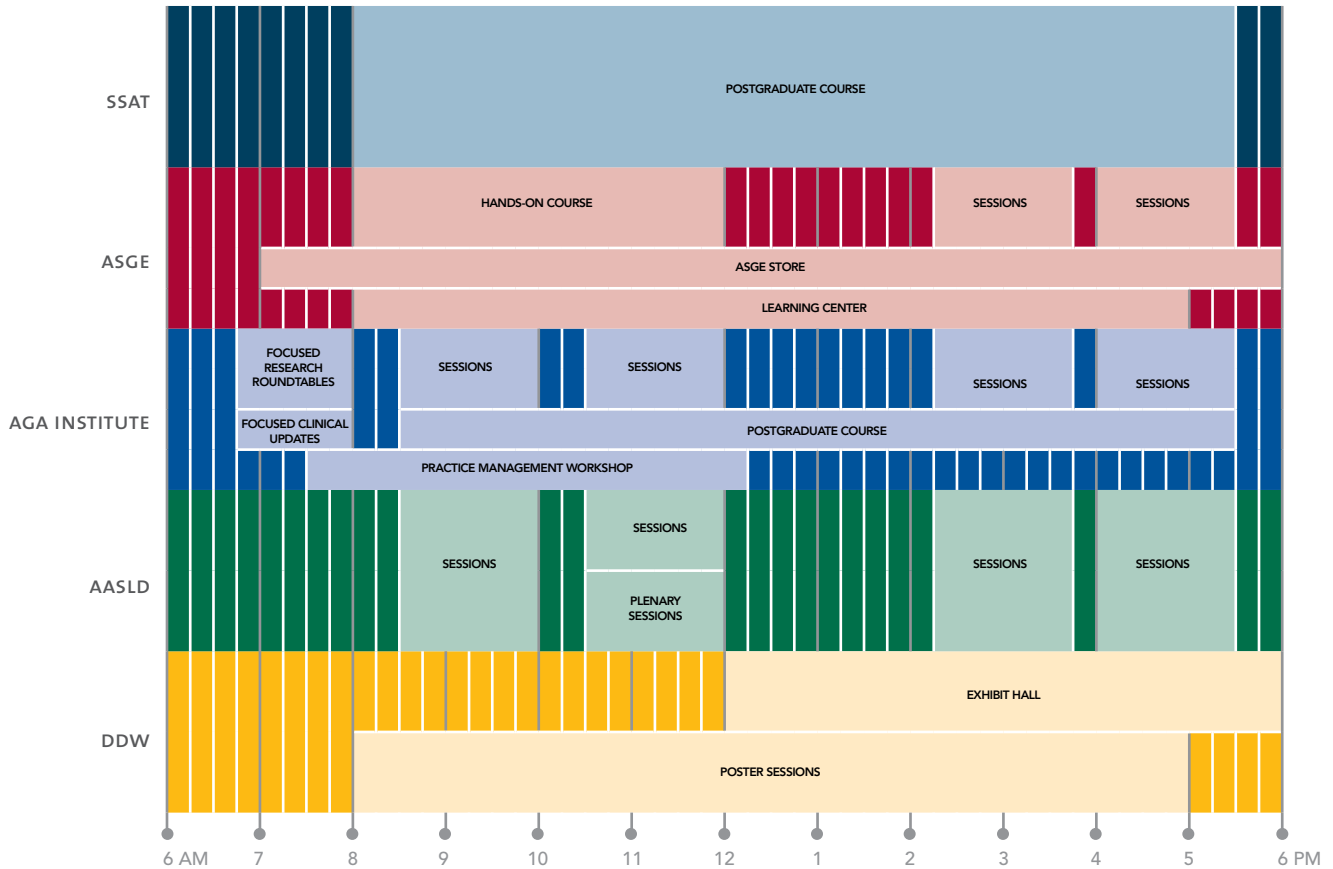
A visa is not required for visitors from countries participating in the Visa Waiver Program. Currently, 27 countries are enrolled in the program. Please note that there are new requirements for the Visa Waiver Program that have been put in place over the past year. For more information about visa requirements, how to apply for a visa or the Visa Waiver Program, visit the "Visas" section of the U.S. Department of State Web site at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).



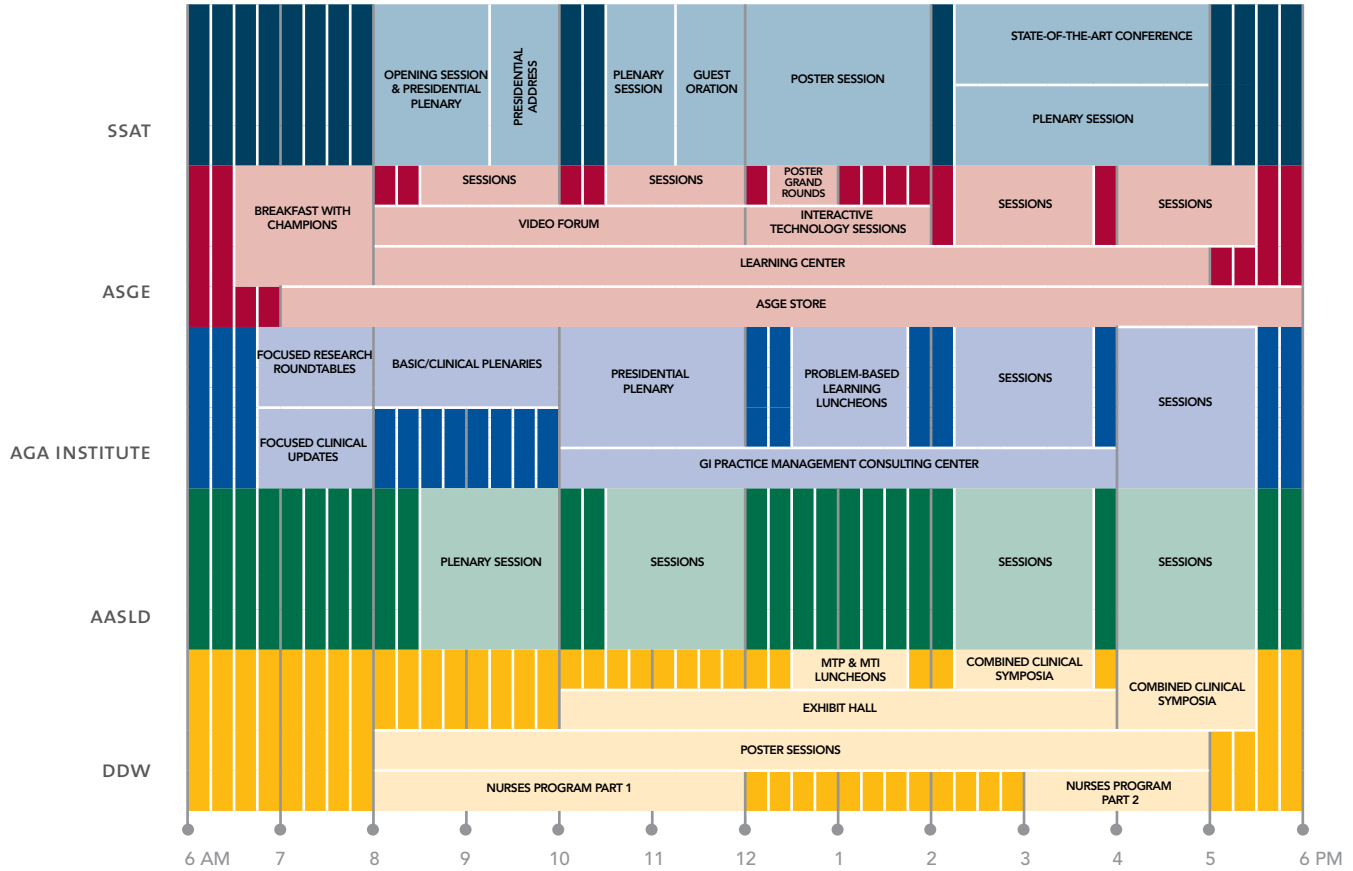
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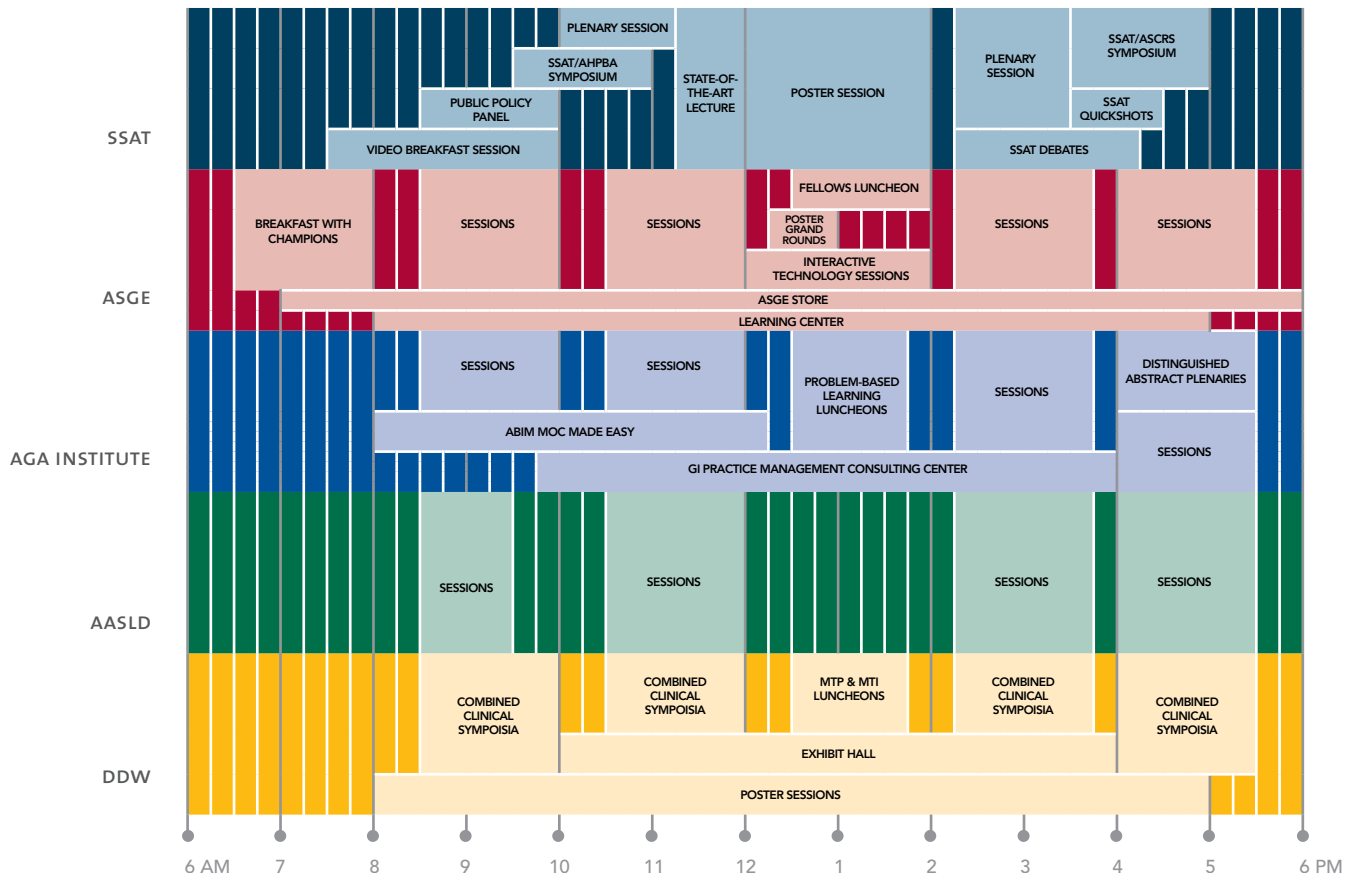
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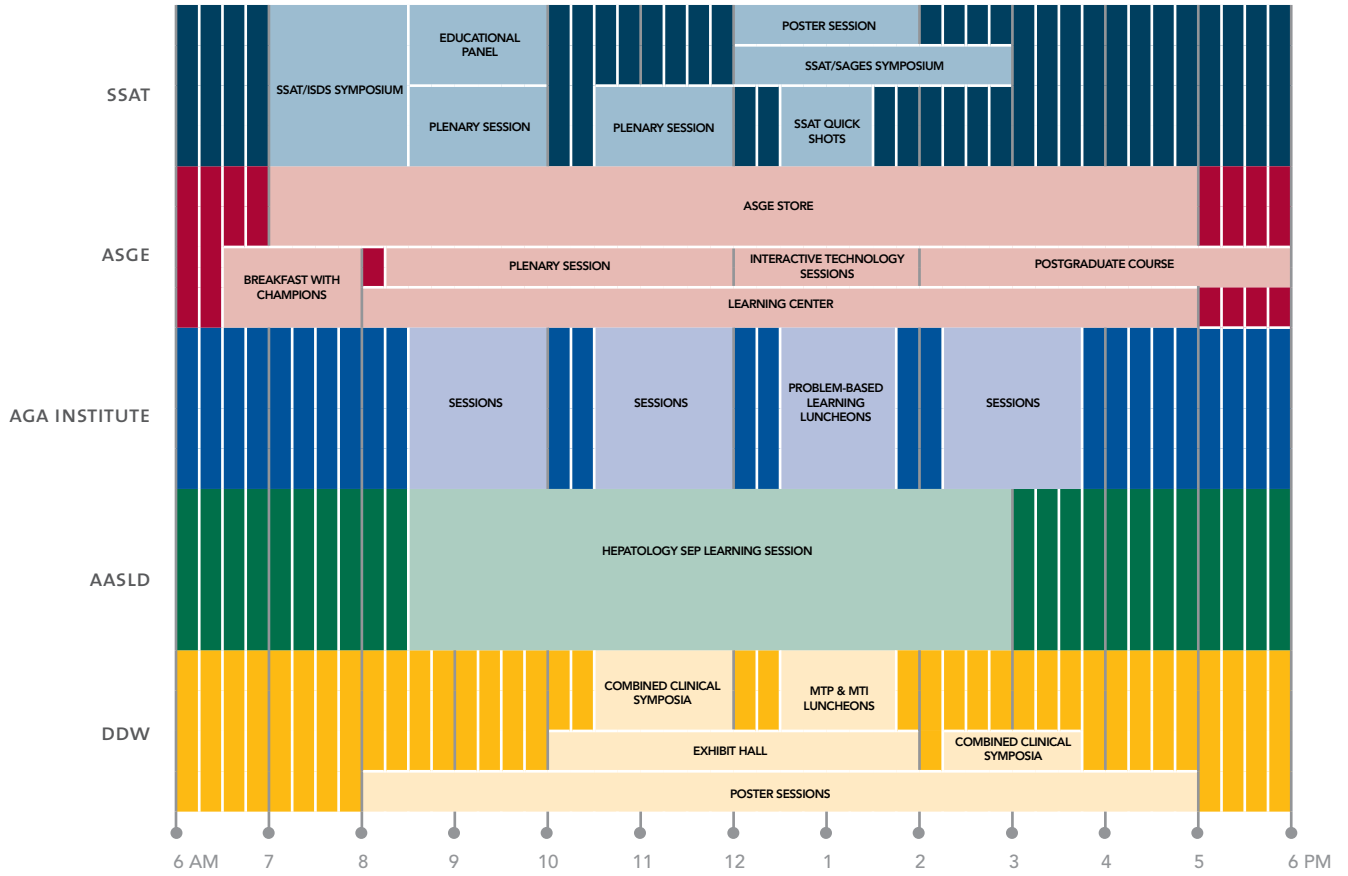
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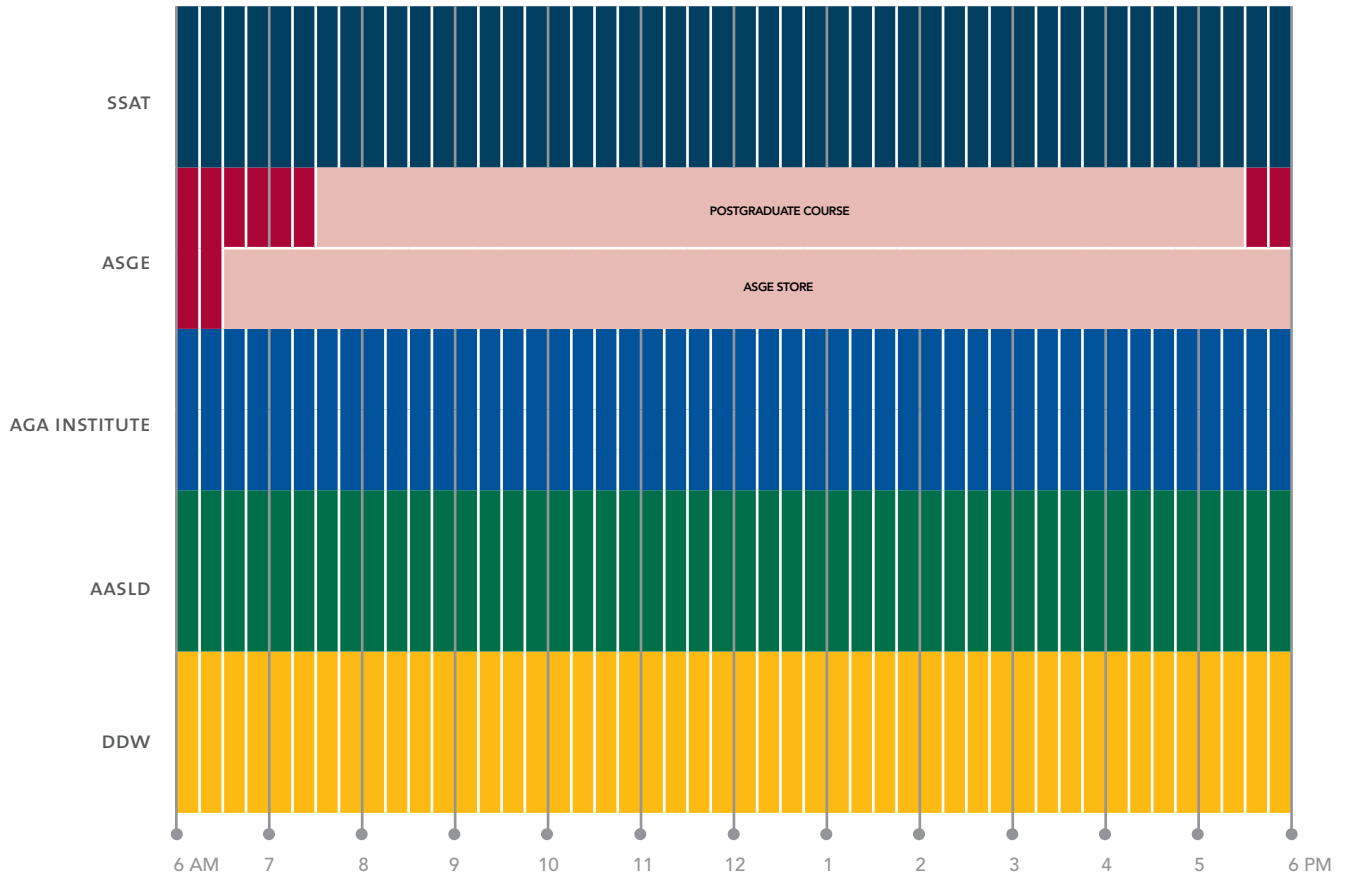
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 21










THURSDAY, MAY 22



## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM LISTINGS

SATURDAY, MAY 17				
TIME	SOCIETY	EVENT	PAGE	TICKET REQUIRED/COST
7:30 am–5:15 pm	AGA Institute	Practice Managers Course	32	 Varies
8:15 am–5:30 pm	AGA Institute	Postgraduate Course	24	 Varies
9:00 am–5:00 pm	AGA Institute	AGA Store	31	
9:00 am–6:00 pm	ASGE	ASGE Store	36	
1:00 pm–5:30 pm	AASLD	Research Highlights	19	 Varies

SUNDAY, MAY 18				
TIME	SOCIETY	EVENT	PAGE	TICKET REQUIRED/COST
6:45–8:00 am	AGA Institute	Focused Clinical Updates	25	 \$60
6:45–8:00 am	AGA Institute	Focused Research Roundtables	26	 \$60
7:00 am–6:00 pm	ASGE	ASGE Store	36	
7:30 am–12:15 pm	AGA Institute	Practice Managers Course	32	 Varies
8:00 am–noon	ASGE	Hands-On Course	36	 Varies
8:00 am–5:00 pm	AGA Institute	AGA Store	31	
8:00 am–5:00 pm	ASGE	Learning Center	34	
8:00 am–5:00 pm	DDW	Poster Sessions	40	
8:00 am–5:30 pm	SSAT	Postgraduate Course	37	 Varies
8:30–10:00 am	AASLD	Clinical Symposium: Drug Therapy for NAFLD	20	
8:30 am–5:30 pm	AGA Institute	Postgraduate Course	24	 Varies
10:30 am–noon	AASLD	Plenary Sessions	20	
10:30 am–noon	AASLD	Clinical Symposium: Emerging Concepts in Pediatric NAFLD	20	
10:30 am–noon	AGA Institute	Pursuing a Successful Career in Private Practice	30	
10:30 am–noon	AGA Institute	How to Collaborate with Industry: Finding New Opportunities in an Unstable Funding Environment	29	
Noon–6:00 pm	DDW	Exhibit Hall	41	
1:00–3:30 pm	AGA Institute	GRG Spring Symposium: Senescence, Aging and Cancer	28	
2:15–3:45 pm	AASLD	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Hepatitis B: Natural History and Evolution of Therapy	22	
2:15–3:45 pm	AGA Institute	Pursuing a Successful Career in Academia	30	
2:15–3:45 pm	AGA Institute	Funding Opportunities in Academic Medicine	30	
2:15–3:45 pm	ASGE	Clinical Symposia	35	
2:15–3:45 pm	ASGE	Topic Fora	34	
2:15–5:15 pm	AGA Institute	Maximizing Your Clinical Performance through Web-Based Interaction	29	 \$50
4:00–5:30 pm	AASLD	Clinical Symposium: Elastography for Diagnosing Liver Fibrosis and Portal Hypertension	20	
4:00–5:30 pm	AASLD/AGA Institute	The Changing Face of Hepatitis B as a Result of Population Migration	29	
4:00–5:30 pm	AGA Institute	Rodger C. Haggitt Gastrointestinal Pathology Society Session: Lynch Syndrome—Diagnosis and Screening in 2008	31	
4:00–5:30 pm	ASGE	Topic Fora (Tentative)	34	
4:00–5:30 pm	ASGE	Clinical Symposia	35	
TBD	AASLD	Research/Topic Fora	22	
TBD	AGA Institute	Clinical Symposia	27	
TBD	AGA Institute	Translational Symposia	27	
TBD	AGA Institute	Research Symposia	28	
TBD	AGA Institute	State-of-the-Art Lectures	28	

These sessions are subject to change. Please visit [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org) for schedule updates.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM LISTINGS

MONDAY, MAY 19				
TIME	SOCIETY	EVENT	PAGE	TICKET REQUIRED/COST
6:30–8:00 am	ASGE	Breakfast with Champions	34	ADMIT \$50
6:45–8:00 am	AGA Institute	Focused Clinical Updates	25	ADMIT \$60
6:45–8:00 am	AGA Institute	Focused Research Roundtables	26	ADMIT \$60
7:00 am–6:00 pm	ASGE	ASGE Store	36	
8:00–8:15 am	SSAT	Opening Session	37	
8:00–10:00 am	AGA Institute	Basic and Clinical Plenaries	24	
8:00 am–noon	ASGE	Video Forum	36	
8:00 am–noon	DDW	Nurses Program: Part 1	40	ADMIT \$0
8:00 am–5:00 pm	AGA Institute	AGA Store	31	
8:00 am–5:00 pm	ASGE	Learning Center	34	
8:00 am–5:00 pm	DDW	Poster Sessions	40	
8:15–9:15 am	SSAT	Presidential Plenary	38	
8:30–10:00 am	AASLD	Plenary Sessions	20	
8:30–10:00 am	ASGE	Topic Fora	34	
8:30–10:00 am	ASGE	Clinical Symposia	35	
9:15–10:00 am	SSAT	Presidential Address	38	
10:00 am–noon	AGA Institute	Presidential Plenary	24	
10:00 am–4:00 pm	AGA Institute	GI Practice Management Consulting Center	32	ADMIT \$45
10:00 am–4:00 pm	DDW	Exhibit Hall	41	
10:30–11:15 am	SSAT	Plenary Oral Presentations	38	
10:30–11:30 am	AASLD	State-of-the-Art Lecture: NAFLD: Does it Need to be Treated?	22	
10:30 am–noon	AASLD	Clinical Symposium: Extracorporeal Albumin Dialysis for Liver Failure	21	
10:30 am–noon	ASGE	Topic Fora	34	
10:30 am–noon	ASGE	Clinical Symposia	35	
11:15 am–noon	SSAT	Guest Oration	38	
Noon–2:00 pm	ASGE	Interactive Education Sessions	35	ADMIT Varies
Noon–2:00 pm	SSAT	Poster Sessions	38	
12:15–1:00 pm	ASGE	Poster Grand Rounds	35	
12:30–1:45 pm	AGA Institute	Problem-Based Learning Luncheons	26	ADMIT \$70
12:30–1:45 pm	DDW	Meet-the-Professor/Meet-the-Investigator Luncheons	16	ADMIT \$50
2:15–3:15 pm	AASLD	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Ethical Challenges in Liver Transplantation	22	
2:15–3:45 pm	AGA Institute	Issues Facing GI Fellowship Programs	29	
2:15–3:45 pm	AGA Institute	Special Symposium: MicroRNA in Cancer and Immune Systems	25	
2:15–3:45 pm	ASGE	Special Sessions	34	
2:15–3:45 pm	ASGE	Topic Fora	34	
2:15–3:45 pm	ASGE	Clinical Symposia	35	
2:15–3:45 pm	DDW	Combined Clinical Symposia	15	
2:15–5:00 pm	SSAT	Plenary Oral Presentations	38	
2:15–5:00 pm	SSAT	State-of-the-Art Conference	38	
3:00–5:00 pm	DDW	Nurses Program: Part 2	40	ADMIT Varies
4:00–5:30 pm	AASLD	Clinical Symposium: Refractory Ascites	21	
4:00–5:30 pm	AGA Institute	“Incident To”—Medicare’s Dirty Little Secret	31	ADMIT \$100
4:00–5:30 pm	AGA Institute	Developing New Business Lines in the Gastroenterology Practice: The Multi-Specialty Digestive Disease Center Model	31	
4:00–5:30 pm	AGA Institute	Distinguished Abstract Plenaries	25	
4:00–5:30 pm	ASGE	Topic Fora	34	
4:00–5:30 pm	ASGE	Clinical Symposia	35	
4:00–5:30 pm	DDW	Combined Clinical Symposia	15	
6:00–8:00 pm	DDW	Diversity Reception	40	
TBD	AASLD	Research/Topic Fora	22	
TBD	AGA Institute	Clinical Symposia	27	
TBD	AGA Institute	Translational Symposia	27	
TBD	AGA Institute	Research Symposia	28	

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TUESDAY, MAY 20				
Time	Society	Event	Page	Ticket Required/Cost
6:30–8:00 am	ASGE	Breakfast with Champions	34	ADMIT \$50
7:00 am–6:00 pm	ASGE	ASGE Store	36	
7:30–10:00 am	SSAT	Video Breakfast Session	38	
8:00 am–noon	AGA Institute	ABIM Maintenance of Certification Made Easy	30	ADMIT \$150
8:00 am–5:00 pm	AGA Institute	AGA Store	31	
8:00 am–5:00 pm	ASGE	Learning Center	34	
8:00 am–5:00 pm	DDW	Poster Sessions	40	
8:30–9:30 am	AGA Institute	Conflict of Interest in Publications – Whose Issue Is It Anyway?	31	
8:30–10:00 am	AGA Institute	AGA Foundation Morton I. Grossman Lecture	28	
8:30–10:00 am	AGA Institute	The Best of UEGW	28	
8:30–10:00 am	ASGE	Topic Fora	34	
8:30–10:00 am	ASGE	Clinical Symposia	35	
8:30–10:00 am	ASGE	Special Sessions	34	
8:30–10:00 am	DDW	Combined Clinical Symposia	15	
8:30–10:00 am	SSAT	Public Policy Committee Panel	38	
9:30–11:00 am	SSAT	SSAT/AHPBA Symposium	39	
10:00–11:15 am	SSAT	Plenary Oral Presentations	38	
10:00 am–4:00 pm	AGA Institute	GI Practice Management Consulting Center	32	ADMIT \$45
10:00 am–4:00 pm	DDW	Exhibit Hall	41	
10:30–11:30 am	AASLD	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Wilson Disease	22	
10:30–11:30 am	AGA Institute	Rome Foundation Lecture	28	
10:30 am–noon	AGA Institute	Special Symposium: Aneuploidy, Apoptosis and Cancer	25	
10:30 am–noon	AGA Institute	AGA 2008 Legislative Report from Washington	31	
10:30 am–noon	ASGE	Topic Fora	34	
10:30 am–noon	ASGE	Clinical Symposia	35	
10:30 am–noon	DDW	Combined Clinical Symposia	15	
11:15 am–noon	SSAT	Maja and Frank G. Moody State-of-the-Art Lecture	39	
Noon–2:00 pm	ASGE	Interactive Education Sessions	35	ADMIT Varies
Noon–2:00 pm	SSAT	Poster Sessions	38	
12:15–1:00 pm	ASGE	Poster Grand Rounds	35	
12:30–1:45 pm	AGA Institute	Problem-Based Learning Luncheons	26	ADMIT \$70
12:30–1:45 pm	DDW	Meet-the-Professor/Meet-the-Investigator Luncheons	16	ADMIT \$50
12:30–2:00 pm	ASGE	Fellows Luncheon	36	
2:15–3:30 pm	SSAT	Plenary Oral Presentations	38	
2:15–3:45 pm	AASLD	Clinical Symposium: HCV Treatment in Patients with Renal Failure	21	
2:15–3:45 pm	AASLD	Clinical Symposium: MELD Exceptions	21	
2:15–3:45 pm	AGA Institute	Late-Breaking Abstracts Session	25	
2:15–3:45 pm	ASGE	Topic Fora	34	
2:15–3:45 pm	ASGE	Clinical Symposia	35	
2:15–3:45 pm	DDW	Combined Clinical Symposia	15	
2:15–4:15 pm	SSAT	SSAT Debates: Controversies in GI Surgery	39	
3:30–4:30 pm	SSAT	SSAT Quick Shots	39	
3:30–5:00 pm	SSAT	SSAT/ASCRS Symposium	39	
4:00–5:00 pm	AASLD	State-of-the-Art Lecture: HIV-Viral Hepatitis Co-Infection	22	
4:00–5:30 pm	AGA Institute	Distinguished Abstract Plenaries	25	
4:00–5:30 pm	ASGE	Special Sessions	34	
4:00–5:30 pm	ASGE	Topic Fora	34	
4:00–5:30 pm	DDW	Combined Clinical Symposia	15	
TBD	AASLD	Research/Topic Fora	22	
TBD	AGA Institute	Clinical Symposia	27	
TBD	AGA Institute	Translational Symposia	27	
TBD	AGA Institute	Research Symposia	28	
TBD	AGA Institute	Evaluating Electronic Health Records for Gastroenterology Practices	29	

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM LISTINGS

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 21				
TIME	SOCIETY	EVENT	PAGE	TICKET REQUIRED/COST
6:30–8:00 am	ASGE	Breakfast with Champions	34	\$50
7:00–8:30 am	SSAT	SSAT/ISDS Symposium	39	
7:00 am–5:00 pm	ASGE	ASGE Store	36	
8:00 am–4:00 pm	AGA Institute	AGA Store	31	
8:00 am–5:00 pm	ASGE	Learning Center	34	
8:00 am–5:00 pm	DDW	Poster Sessions	40	
8:15 am–noon	ASGE	Plenary Session	33	
8:30–10:00 am	AGA Institute	Training the Gastroenterologist of the Future	31	
8:30–10:00 am	AGA Institute	GI Coding and Compliance Update for 2008	30	\$75
8:30–10:00 am	SSAT	Plenary Oral Presentations	38	
8:30–10:00 am	SSAT	Education Committee Panel: Teaching Safety in the OR	39	
8:30 am–3:00 pm	AASLD	ABIM MOC Hepatology SEP Learning Session	19	\$150
10:30–11:30 am	AGA Institute	Evidence-Based Answers at the Point of Care	30	
10:30 am–noon	DDW	Combined Clinical Symposia	15	
10:30 am–noon	SSAT	Plenary Oral Presentations	38	
10:00 am–2:00 pm	DDW	Exhibit Hall	41	
Noon–2:00 pm	ASGE	Interactive Education Sessions	35	Varies
Noon–2:00 pm	SSAT	Poster Sessions	38	
Noon–3:00 pm	SSAT	SSAT/SAGES Symposium	39	
12:30–1:30 pm	SSAT	SSAT Quick Shots	39	
12:30–1:45 pm	AGA Institute	Problem-Based Learning Luncheons	26	\$70
12:30–1:45 pm	DDW	Meet-the-Professor/Meet-the-Investigator Luncheons	16	\$50
2:00–6:00 pm	ASGE	Postgraduate Course	33	Varies
2:15–3:45 pm	DDW	Combined Clinical Symposia	15	
TBD	AGA Institute	Clinical Symposia	27	
TBD	AGA Institute	Translational Symposia	27	
TBD	AGA Institute	Research Symposia	28	

Thursday, May 22				
TIME	SOCIETY	EVENT	PAGE	TICKET REQUIRED/COST
6:30 am–6:00 pm	ASGE	ASGE Store	36	
7:30 am–5:30 pm	ASGE	Postgraduate Course	33	Varies

# DDW OFFERS 12 COMBINED CLINICAL SYMPOSIA

Monday, May 19 – Wednesday, May 21, San Diego Convention Center

AASLD, AGA Institute, ASGE and SSAT have all selected topics of broad interest to DDW participants that have direct educational value and clinical relevance. Highly respected moderators and speakers have been selected and the integrated multi-disciplinary approach will interest clinicians and basic scientists alike.

These sessions will have simultaneous oral translations in Spanish and Japanese. For more information, visit [www.ddw.org/translations](http://www.ddw.org/translations).

## MONDAY, MAY 19

TIME	TITLE	MODERATORS	SPONSORS
2:15–3:45 pm	The Optimal Management of LGI Bleeding	Kenneth McQuaid, MD; Lisa Strate, MD, MPH	ASGE, AGA Institute, SSAT
2:15–3:45 pm	Esophageal Cancer	John Hunter, MD; Stuart Spechler, MD	SSAT, AGA Institute
4:00–5:30 pm	Medical and Surgical Management of NAFLD	Nathan M. Bass, MD, PhD; John Morton, MD	AASLD, SSAT
4:00–5:30 pm	Pancreatic Cancer	Douglas Evans, MD; William Brugge, MD	SSAT, ASGE, AGA Institute

## TUESDAY, MAY 20

TIME	TITLE	MODERATORS	SPONSORS
8:30–10:00 am	Hepatitis B	Ira M. Jacobson, MD; Robert Fontana, MD	AASLD, AGA Institute
10:30 am–noon	Managing Complications of GI Procedures	Martin Freeman, MD; Kevin Behrns, MD	AGA Institute, SSAT, ASGE
2:15–3:45 pm	Managing the Endoscopy Patient on Anticoagulant/ Antiplatelet Therapy	Douglas Faigel, MD; James Scheiman, MD	ASGE, AGA Institute
2:15–3:45 pm	Fecal Incontinence - New Perspectives on Early Detection, Current and Future Therapies	William Whitehead, MD, MPH; Tracy Hull, MD	AGA Institute, SSAT
4:00–5:30 pm	Management of Gastric and Ectopic Varices	Patrick S. Kamath, MD; Loren A. Laine, MD	AASLD, ASGE, AGA Institute
4:00–5:30 pm	Obesity Surgery: Endoscopic and Surgical Management of Complications	Ninh Nguyen, MD; Ram Chuttani, MD	SSAT, ASGE, AGA Institute

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

TIME	TITLE	MODERATORS	SPONSORS
10:30 am–noon	The Big Polyp: Who Owns It?	Marcia R. Cruz-Correa, MD, PhD; Peter Marcello, MD	ASGE, SSAT, AGA Institute
2:15–3:45 pm	Balancing the Use of Biologics and Surgery in Management of Ulcerative Colitis	Victor Fazio, MD; Stephen Hanauer, MD	AGA Institute, SSAT

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# DDW MEET-THE-PROFESSOR AND MEET-THE-INVESTIGATOR LUNCHEONS

**ADMIT** Monday, May 19 – Wednesday, May 21, 12:30–1:45 pm

Location: Various Locations

Session Fee: \$50

These sessions feature scholarly and dynamic discussions of clinical topics or laboratory-centered investigations in an informal, small-group atmosphere. A boxed lunch is included in the \$50 registration fee. Space is limited to 30 attendees per session.

The luncheons will be held in the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego (location code: MH), San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina (location code: MHM) and the San Diego Convention Center (location code: SDCC).

Sessions noted with an asterisk (\*) are Meet-the-Investigator Luncheons. All other sessions are Meet-the-Professor Luncheons.

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008				
SESSION #	TOPIC	SPEAKER	SOCIETY	LOCATION
M01	Advances in NASH *	Jacquelyn Maher, MD	AGA Institute	MHM
M02	Stems Cells in the Gastrointestinal Tract *	Susan J. Henning, PhD	AGA Institute	MH
M03	Molecular Biology of GI Cancer *	John P. Lynch, MD, PhD	AGA Institute	MHM
M04	Chemoprevention and GI Cancer	Dennis J. Ahnen, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M05	Emerging Therapies for Functional GI Disorders	Lin Chang, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M06	Coding Procedures	Thomas M. Deas, Jr., MD, FASGE	ASGE	MHM
M07	Evaluation of Malabsorption	John K. DiBaise, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M08	Capsule: Small Bowel and Beyond	Robert A. Enns, MD	ASGE (CE/SBE SIG)	SDCC
M09	Celiac Disease	Alessio Fasano, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M10	Idiopathic Pancreatitis: Diagnosis and Management	Chris E. Forsmark, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M11	Preventing ERCP Complications	Martin L. Freeman, MD	ASGE	SDCC
M12	Hepatitis C	Donald M. Jensen, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M13	Esophageal Physiologic Testing in 2008	Peter J. Kahrilas, MD, AGAF	AGA Institute	MH
M14	Endoscopy in IBD	Ralf Kiesslich, MD	AGA Institute	SDCC
M15	The Gastrointestinal Consequences of Obesity	Lee Kaplan, MD, PhD	AGA Institute	MH
M16	Management of Difficult Esophageal Strictures	Michael L. Kochman, MD, AGAF, FASGE	ASGE (ETED SIG)	SDCC
M17	Surgical Management of Achalasia	Donald E. Low, MD	SSAT	SDCC
M18	What's New in Liver Tumor Ablation	David M. Mahvi, MD	SSAT	SDCC
M19	Advances in Biliary Endoscopy	John Martin, MD	AGA Institute	SDCC
M20	Enteral Nutrition	Stephen A. McClave, MD, FASGE	ASGE (Enteral Nutrition SIG)	MHM
M21	Using Cochrane Systemic Reviews for Clinical Practice	Paul Moayyedi, MD, PhD	AGA Institute	MH
M22	Living Donor Liver Transplantation	John P. Roberts, MD	AASLD	MHM
M23	Colorectal Cancer	TBD	AGA Institute	MH
M24	Balancing Cardiovascular Risks with NSAID Use	James Scheiman, MD, FASGE	AGA Institute	MH
M25	Double-Balloon Enteroscopy	Drew B. Schembre, MD	ASGE (SBE SIG)	SDCC
M26	Local Therapy for Rectal Cancer	Anthony J. Senagore, MD	SSAT	MHM
M27	Correlating Histology with Enhanced Endoscopic Imaging	Prateek Sharma, MD	AGA Institute	SDCC
M28	Management of Cytopenias During HCV Therapy: Are EPO and GCSF Useful?	Mark S. Sulkowski, MD	AASLD	MHM
M29	Propofol and Sedation Issues	John A. Walker, MD	ASGE	SDCC
M30	EUS Cases	Michael B. Wallace, MD, MPH, FASGE	ASGE (EUS SIG)	SDCC
M31	Downsizing Hepatocellular Carcinomas Prior to Liver Transplantation	Francis Yao, MD	AASLD	MHM

## DDW MEET-THE-PROFESSOR AND MEET-THE-INVESTIGATOR LUNCHEONS (CONTINUED)

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008				
SESSION #	TOPIC	SPEAKER	SOCIETY	LOCATION
M32	Creating Databases in IBD *	Subra Kugathasan, MD and David Binion, MD	AGA Institute	SDCC
M33	Enteric Nervous System and Inflammation *	Gary M. Mawe, PhD	AGA Institute	MHM
M34	ERCP Cases	John Baillie, MD, FASGE	ASGE	SDCC
M35	Managing Local Complications of Necrotizing Pancreatitis	Todd H. Baron, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M36	Liver Transplantation	Carl L. Berg, MD	AGA Institute	MHM
M37	Hereditary GI Cancer Syndromes	Randall W. Burt, MD, AGAF	AGA Institute	MH
M38	Capsule Endoscopy	David E. Fleischer, MD	ASGE (Capsule Endoscopy SIG)	SDCC
M39	Diagnosis and Management of Hepatorenal Syndrome	Pere Gines, MD	AASLD	MHM
M40	Update on Intrahepatic Cholestasis of Pregnancy	J. Eileen Hay, MD	AASLD	MHM
M41	IBD and Colorectal Cancer	Steven H. Itzkowitz, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M42	Natural Orifice Transgastric Endoscopic Surgery	Anthony N. Kalloo, MD	AGA Institute	SDCC
M43	Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders in Children	Raj P. Kapur, MD, PhD	AGA Institute	MH
M44	Liver Disease in Children with Intestinal Failure	Deirdre A. Kelly, MD	AASLD	MHM
M45	The DAVE Project	Peter B. Kelsey, MD	ASGE	SDCC
M46	Laparoscopic Hepatectomy	Alan J. Koffron, MD	SSAT	SDCC
M47	Getting the Most Out of Capsule Endoscopy	Blaire S. Lewis, MD	AGA Institute	SDCC
M48	Optimizing Your Endoscopic Practice	Klaus Mergener, MD, PhD, FASGE	ASGE, (AEC SIG)	MHM
M49	Managing UGI Bleeding	David C. Metz, MD	AGA Institute	MHM
M50	Microscopic Colitis	Darrell S. Pardi, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M51	What to Do about Refractory GERD	Joel E. Richter, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M52	Re-Classifying Acute Pancreatitis	Michael G. Sarr, MD	SSAT	SDCC
M53	Barrett's Esophagus	Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD	ASGE (ETED SIG)	SDCC
M54	NOTES Update	Lee L. Swanstrom, MD	SSAT	SDCC
M55	Dyspepsia: Pathogenesis and Management	Nicholas J. Talley, MD, PhD	AGA Institute	MH
M56	Using Laboratory Test for IBD in Clinical Practice	Severine Vermeire, MD, PhD	AGA Institute	MH
M57	Medical and Surgical Therapy for Fecal Incontinence	William E. Whitehead, PhD	AGA Institute	MH

DDW MEET-THE-PROFESSOR AND MEET-THE-INVESTIGATOR LUNCHEONS (CONTINUED)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008				
SESSION #	TOPIC	SPEAKER	SOCIETY	LOCATION
M58	Genetics of Colon Cancer *	John M. Carethers, MD, AGAF	AGA Institute	MHM
M59	How to Study the Role of the Microflora in the Pathophysiology of Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders *	Steven M. Collins, MD	AGA Institute	MHM
M60	Cell Biology of Pancreatitis	Fred S. Gorelick, MD	AGA Institute	MHM
M61	NSAIDs and the Gut	Neena S. Abraham, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M62	Novel Cancer Screening Modalities	Nadir Arber, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M63	Ablation of Barrett's Esophagus	Amitabh Chak, MD, FASGE	ASGE (ETED SIG)	SDCC
M64	Mucosal Ablation Techniques	Ram Chuttani, MD	ASGE	SDCC
M65	Colonoscopy: Training and Technology	Jonathan Cohen, MD	ASGE	SDCC
M66	Pediatric IBD	Marla C. Dubinsky, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M67	EUS Cases (2)	Douglas O. Faigel, MD, FASGE	ASGE (EUS SIG)	SDCC
M68	Total Mesorectal Excision	James W. Fleshman, MD	SSAT	SDCC
M69	Small Bowel Transplantation: When to Make the Referral	Jonathan P. Fryer, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M70	Nutritional Complications of Bariatric Surgery	Jeanette N. Keith, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M71	Diagnosis and Management of Hemochromatosis	Kris V. Kowdley, MD	AASLD	MHM
M72	Provider Contracts	Glenn D. Littenberg, MD	ASGE	MHM
M73	Pediatric Liver Diseases	Saul Karpen, MD, PhD	AGA Institute	MHM
M74	Management of Gastroparesis	Henry P. Parkman, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M75	NOTES	Pankaj Jay Pasricha, MD, FASGE	ASGE (Invention & Innovation SIG)	SDCC
M76	PPI Adverse Effects: Are They Real?	Joseph R. Pisegna, MD	AGA Institute	MH
M77	Running an Efficient Outpatient Endoscopy Unit	TBD	AGA Institute	MH
M78	Optimizing the Use of Biologics in IBD	Bruce E. Sands, MD, MS	AGA Institute	MH
M79	Endoscopic Mucosal Resection	Thomas J. Savides, MD, FASGE	ASGE	SDCC
M80	The Difficult Cholecystectomy	Lygia Stewart, MD	SSAT	SDCC
M81	Autoimmune - Cholestatic Overlap Syndromes	Mark G. Swain, MD	AASLD	MHM
M82	Acid Reflux - Beyond the Esophagus	Michael F. Vaezi, MD, PhD	AGA Institute	MH
M83	Management of Post-Transplant Hepatitis C	Nizar N. Zein, MD	AASLD	MHM



# AASLD HIGHLIGHTS

As the leading organization focused solely on advancing the science and practice of hepatology, AASLD’s expanding liver and biliary tract educational events bring attention to important subjects where controversy and/or new information can be presented for the practicing clinician and academician. AASLD, the catalyst for the investigation and treatment of liver diseases, will provide an exciting, up-to-date educational program at DDW 2008.

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## AASLD RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

**ADMIT** Saturday, May 17, 1:00–5:30 pm  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

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This session will provide an expert summary of the past year’s most important clinical and basic research discoveries in a variety of liver-related disciplines, from cholestasis and portal hypertension to viral hepatitis and steatosis. High-impact work in the fields of hepatobiliary surgery, liver transplantation and pediatric hepatology will also be discussed.

### The Goals and Objectives of this session are to:

- > Be informed about new research judged by experts to be of high impact to the science and practice of hepatology;
- > Understand and critique current research in hepatology; and
- > Utilize information from recent research to guide further research and clinical practice.

REGISTRATION FEES	ON OR BEFORE APRIL 11	AFTER APRIL 11
AASLD Member	\$100	\$150
Trainee Member	\$75	\$125
Hepatology Associate Member	\$75	\$125
Nonmember	\$150	\$200
Nonmember Trainee	\$95	\$145
Nonmember Hepatology Associate	\$95	\$145

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
1:00 pm	Cholestatic Liver Disorders	Ulrich Beuers, MD
1:25 pm	Portal Hypertension	Vijay Shah, MD
1:50 pm	Liver Fibrosis	Hal Yee, MD, PhD
2:15 pm	Pediatric Liver Disorders	Saul J. Karpen, MD, PhD
2:40 pm	Panel Discussion	
3:00 pm	Break	
3:20 pm	Steatosis and Steatohepatitis	Craig McClain, MD
3:45 pm	Viral Hepatitis	Hari S. Conjeevaram, MD
4:10 pm	Hepatobiliary Surgery and Liver Transplantation	Douglas Hanto, MD, PhD
4:35 pm	Hepatobiliary Neoplasia	Jorge Marrero, MD
5:00 pm	Panel Discussion and Closing Remarks	

## ABIM MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION HEPATOLOGY SEP LEARNING SESSION

**ADMIT** Wednesday, May 21, 8:30 am–3:00 pm  
Location: San Diego Convention Center  
Session Fee: \$150

S S M T W T

In support of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC), AASLD will offer a learning session to assist diplomates enrolled in the recertification program. This session will review topics specific to the Hepatology Self-Evaluation Program (SEP) module 93-H version 06-1.

### The Goals and Objectives of this session are to:

- > Increase familiarity with diagnosis and management of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, viral hepatitis and autoimmune liver disease;
- > Review the management of patients with cirrhosis, de-compensated cirrhosis, liver tumors and liver transplantation; and
- > Discuss current approaches to manage patients with pregnancy-related liver disease, drug-induced hepatotoxicity and metabolic liver disease.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIA

This ongoing pilot program highlights meritorious work by gastroenterology and hepatology fellows. Trainees will present their work to a panel of established academicians who are well-versed in career development and mentorship. The focus will be not only on research results, but also on experimental design and presentation skills. The goal is to enable participants to improve their academic skills while learning about recent advances in the field.

## PLENARY SESSIONS

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 10:30 am–noon

Monday, May 19, 8:30–10:00 am

Location: San Diego Convention Center

AASLD's Scientific Program includes two highly focused plenary sessions on Sunday and Monday in which the best abstracts in basic and clinical hepatology will be presented.

## CLINICAL SYMPOSIA

### DRUG THERAPY FOR NAFLD

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 8:30–10:00 am

Location: San Diego Convention Center

This symposium will bring together experts in treating NASH to discuss their approach to using currently available drugs. Discussions will include the risks associated with using the glitazones and a closer look at various small studies from around the world that help us understand the role of pharmacological therapy for nonalcoholic fatty liver disease.

#### The Goals and Objectives of this session are to:

- > Describe the primary findings of the major published studies regarding the use of pharmacological agents for NASH;
- > Describe the potential risks of prescribing currently available agents that might be considered for use in patients with NASH; and
- > Describe the benefits of non-pharmacological therapy for NASH.

### AASLD/NASPGHAN PEDIATRIC SYMPOSIUM: EMERGING CONCEPTS IN PEDIATRIC NAFLD

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 10:30 am–noon

Location: San Diego Convention Center

This program is designed to provide clinicians with an update on key topics related to the management of children with nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), which are rapidly evolving. The talks will focus on genetics, the relationship with metabolic syndrome and diabetes, use of invasive versus non-invasive diagnostic tests to assess disease severity, and novel therapeutic strategies.

#### The Goals and Objectives of this session are to:

- > Learn about genetic determinants of NAFLD;
- > Understand the relationship between intrahepatic fat accumulation and the development of the metabolic syndrome in children and adolescents;
- > Review the role of invasive and non-invasive tests for diagnosing and monitoring NAFLD in children; and
- > Have updated information on possible therapeutic strategies for pediatric NAFLD.

### ELASTOGRAPHY FOR DIAGNOSING LIVER FIBROSIS AND PORTAL HYPERTENSION

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 4:00–5:30 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

The diagnosis of liver fibrosis is constantly shifting with the development of novel methods to non-invasively assess its presence including serological assays and new technologies. Measurement of liver stiffness, as detected by elastography, has become an important clinical and research tool for the measurement of liver fibrosis. The diagnosis of advanced fibrosis/cirrhosis is an important step in the evaluation of patients with liver disease, since these patients should be screened for portal hypertension and hepatocellular carcinoma. This symposium will examine how elastography can differentiate mild fibrosis from advanced fibrosis and how liver stiffness correlates with both portal pressure and esophageal varices. The role of liver stiffness as a tool in the diagnosis and monitoring of liver patients will be clarified.

#### The Goals and Objectives of this session are to:

- > Understand the pathophysiologic basis of fibrosis and portal hypertension, and how non-invasive techniques such as elastography may detect these processes;
- > Illustrate the optimal use of elastography in clinical practice;
- > Understand the correlation between liver stiffness and liver fibrosis and the potential diagnostic use of liver stiffness, alone and in combination with serological biomarkers; and
- > Identify the relationships between liver stiffness and portal hypertension and how to utilize this test for variceal screening.

## EXTRACORPOREAL ALBUMIN DIALYSIS FOR LIVER FAILURE

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19, 10:30 am–noon

Location: San Diego Convention Center

Albumin-based dialysis systems are increasingly used for treating both acute and chronic liver failure. This symposium will examine some of the systems available, touch on potential mechanisms of action and critically review the clinical efficacy and safety data available to date. The symposium aims to place the value of this technology in the context of clinical practice today, but also to explore the need for future trials with appropriate outcome measures.

### The Goals and Objectives of this session are to:

- > Gain an appreciation for the scientific rationale for the use of extracorporeal albumin dialysis in liver failure;
- > Be familiar with clinical experience with albumin dialysis and understand its limitations; and
- > Appreciate the potential of albumin dialysis for future clinical care.

## REFRACTORY ASCITES

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19, 4:00–5:30 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

There is an increasing number of patients presenting to our offices with cirrhosis. Refractory ascites is a consequence of advanced liver disease, and impacts quality of life, morbidity and mortality. The presence of refractory ascites is not directly reflected in the MELD score.

The therapeutic armamentarium is growing for refractory ascites, but successful treatment requires an understanding of the pathophysiology that leads its development. This session is essential to better care for the growing cohort of our patients with refractory ascites.

### The Goals and Objectives of this session are to:

- > Understand the pathophysiology of the development of refractory ascites;
- > Define the clinical impact of refractory ascites on quality of life, morbidity and mortality; and
- > Understand current and future therapies for refractory ascites.

## HCV TREATMENT IN PATIENTS WITH RENAL FAILURE

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 2:15–3:45 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

HCV infection remains prevalent in patients on chronic hemodialysis as well as in renal transplant candidates. This session will provide a practical approach to the evaluation and management of these patients and will emphasize the consequences of HCV infection in renal transplant recipients, including progression of liver disease, renal graft dysfunction and post-transplant diabetes mellitus. The role of antiviral therapy pre- and post-renal transplant will be discussed.

### The Goals and Objectives of this session are to:

- > Assess the implications of HCV infection in renal transplant candidates;
- > Identify candidates for antiviral therapy in the chronic kidney disease population; and
- > Evaluate HCV infected patients for renal manifestations of viral infection.

## MELD EXCEPTIONS

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 2:15–3:45 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

This activity will review how the MELD system works and allocates organs and will focus on the 20% of patients who have disease states that are not addressed or addressed well by the MELD allocation program within UNOS.

### The Goals and Objectives of this session are to:

- > Understand the MELD allocation system;
- > Understand which diseases are not addressed by MELD or not fully included in the MELD score; and
- > Review the main MELD exception diagnosis and how to evaluate and present patients to their regional transplant program to potentially gain additional points for their disease state.

## STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURES

AASLD will offer standing-room-only lectures, presenting cutting-edge developments by leading experts in the field of hepatology.

### HEPATITIS B: NATURAL HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF THERAPY

S S M T W T

Speaker: Emmet B. Keeffe, MD  
 Sunday, May 18, 2:15–3:15 pm  
 Location: San Diego Convention Center

**The Goals and Objective of this lecture are to:**

- > Determine which patients with chronic HBV infection are candidates for antiviral therapy;
- > Compare pros and cons of available drugs and duration of therapy; and
- > Determine when therapy should be modified for a suboptimal response or development of resistance.

### NAFLD: DOES IT NEED TO BE TREATED?

S S M T W T

Speaker: Zobair Younossi, MD  
 Monday, May 19, 10:30–11:30 am  
 Location: San Diego Convention Center

**The Goals and Objectives of this lecture are to:**

- > Review epidemiologic impact of NAFLD;
- > Describe clinical assessment of patients with NAFLD; and
- > Review current drug options.

### ETHICAL CHALLENGES IN LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

S S M T W T

Speaker: Charles M. Miller, MD  
 Monday, May 19, 2:15–3:15 pm  
 Location: San Diego Convention Center

**The Goals and Objectives of this lecture are to:**

- > Discuss organ solicitation and transplant tourism;
- > Present an overview of Extended Criteria Donors (ECD) and Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD); and
- > Review organ allocation and what is wrong with the current system.

## WILSON DISEASE

S S M T W T

Speaker: Michael L. Schilsky, MD  
 Tuesday, May 20, 10:30–11:30 am  
 Location: San Diego Convention Center

**The Goals and Objectives of this lecture are to:**

- > Understand the pathophysiology of Wilson Disease;
- > Understand how to diagnose Wilson Disease; and
- > Understand how to best treat Wilson Disease.

## HIV AND HEPATITIS CO-INFECTION

S S M T W T

Speaker: Douglas T. Dieterich, MD  
 Tuesday, May 20, 4:00–5:00 pm  
 Location: San Diego Convention Center

**The Goals and Objectives of this lecture are to:**

- > Describe the effect of HIV on Hepatitis B and C;
- > Understand the issues involving resistance to HBV in HIV patients; and
- > Learn how to treat HCV in HIV patients.

## RESEARCH/TOPIC FORA

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Sunday, May 18–Tuesday, May 20  
 Location: San Diego Convention Center

AASLD Research and Topic Fora will present a forum for presentation of original research, allowing for the exchange and presentation of ideas and data. These forums will be offered Sunday through Tuesday.

**The Goals and Objectives of these sessions are to:**

- > Present a forum for presentation of original research and
- > Allow exchange and presentation of ideas and data.

## AASLD LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### The AASLD's General Goals and Objectives are to:

- > Provide a forum for exchange of new scientific and clinical information relevant to the study of liver disease;
- > Create an arena for the interchange of opinions regarding the care and management of all types of liver diseases; and
- > Assess new diagnostic or therapeutic techniques related to liver diseases.

## AASLD CME STATEMENT

The American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The AASLD designates these educational activities for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### Statement on Disclosure

The American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) is committed to ensuring balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor in its sponsored and jointly sponsored educational activities. Individuals in a position to control the content of an AASLD-sponsored activity (program planners, course directors, speakers, etc.) are expected to disclose to the audience all relevant financial relationships during the past 12 months if both (a) the relationship is financial and occurred within the past 12 months and (b) the individual has the opportunity to affect the content of CME about the products or services of that commercial interest.

When an unlabeled use of a commercial product, or an investigational use not yet approved for any purpose is discussed during an educational activity, the speaker shall disclose to the audience that the product is not labeled for the use under discussion or that the product is still investigational.

AASLD will identify and resolve all conflicts of interest prior to program implementation.





## AGA INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS

The AGA Institute is committed to expanding the science of gastroenterology and furthering excellence in the practice of gastroenterology. Through its extensive and diverse educational offerings presented at DDW and throughout the year, the AGA Institute demonstrates its comprehensive approach to meeting the evolving and varied educational needs of all members of the gastroenterology and hepatology community.

### AGA INSTITUTE SPRING POSTGRADUATE COURSE

S S M T W T

ADMIT

#### GASTROENTEROLOGY AND HEPATOLOGY 2008: CHALLENGES AND CONTROVERSIES

Saturday, May 17, 8:15 am–5:30 pm  
 Sunday, May 18, 8:30 am–5:30 pm  
 Location: San Diego Convention Center

The AGA Institute Spring Postgraduate Course, *Gastroenterology and Hepatology 2008: Challenges and Controversies*, will present attendees with valuable information about the challenges and controversies surrounding major GI and liver disorders. The course takes an innovative approach in its review of everyday diagnostic and treatment challenges. Each general session will address a specific GI or liver topic beginning with a thought-provoking case study. Renowned experts in the field will then discuss diagnostic, pathogenetic and treatment issues related to the topic and conclude the session with a relevant controversy. Don't miss this opportunity to gain a better understanding of the issues surrounding CT colonography, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, IBD, gut microflora and probiotics, hepatocellular carcinoma screening and more.

#### Course Highlights

- > Novel format that presents challenging cases and controversial issues on a variety of GI and liver topics.
- > Clinically focused program with immediately applicable information.
- > Flexible, customized learning formats from large lectures to small group sessions.
- > Opportunity to interact with an internationally renowned faculty.
- > 15 CME credits available.
- > Take-home syllabus that includes detailed summaries of all sessions, including abstracts, key points, references, slides, graphs, charts and tables.

General sessions will have simultaneous oral translation in Spanish and Japanese. Visit [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org) for more information.

REGISTRATION FEES	ON OR BEFORE APRIL 11	AFTER APRIL 11
AGA Member	\$425	\$500
Nonmember	\$575	\$650
AGA Trainee Member	\$165	\$240
Nonmember Trainee	\$265	\$340
AGA Senior Member	\$155	\$230
AGA Mid-Level Provider/Nurse Member	\$265	\$340
Nonmember Mid-Level Provider/Nurse	\$365	\$440

For complete details about the AGA Institute Spring Postgraduate Course, please refer to the separate brochure included in this registration packet or visit the AGA Web site at [www.gastro.org/pgcourse](http://www.gastro.org/pgcourse) or the DDW Web site at [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org).

### AGA INSTITUTE PLENARY SESSIONS

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19  
 Location: San Diego Convention Center

#### BASIC AND CLINICAL

8:00–10:00 am  
 Highlights include the five Distinguished Abstract Plenary presentations and one state-of-the-art lecture in each session.

#### PRESIDENTIAL

10:00 am–noon  
 Highlights include reviews of major developments in GI basic science and clinical research and the presentation of the AGA's Friedenwald Medal.

Some AGA Institute Clinical and Presidential Plenary sessions will have simultaneous oral translation in Spanish and Japanese. Visit [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org) for more information.



## AGA INSTITUTE SPECIAL SYMPOSIA: OVERARCHING BASIC SCIENCE SESSIONS

### MICRORNA IN CANCER AND IMMUNE SYSTEMS

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19, 2:15–3:45 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

This symposium will address the multi-faceted area of MicroRNA. Two world-renowned experts, David L. Baltimore, PhD, and Carlo M. Croce, MD, will present the topics “MicroRNA and the Immune Response” and “MicroRNA and Human Cancers,” respectively. Dr. Baltimore is currently the president of the California Institute of Technology. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1975 as the co-discoverer of the reverse transcriptase. Dr. Croce is Chair and Professor of the College of Medicine and Public Health at the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center and has published more than 680 research papers.

### ANEUPLOIDY, APOPTOSIS AND CANCER

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 10:30 am–Noon

Location: San Diego Convention Center

This important overarching basic science symposium features world-renowned experts John C. Reed, MD, PhD, and Don W. Cleveland, PhD. Dr. Reed is the president and chief executive officer of the Burnham Institute in La Jolla, Ca., and he will be presenting “Apoptosis, Cancer and Inflammatory Disorders.” Dr. Cleveland is the Professor of Medicine of Neuroscience and Cellular and Molecular Medicine at the University of California in San Diego and he will be presenting “Aneuploidy and Cancer.”

## AGA INSTITUTE LATE-BREAKING ABSTRACTS SESSION

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 2:15–3:45 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

A special session featuring up to six late-breaking abstracts that report on the most up-to-date research.

## AGA INSTITUTE DISTINGUISHED ABSTRACT PLENARIES

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19 and Tuesday, May 20, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

### Monday, May 19

- > Esophageal, Gastric and Duodenal Disorders Section
- > Neurogastroenterology and Motility Section
- > Nutrition and Obesity Section
- > Imaging and Advanced Technology Section

### Tuesday, May 20

- > Clinical Practice Section
- > Growth, Development and Aging Section
- > Gastrointestinal Oncology Section
- > Hormones, Transmitters, Growth Factors and their Receptors Section
- > Immunology, Microbiology and IBD Section
- > Intestinal Disorders Section
- > Liver and Biliary Section
- > Pancreatic Disorders Section

## AGA INSTITUTE FOCUSED CLINICAL UPDATES

S S M T W T

**ADMIT** Sunday, May 18 and Monday, May 19, 6:45-8:00 am

Location: Manchester Grand Hyatt

Session Fee: \$60

Focused Clinical Updates are designed to help you choose the “must-see” clinical research abstracts presented at DDW. In each session, an expert moderator reviews new and important findings from abstracts presented at DDW on a particular clinical topic. Before the meeting, registrants have the opportunity to download the abstracts to be discussed during the sessions. Attendees are encouraged to review the abstracts ahead of the meeting so they may participate in a meaningful discussion with the moderator and other attendees. Time will be reserved for questions and answers. Breakfast will be provided. Attendance is limited to 48 persons per session.

*Partial funding provided by TAP Pharmaceutical Products, Inc.*

FOCUSED CLINICAL UPDATES (CONTINUED)

**SUNDAY, MAY 18**

SESSION CODE	TOPIC	SPEAKER
FC01	Heartburn: GERD, NERD or Something Else?	Ronnie Fass, MD
FC02	Colorectal Cancer Screening and Surveillance	Carol A. Burke, MD
FC03	Management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease	Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH
FC04	Update on <i>H. pylori</i>	Alan F. Cutler, MD
FC05	Enhanced Endoscopic Imaging	Michael B. Wallace, MD, MPH
FC06	Hepatitis C	Helen S. Te, MD
FC07	Constipation, Pelvic Floor Dysfunction and Anorectal Motility Disorders	Satish S. C. Rao, MD, PhD

**MONDAY, MAY 19**

SESSION CODE	TOPIC	SPEAKER
FC08	Celiac Disease	Ciaran P. Kelly, MD
FC09	Clinical Trials in IBD	Remo Panaccione, MD
FC10	Emerging Treatment Strategies for NAFLD	Stephen H. Caldwell, MD
FC11	Update on Barrett's Esophagus and Esophageal Cancer	Kenneth K. Wang, MD
FC12	Capsule Endoscopy	Glenn M. Eisen, MD, MPH
FC13	Treatment of Functional GI Disorders	Anthony J. Lembo, MD
FC14	Medical, Surgical and Endoscopic Therapy of Obesity	Lee M. Kaplan, MD, PhD
FC15	Neoplastic Pancreatic Cysts: Diagnosis and Management Update	TBD

**AGA INSTITUTE FOCUSED RESEARCH ROUNDTABLES**

S S M T W T

**ADMIT** Sunday, May 18 and Monday, May 19, 6:45 – 8:00 am  
 Location: Manchester Grand Hyatt  
 Session Fee: \$60

Focused Research Roundtables are designed to help you choose the “must-see” basic science abstracts presented at DDW. Similar to Focused Clinical Updates, an expert moderator reviews new and important findings from abstracts presented at DDW on a particular research topic. Before the meeting, registrants have the opportunity to download the abstracts to be discussed during the sessions. Attendees are encouraged to review the abstracts ahead of the meeting so they may participate in a meaningful discussion with the moderator and other attendees. Time will be reserved for questions and answers. Breakfast will be provided. Attendance is limited to 48 persons per session.

**SUNDAY, MAY 18**

SESSION CODE	TOPIC	SPEAKER
FR01	Pathogenesis of Celiac Disease	Bana Jabri, MD, PhD
FR02	Update on Research on NASH and ASH	Ariel E. Feldstein, MD

**MONDAY, MAY 19**

SESSION CODE	TOPIC	SPEAKER
FR03	Pathogenesis of IBD	Stephan R. Targan, MD
FR04	Inflammation and Functional Bowel Disease	Robin C. Spiller, MD

**AGA INSTITUTE PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING LUNCHEONS**

S S M T W T

**ADMIT** Monday, May 19 – Wednesday, May 21, 12:30 – 1:45 pm  
 Location: Manchester Grand Hyatt  
 Session Fee: \$70

The AGA Institute Problem-Based Learning Luncheons involve discussion of real-life case presentations by a small group with a teacher as the facilitator. The group identifies relevant facts, hypotheses and learning agenda items and resolves the problem put forth in the case presentation.

*A boxed lunch is provided. All sessions are limited to 25 attendees.*

**MONDAY, MAY 19**

SESSION CODE	TOPIC	FACILITATOR
LL01	32-Year-Old Woman with Fever and Jaundice and an Unusual Diagnosis	Sanjiv Chopra, MD
LL02	Management of Crohn's Disease: Merging Evidence with Experience, an Interactive Session	David T. Rubin, MD
LL07	Colorectal Cancer Surveillance in Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Controversies and Management 2008	Francis A. Farraye, MD, MSc
LL04	Fluctuating Cholestasis in a 51-Year-Old Man with a Renal Transplant: A Diagnostic Dilemma	Helen M. Shields, MD
LL05	Crohn's Disease and Eosinophilic Esophagitis. What's Going On?	Harland Winter, MD

**TUESDAY, MAY 20**

SESSION CODE	TOPIC	FACILITATOR
LL06	Evaluating and Negotiating Physician Employment Contracts	J. Sumner Bell III, MD and F. Taylor Wootton, III, MD
LL03	36-Year-Old Patient with Heartburn and Not Responding to High Dose PPI Therapy	Prateek Sharma, MD

PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING LUNCHEONS (CONTINUED)

SESSION CODE	TOPIC	FACILITATOR
LL08	Unresponsive GERD versus Eosinophilic Esophagitis in a 15-Year-Old Male	Laurie N. Fishman, MD
LL09	Cut by Ockham's Razor: Man with Multiple Causes of Obscure GI Bleeding	Eric M. Goldberg, MD
LL10	An Evidence Based Approach to the Management of Irritable Bowel Syndrome	Philip S. Schoenfeld, MD, MEd, MSc

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

SESSION CODE	TOPIC	FACILITATOR
LL11	Clinical Trials in Private Practice 101	Colleen M. Schmitt, MD
LL12	Cystic Neoplasms of the Pancreas: Diagnosis and Management	David R. Lichtenstein, MD
LL13	When "The Going" Gets Tough: What's New in the Management of Chronic Constipation? A 33-Year-Old Woman with Constipation, Straining and Incomplete Evacuation	Suzanne Rose, MD

CLINICAL SYMPOSIA

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 19–Wednesday, May 21  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

Topics include:

- > Advances in Colonoscopy Imaging and Technology
- > Advances in Imaging for the Evaluation and Management of Small Bowel Disorders
- > An Evidence-Based Approach to Controversies in IBS Management
- > Antiviral Agents for Chronic HBV and HCV
- > "Best Practices" in CRC Screening with Colonoscopy
- > The Changing Face of GERD
- > Clinical Controversies in Functional Dyspepsia
- > Clinical Issues in IBD
- > Colorectal Cancer Screening: Clinical Considerations
- > Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases: An Evidence-Based Approach
- > Controversies in the Management of Pancreaticobiliary Disorders
- > Difficult Diarrheas
- > Emerging Role of Genetics in Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders
- > Emerging Techniques in Endoluminal Resection: Beyond EMR
- > Emerging Therapies for GI and Liver Diseases
- > Emerging Topics In Functional Esophageal Disorders
- > Endoscopy in the Elderly
- > Enhanced Imaging for Barrett's Dysplasia: The Emerging Endo-Cytoscopist
- > Eosinophilic Esophagitis: Insights on an Emerging Clinical Entity
- > Eosinophilic Esophagitis: Perspectives in 2008

- > Evaluating Dyspepsia: Does Gastric Function Testing Improve Outcomes?
- > Extra-Esophageal GERD: Causes, Outcomes, Treatment
- > Functional Symptoms and Stress in Patients with IBD
- > The Gastroenterologist's Management of the Post-Liver Transplant Patient
- > Integrating CT Colonography into GI Practice
- > Narcotic Bowel Syndrome
- > NOTES: Advancing on the Future
- > New "Tools and Tricks" for GI: Ready for Prime Time?
- > Obesity, Bariatric Surgery, and the Gastroenterologist
- > Optimizing the Use of Biologics in Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- > The Patient with Refractory GERD: Is it Always NERD?
- > Policy Issues in GI Practice
- > Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC): Pathogenesis, Diagnosis and Management
- > Severe Acute Pancreatitis: Revising the Atlanta Classification and Update on Management
- > Small Intestinal Transplant

TRANSLATIONAL SYMPOSIA

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18–Wednesday, May 21  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

Topics include:

- > Aberrant Crypt Foci in Humans: Role in Carcinogenesis and Endpoints in Chemoprevention Trials
- > Adherent/Invasive *E. coli* in Crohn's disease
- > Autoimmune Pancreatitis and Cholangiopathy: Spectrum of an Emerging Clinical Disorder
- > Autophagy in Crohn's Disease and Mucosal Homeostasis
- > Bariatric Surgery, Weight Loss and Glucose Homeostasis: Is it all in the Hormones?
- > Enzyme Activation in the Pathogenesis of Pancreatitis
- > Genetics and Liver Disease for the Practicing Physician
- > The Human Microbiome
- > Inflammation-Induced Changes in Enteric Neuron Function and their Significance
- > The Microbiome Gut Brain Axis: Implications for Functional GI Disorders and Beyond
- > Micronutrient Supplementation and Clinical Outcomes in Critical Illness
- > Neurogenic Basis of Pain in Pancreatitis
- > New Advances in Gastropancreatic Tumors: From Animal Models to Diagnosis and Targeted Therapy
- > Patterns of Protein Expression in the Evaluation and Diagnosis of Gastrointestinal Disease
- > What Causes IBD?

## RESEARCH SYMPOSIA

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18 – Wednesday, May 21  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

### Topics include:

- > Bacterial Roles in Intestinal Disorders
- > Enteric Nervous System Development: Modeling Complex Multigenic Human Disease
- > Hypoxia and IBD
- > Immunopathogenesis of Hepatitis C
- > Inflammation and Adiposity in Gastrointestinal and Liver Disease
- > Intestinal Barrier and Transport Functions in Health and Disease
- > Intestine and Adipose Tissue: The Tale of Two Endocrine Organs in Inflammation
- > New Molecules Determining Epithelial Cell Polarity: View From the Edge
- > A Phoenix Arising from the Fire: Inflammation-Induced Cancer in the UGI Tract
- > Protein Kinases and GI Cancers
- > TGF and Related Signaling Pathways in GI Cancers

## ROME FOUNDATION AGA INSTITUTE LECTURE

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 10:30–11:30 am  
Location: San Diego Convention Center  
Gina Kolata, New York Times chief science writer, will present “Lessons from Our Patients,” a lecture intended to help physicians understand the needs of patients. Her lecture will provide recommendations to improve the patient-physician relationship and patient management and identify simple measures to make clinical practice more satisfying to both the practitioner and patient.

## AGA FOUNDATION MORTON I. GROSSMAN DISTINGUISHED LECTURESHIP

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 8:30 – 10:00 am  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

Darwin J. Prockop, MD, PhD, director of the Center for Gene Therapy at Tulane University Health Sciences Center, will present the twentieth Morton I. Grossman Distinguished Lecture. His presentation is tentatively titled “‘Stemness’ Does Not Explain All the Ways in Which Tissues are Healed by Adult Stem/Progenitor Cells (MSCs).” The Grossman Lecture was established in 1989 to commemorate the contributions of Dr. Morton I. Grossman, who is considered the father of modern gastrointestinal endocrine physiology.

## STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURES

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18 – Wednesday, May 21  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

### Topics include:

- > Autophagy and Mitochondrial Injury in Liver Disease
- > CFTR in Pancreatic Disorders
- > Endocannabinoids and the Control of GI Functions
- > Future Therapies for Celiac Disease
- > Inflammation, Stem Cells and GI Cancer
- > Metabolic Syndrome
- > Nutritional Regulation of Epigenetics in Colon Cancer

## OTHER AGA INSTITUTE SYMPOSIA

### GASTROENTEROLOGICAL RESEARCH GROUP (GRG) SPRING SYMPOSIUM: SENESCENCE, AGING, AND CANCER

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 1:00–3:30 pm  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

In this session, participants will understand the molecular mechanisms of senescence and its influence on cancer formation. Peiqing Sun, PhD, associate professor at Scripps Institute, will address Oncogene-Induced Senescence. Jerry Shay, PhD, professor of cell biology at University of Texas Southwestern, will present Replicative Senescence. Judith Campisi, PhD, senior staff scientist at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, will present Aging: Balancing Regeneration and Cancer.

### THE BEST OF UEGW

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 8:30 – 10:00 am  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

This session will highlight topics presented at the UEGW 2007 meeting in Paris. Topics include inflammatory bowel disease, small intestinal diseases, GI oncology, liver disease, endoscopy and pancreas.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute International Committee and the AGA Institute Council.*

**THE CHANGING FACE OF HEPATITIS B AS A RESULT OF POPULATION MIGRATION**

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 4:00–5:30 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

This session will comprise three talks and a roundtable discussion on the impact of population migration on the epidemiology, clinical manifestations, and management of HBV infection.

Hepatitis B virus can be classified into 8 genotypes. Certain HBV genotypes have been shown to correlate with more rapid progression to cirrhosis and liver cancer. Global distribution of HBV genotypes may be traced to population migration and may account for variations in patterns of HBV-related liver disease in different parts of the world. Implementation of universal vaccination of newborns and catch-up vaccination of children and adolescents has resulted in a significant decrease in the incidence of acute HBV infection in the United States, but the prevalence of chronic HBV infection is largely unchanged due to immigration from HBV-endemic areas. This paradox has led to new CDC recommendations on HBV screening. Immigration as the predominant source of chronic HBV infection in the U.S. has also resulted in changes in disease patterns that necessitate adaptations in management strategies.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute International Committee, AASLD and the AGA Institute Clinical Practice and Liver & Biliary Sections.*

**MAXIMIZING YOUR CLINICAL PERFORMANCE THROUGH WEB-BASED INTERACTION**

S S M T W T

**ADMIT** Sunday, May 18, 2:15–5:15pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

Session Fee: \$50

Maximizing web tools such as online self-assessment modules, electronic learning portfolios, digital video, podcasts and other technology can sensibly support an efficient learning process. This session will assist gastroenterologists in identifying areas for improved clinical competence and creating an improvement plan with learning goals.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute Education and Training Committee.*

**ISSUES FACING GI FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS**

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19, 2:15–3:45 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

This session is a panel discussion exclusively for training directors and division chiefs to address timely issues, such as implementing the ACGME core competencies, funding fellowship positions, salary structure and institutional support, hepatology CAQ and the latest on accrediting other fourth-year fellowships, getting ready for the Match, and other topics. The format for this discussion consists of a moderator who will introduce various topics in order to provide maximum flexibility for addressing issues relating to training programs.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute and Education and Training Committee.*

**EVALUATING ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS FOR GASTROENTEROLOGY PRACTICES**

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20

Location: San Diego Convention Center

This session focuses on the questions the GI physician should address when considering an EHR.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute Practice Management and Economics Committee and Clinical Practice and Quality Management Committee.*

**HOW TO COLLABORATE WITH INDUSTRY: FINDING NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN AN UNSTABLE FUNDING ENVIRONMENT**

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 10:30am–noon

Location: San Diego Convention Center

This session will provide information on how to broker research opportunities between industry and academia. Session speakers will include an industry scientist, an entrepreneur and an AGA academic researcher who have successfully created new collaborations to improve GI health.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute Research Policy Committee.*

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IN ACADEMIC MEDICINE**

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 2:15–3:45pm  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

This session is designed for fellows and junior faculty engaged in research who wish to stay in academic medicine. The session will address the mechanisms and various sources for starting or maintaining an academic career, including funding available from NIH and other sources. In addition, attendees will learn how to prepare a persuasive proposal, as well as the inside story on how study sections function.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute Education and Training Committee and Research Policy Committee.*

**GI CODING AND COMPLIANCE UPDATE FOR 2008**

S S M T W T

**ADMIT** Wednesday, May 21, 8:30–10:00am  
Location: San Diego Convention Center  
Session Fee: \$75

The session will include specific recommendations for meeting the increasing demand for GI services while minimizing expenses and maintaining a reasonable work day.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute Practice Management and Economics Committee and Clinical Practice and Quality Management Committee*

**EVIDENCE-BASED ANSWERS AT THE POINT OF CARE**

S S M T W T

Wednesday, May 21, 10:30–11:30 am  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

This is a case-based interactive course that leverages medical board/review questions, an electronic audience response system (ARS), and selected electronic information resources including *UptoDate® in Gastroenterology and Hepatology*. Attendees participate in a “best practices challenge,” answering the questions using the anonymous ARS. These questions are then used to demonstrate how to use a number of point-of-care resources to find evidence to apply to patient care.

**PURSUING A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN ACADEMIA**

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 2:15-3:45 pm  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

This session of multiple lectures is designed for trainees and junior GIs interested in pursuing a career in academia. Lectures will include the basics of starting and sustaining a successful academic career. The session will include adequate time for a question-and-answer period in order to provide to attendees the maximum guidance and direction for a successful career in academia.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute and Education and Training Committee and Clinical Practice and Quality Management Committee.*

**PURSUING A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN PRIVATE PRACTICE**

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 10:30 am–noon  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

This panel discussion is designed for trainees and junior GIs interested in pursuing a career in private practice. Topics include what to expect in private practice, negotiating your starting salary and compensation package, living with the noncompete clause, choosing the environment that’s right for you, managing work-life balance and gender issues. Because approximately 70% of trainees pursue a career in private practice, the panel discussion format is intended to provide maximum flexibility in discussing a variety of issues and encouraging interaction with the audience.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute Education and Training Committee.*

**ABIM MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION MADE EASY**

S S M T W T

**ADMIT** Tuesday, May 20 , 8:00 am–noon  
Location: San Diego Convention Center  
Session Fee: \$150

This popular session will permit the completion of one ABIM GI SEP Module for 20 points in medical knowledge toward Maintenance of Certification (MOC) in the setting of didactic discussion of questions and answers. Audience participation will occur throughout the session and an overview of the ABIM GI MOC process will be provided.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute Education and Training Committee*



**CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN PUBLICATIONS—WHOSE ISSUE IS IT ANYWAY?**

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 8:30-9:30 am  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

With representatives from the research, clinical, publication and editorial communities, this symposium will highlight ongoing issues regarding conflict of interest in publications. Topics include the nature of conflicts in GI literature, how researchers can minimize potential conflicts and how clinical journals currently address conflicts of interest. This session will also discuss future goals for journals and editors on this issue. In addition, there will be time for audience participation.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute Ethics Committee and Publications Committee.*

**DEVELOPING NEW BUSINESS LINES IN THE GASTROENTEROLOGY PRACTICE: THE MULTI-SPECIALTY DIGESTIVE DISEASE CENTER MODEL**

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19, 4:00–5:30 pm  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

The speakers will discuss how to effectively develop new service lines in the gastroenterology practice using the multi-specialty digestive disease center model. Topics will include practice management considerations, legal issues, facility design, patient flow, efficiencies and identifying optimal provider mix. Information specific to obesity management will be used as an example.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute Practice Management and Economics Committee and Clinical Practice and Quality Management Committee.*

**“INCIDENT TO”—MEDICARE’S DIRTY LITTLE SECRET**

**ADMIT** Monday, May 19, 4:00–5:30 pm  
Location: San Diego Convention Center  
Session Fee: \$100

This session will focus on the regulations associated with billing for services provided by staff and mid-level providers. Discussion topics will include both Medicare and private payer policies.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute Practice Management and Economics Committee.*

**AGA 2008 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM WASHINGTON**

S S M T W T

Tuesday May 20, 10:30–noon  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

This session is designed to provide an update on the AGA’s involvement in the legislative, regulatory and reimbursement issues affecting gastroenterologists in 2007-2008 and how AGA is advocating on your behalf.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute Clinical Practice and Quality Management Committee and Practice Management and Economics Committee and the AGA Public Affairs and Advocacy Committee.*

**RODGER C. HAGGITT GASTROINTESTINAL PATHOLOGY SOCIETY SESSION: LYNCH SYNDROME—DIAGNOSIS AND SCREENING IN 2008**

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 4:00–5:30 pm  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

In this session, attendees will learn about screening techniques for Lynch syndrome in newly diagnosed colorectal cancer patients and how to review the morphologic features and mismatch repair protein expression in Lynch syndrome cancers, and will gain knowledge about how to prevent cancer in Lynch syndrome patients.

*Sponsored by the Rodger C. Haggitt Gastrointestinal Pathology Society.*

**TRAINING THE GASTROENTEROLOGIST OF THE FUTURE: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE**

S S M T W T

Wednesday, May 21, 8:30–10:00 am  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

This session will offer a well-rounded review of gastroenterology training worldwide. Speakers will elaborate on training challenges globally and will provide strategies and proposals to best meet those challenges.

*Sponsored by the AGA Institute International Committee and the World Gastroenterology Organisation.*

**AGA STORE**

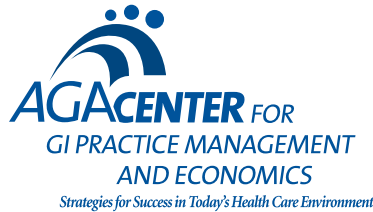
S S M T W T

Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am–5:00 pm  
Sunday, May 18–Tuesday, May 20, 8:00 am–5:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 21, 8:00 am–4:00 pm

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# AGA CENTER FOR GI PRACTICE MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS



## PRACTICE MANAGEMENT ESSENTIALS FOR PRACTICE MANAGERS/ADMINISTRATORS IN GI PRACTICES

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**ADMIT** Saturday, May 17, 7:30 am – 5:15 pm  
 Sunday, May 18, 7:30 am – 12:15 pm  
 Location: Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego

REGISTRATION FEES	ON OR BEFORE APRIL 13	AFTER APRIL 13
AGA Members	\$200	\$250
Nonmembers	\$275	\$325

The course will be broken into five groups of three sessions, each given by experts in their fields. A panel discussion will follow each group. Topics will include:

- > Compliance and Accreditation;
- > Marketing Your Practice;
- > Practice Challenges;
- > Practice Mergers;
- > Providing Ancillary Services in Your Office; and
- > Quality and Reporting.

Participation will be limited to 175 registrants. For more information, visit the AGA Institute Web site at [www.gastro.org](http://www.gastro.org) or e-mail Cecile Katzoff, director for Practice Economics and vice president for Consulting Services, at [ckatzoff@gastro.org](mailto:ckatzoff@gastro.org).

### Continuing Education

The American College of Medical Practice Executives (ACMPE) is the certification body for the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA). This program will qualify for continuing education in the ACMPE and AAPC. Credit hour forms will be available onsite.

## GI PRACTICE MANAGEMENT CONSULTING CENTER

S S M T W T

**ADMIT** Monday, May 19, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
 Tuesday, May 21, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
 Location: San Diego Convention Center

Brought to you by the AGA Center for GI Practice Management and Economics, the consulting center provides private-practice and clinical-academic gastroenterologists with a free, 10-minute one-on-one consult with an expert consultant offering advice on the full spectrum of practice management topics. Topics include compliance issues, coding and reimbursement, staffing, training and many more. Consulting sessions, which are open to members and nonmembers, can be scheduled onsite on a first-come, first-served basis. Thirty-minute consulting sessions can be purchased for \$45 each.

For more information, visit the AGA Institute Web site at [www.gastro.org](http://www.gastro.org) or e-mail Cecile Katzoff, director for Practice Economics and vice president for Consulting Services, at [ckatzoff@gastro.org](mailto:ckatzoff@gastro.org).

## AGA INSTITUTE CME STATEMENT

The American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) Institute is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The AGA Institute designates these educational activities for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

In accordance with ACCME's Standards for Commercial Support of Continuing Medical Education, all faculty and planning partners must disclose any financial relationship(s) or other relationship(s) held within the past 12 months. The AGA Institute implements a mechanism to identify and resolve all conflicts of interest prior to delivering the educational activity to learners.



## ASGE HIGHLIGHTS

ASGE is recognized as the premier specialty society dedicated to the education of its physician members in the use of endoscopic techniques for the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal diseases. Membership is composed of over 10,000 domestic and international gastroenterologists, surgeons and other medical specialists who utilize endoscopy as a diagnostic and therapeutic method of treatment for diseases of the digestive tract.

### ASGE PLENARY SESSION

S S M T W T

Wednesday, May 21, 8:15 am–noon

Location: San Diego Convention Center

ASGE's Plenary Session will include a look at where we are now and what's in the future for endoscopic research and clinical practice, covering both advanced topics and common GI problems. A Distinguished Lecture will be given by a renowned speaker and State-of-the-Art Lectures will cover a range of topics. The J. Edward Berk, MD, DSe, FASGE State-of-the-Art Endowed Lecture and the Jack A. Vennes, MD, and Stephen E. Silvis, MD State-of-the-Art Endowed Lecture will be presented. ASGE President Grace H. Elta, MD, FASGE, will share her insights in the ASGE 2008 Presidential Address. Join your colleagues and attend this thought-provoking session.

### ASGE ANNUAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE

#### ASGE POSTGRADUATE COURSE 2008 ENDOSCOPIC PRACTICE 2008: AT THE INTERFACE OF EVIDENCE AND EXPERT OPINION

S S M T W T

**ADMIT** Wednesday, May 21, 2:00–6:00 pm;

Thursday, May 22, 7:30 am–5:30 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

#### Course Highlights

**Course Co-Directors:** Michelle A. Anderson, MD, MSc; Michael L. Kochman, MD, FASGE; Uri Ladabaum, MD, MS

The course will address common and emerging issues in gastrointestinal endoscopy encountered by the practicing gastroenterologist. Using actual case presentations, internationally renowned experts will discuss a "best-evidence" approach to patient management in areas where clinical experience must be relied upon when definitive data are lacking. An electronic audience response system will allow participants to interact with their peers and the speakers in a real-time format. A highlight of the course will be case discussions by pairs of faculty experts in the "Hot Seat." The Basil I. Hirshowitz, MD Endowed Lecture will be presented.

#### Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, participants will be able to:

- > Identify current and emerging technologies in endoscopy and apply this knowledge to achieve desired results and minimize complications;
- > Characterize current controversies in screening for GI neoplasia, and help patients make informed decisions about screening and surveillance;
- > Define key issues related to upper gastrointestinal, biliary and colonic endoprosthesis, and utilize these devices more effectively in clinical practice;
- > Describe how respected experts combine established data with experience in the approach to common clinical problems, and integrate these strategies into their own practice as applicable;
- > Differentiate models of sedation for endoscopy, and apply the models appropriate to individual practice settings; and
- > Discuss current trends in quality assurance, training and legal issues affecting endoscopic practice.

#### Target Audience

Practicing gastroenterologists, gastrointestinal surgeons, physicians performing gastrointestinal endoscopy, gastroenterology fellows and trainees, medical and surgical residents, physician assistants, gastrointestinal nurses and technicians.

REGISTRATION FEES	ON OR BEFORE APRIL 11	AFTER APRIL 11/ONSITE
ASGE Physician Member	\$475	\$525
Physician Nonmember	\$575	\$625
ASGE Trainee Member	\$295	\$345
Nonmember Trainee	\$395	\$445
Nurse Member	\$145	\$195
Nurse Nonmember	\$195	\$245

*Registration fee includes paper and CD-ROM syllabus and lunch. For complete details about the ASGE Annual Postgraduate Course, please refer to the separate brochure included in this registration packet or visit the DDW Web site at [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org).*

## ASGE LEARNING CENTER

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Sunday, May 18–Wednesday, May 21

Hours: 8:00 am–5:00 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

The ASGE Learning Center is a dynamic, interactive educational resource for DDW attendees. The Learning Center includes:

- > Endoscopic video programs, including newly released educational videos and the winner of the 2008 ASGE Audiovisual Award;
- > Hands-on endoscopic demonstrations;
- > Interactive DVDs, CD-ROMs and more!

DVDs and CD-ROMs from the ASGE Endoscopic Learning Library may also be purchased at the Learning Center.

## ASGE SPECIAL SESSIONS

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19, 2:15–3:45 pm

Tuesday, May 20, 8:30–10:00 am; 4:00–5:30 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

The ASGE Special Sessions return for the eighth consecutive year in 2008. These panel sessions allow in-depth review of a current hot topic. Session topics include:

- > Colonoscopy Preps: Which is the Right One?;
- > Quality Indicators in Endoscopy: How it Affects Your Practice; and
- > The Government and the Endoscopist.

## ASGE BREAKFAST WITH CHAMPIONS

S S M T W T

**ADMIT** Monday, May 19 – Wednesday, May 21, 6:30–8:00 am

Location: San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina

Session Fee: \$50

These small-group sessions provide a great opportunity to interact with the champions of endoscopy and learn how they deal with challenging endoscopic situations. Breakfast will be provided. Attendance is limited to 50 persons per session.

### MONDAY, MAY 19, 6:30–8:00 AM

SESSION CODE	TITLE	SPEAKER
BC01	Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS): Outside the Envelope	Robert H. Hawes, MD, FASGE
BC02	ERCP: Cases and Controversies	Glen A. Lehman, MD, FASGE
BC03	GI Bleeding: Endoscopic Control of Bleeding from the GI Tract	Dennis M. Jensen, MD
BC04	Polyps: The Endoscopist Owns Them All!	Jerome D. Wayne, MD, FASGE

### TUESDAY, MAY 20, 6:30–8:00 AM

SESSION CODE	TITLE	SPEAKER
BC05	Colonoscopy: Who, When, How and Why	David A. Lieberman, MD, FASGE
BC06	Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS): Staging and Diagnostic Roles	Kenneth J. Chang, MD, FASGE
BC07	ERCP: How to Avoid Disasters and Optimize Success	Peter B. Cotton, MD, FASGE
BC08	ERCP: Taking on the Pancreas	Stuart Sherman, MD, FASGE

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 6:30–8:00 AM

SESSION CODE	TITLE	SPEAKER
BC09	Ablation of Barrett's Esophagus	Kenneth K. Wang, MD, FASGE
BC10	Colonoscopy: Optimizing Performance	Douglas K. Rex, MD, FASGE
BC11	ERCP: Optimizing Cannulation Success	David L. Carr-Locke, MD, FASGE
BC12	Luminal Stents: What is the Best Approach	Todd H. Baron, MD, FASGE

## ASGE TOPIC FORA

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 2:15–3:45 pm; 4:00–5:30 pm (Tentative)

Monday, May 19, 8:30–10:00 am; 10:30 am–Noon;

2:15–3:45 pm; 4:00–5:30 pm

Tuesday, May 20, 8:30–10:00 am; 10:30 am–Noon;

2:15–3:45 pm; 4:00–5:30 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

The aim of ASGE's Topic Fora, which span three days, is to discuss the latest in endoscopic research and clinical practice and the best methods of delivering patient care using endoscopy. A state-of-the-art speaker highlights each Topic Fora session. In 2007, a record number of abstracts were submitted for ASGE Topic Fora, reflecting continued strong interest in GI endoscopy and the value of these sessions.

## ASGE CLINICAL SYMPOSIA

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 2:15–3:45 pm; 4:00–5:30 pm  
 Monday, May 19, 8:30–10:00 am; 10:30 am–noon;  
 2:15–3:45 pm; 4:00–5:30 pm  
 Tuesday, May 20, 8:30–10:00 am; 10:30 am–noon;  
 2:15–3:45 pm  
 Location: San Diego Convention Center

ASGE's general-interest Clinical Symposia review not only cutting-edge technology but also the role of endoscopy as one of the gastroenterologist's most important tools. Topics include:

- > Antibiotics, Antiplatelets, Anticoagulants and Endoscopy;
- > Bariatric Surgery and Its Complications: The Role of the Endoscopist;
- > Endoscopic Ablation Therapy for Barrett's Esophagus;
- > Endoscopic Imaging: "Through the Looking Glass";
- > Enteral Stents: Who, How and What Are the Outcomes?;
- > Eosinophilic Esophagitis;
- > Hot Topics in ERCP;
- > Hot Topics in EUS;
- > Imaging the Small Intestine;
- > It's Not Your Father's Endoscope;
- > Management of Cystic Pancreatic Lesions;
- > Management of the Patient with Early Esophageal Cancer: Is the World Flat?;
- > Molecular Medicine and the Endoscopist;
- > NOTES™: An Update; and
- > Polypectomy: Issues and Answers.

## POSTER GRAND ROUNDS

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19 and Tuesday, May 20, 12:15–1:00 pm  
 Location: San Diego Convention Center

With more than 800 ASGE posters displayed during DDW, there is something for everyone. Poster Grand Rounds provide an in-depth review of some of the best posters in an informal environment, and a chance to interact one-on-one with researchers in the field.

### MONDAY, MAY 19, 12:15–1:00 PM

TITLE
Session I: Colonoscopy
Session II: EUS

### TUESDAY, MAY 20, 12:15–1:00 PM

TITLE
Session III: Biliary and Pancreatic ERCP
Session IV: Small Bowel Imaging

## ASGE INTERACTIVE EDUCATION SESSIONS

S S M T W T

**ADMIT** Monday, May 19 – Wednesday, May 21, Noon–2:00 pm  
 Location: San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina

The ASGE Interactive Education Sessions will provide an opportunity for participants to gain practical information and experience using cutting-edge technology and techniques. Participants may have hands-on opportunities if time permits. This is the perfect opportunity for attendees to discuss therapies with the premier leaders in gastroenterology.

### REGISTRATION FEES

ASGE Member	\$250 per session
Nonmember	\$300 per session
ASGE Trainee Member	\$125 per session

### MONDAY, MAY 19, NOON–2:00 PM

SESSION CODE	TITLE	COURSE DIRECTORS
IE1	Advances in Esophageal Therapies and Beyond	Virender K. Sharma, MD, FASGE; Kenneth K. Wang, MD, FASGE
IE2	Capsule Endoscopy	Christopher J. Gostout, MD, FASGE; Robynne K. Chutkan, MD, FASGE

### TUESDAY, MAY 20, NOON–2:00 PM

SESSION CODE	TITLE	COURSE DIRECTORS
IE3	Endoluminal Tissue Approximation and Perforation Closure	Gottumukkala S. Raju, MD, FASGE; Roy M. Soetikno, MD

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, NOON–2:00 PM

SESSION CODE	TITLE	COURSE DIRECTORS
IE4	Endoscopic Mucosal Resections and Beyond	Irving Waxman, MD, FASGE; Norio Fukami, MD

## ASGE HANDS-ON COURSE: ADVANCED IMAGING

S S M T W T

**ADMIT** Sunday, May 18, 8:00 am–noon  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

This half-day hands-on course is intended to provide instruction on the use of high definition and narrow band imaging (electronic chromoscopy) for the detection of neoplasia in the upper and lower GI tract. Attendees will also become familiar with newer imaging modalities such as autofluorescence, endocytoscopy and confocal endoscopy.

### REGISTRATION FEES

ASGE Member	\$425
Nonmember	\$500
ASGE Trainee Member	\$225

## ASGE VIDEO FORUM

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19, 8:00 am–noon  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

With cases from around the world, the ASGE Video Forum allows audiences to learn about and see firsthand the diverse maladies that are diagnosed and treated endoscopically, as well as the unusual techniques that are used. The video format provides a visually intriguing experience for attendees.

## ASGE FELLOWS LUNCHEON

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 12:30–2:00 pm  
Location: San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina  
**Register online for this event at [www.asge.org](http://www.asge.org).**  
**Click on Register for Events.**

The always-popular ASGE Fellows Luncheon will feature recognized experts addressing topics of particular interest to fellows and providing valuable insights and perspectives on careers in gastroenterology, including private practice and academics. The luncheon will also allow an ample question-and-answer period. Fellows have found this luncheon to be extremely helpful, particularly in their second and third years of training, because it provides a valuable overview of what they may expect upon completion of their formal training.

## ASGE STORE

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The ASGE Store is the place at DDW to learn about and purchase ASGE products . . . all in one place. Explore ASGE's Endoscopic Learning Library of DVDs containing demonstrations of endoscopic procedures. Check out the large selection of ASGE physician and patient education products and signature logo items. You can also pick up the latest issue of ASGE News, upcoming course information, and learn about the benefits of ASGE membership.

### ASGE Store Hours

Saturday, May 17 ..... 9:00 am–6:00 pm  
Sunday, May 18–Tuesday, May 20 ..... 7:00 am–6:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 21 ..... 7:00 am–5:00 pm  
Thursday, May 22 ..... 6:30 am–6:00 pm

## ASGE CME STATEMENT

The American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

ASGE designates educational activities on an hour-by-hour basis for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

ASGE requires all individuals who have the opportunity to affect the content of an educational activity to disclose any financial relationships relating to their presentation that may result in a potential conflict of interest. Disclosures are made in written form prior to the start of the educational activity and communicated to the learner. Any conflicts of interest will be resolved prior to the start of the activity through the ASGE Conflict of Interest Resolution Policy.



## SSAT HIGHLIGHTS

The annual meeting of the SSAT continues to be a premier forum for presentation of state-of-the-art original work in surgical gastroenterology. From analyses of clinical outcomes, to descriptions of novel surgical techniques, to molecular studies of gastrointestinal malignancy, the plenary sessions of the SSAT offer the latest and most important advances in the field. The work presented will be highly relevant to the practicing gastrointestinal surgeon, serving as a comprehensive, concise review of important new developments.

### SSAT POSTGRADUATE COURSE

#### UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS AND EVOLVING SOLUTIONS IN SURGICAL GASTROENTEROLOGY

S S M T W T

**ADMIT** Sunday, May 18, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

#### Course Highlights

John C. Bowen, MD, President of the SSAT, has assembled a distinguished faculty of gastroenterologists, surgeons, and interventional radiologists to cover in-depth a selected array of gastrointestinal diseases. The course will focus on five contemporary topics:

1. Multimodal approach to colorectal liver metastases, including mapping of metastases, liver anatomy and resection technique, methods to improve resectability, ablative techniques and outcomes;
2. Acute bile duct injuries, including avoidance of injury, intraoperative and postoperative management and reported outcomes;
3. Lower GI emergencies, including fulminant ulcerative colitis, ischemic and *C. difficile* colitis, colonic perforations, acute mesenteric ischemia and lower GI hemorrhage;
4. Benign and malignant bile duct strictures, including surgical and non-surgical strategies; and
5. Benign disorders of the esophagus, including diagnosis of motility disorders with a special note on global dysmotility, benign esophageal strictures—medical versus surgical options, esophageal perforations, current treatment of esophageal diverticula and caustic injuries to the esophagus and stomach.

#### Format

The course will be divided into five sessions. Topics will be presented by experts using case examples, technical innovations, imaging modalities, clinical algorithms and outcome analyses. During or at the conclusion of each session there will be an opportunity for audience questions and interaction with panelists.

#### Learning Objectives

The aim of this course is to review a selection of topics vital to the gastrointestinal specialist. Although the emphasis will be on surgical problems, a multidisciplinary approach will be presented where applicable to provide diagnostic and treatment options. At the conclusion of this course, participants will be able to:

- > Have a clear understanding of the current evaluation and surgical options to treat colorectal metastases to the liver;
- > Understand how to prevent and treat acute bile duct injuries of differing severity;
- > Manage a wide variety of acute lower GI emergencies;
- > Diagnose and manage both benign and malignant bile duct strictures;
- > Recognize patterns of esophageal dysmotility and manage selected complications; and
- > Manage benign esophageal strictures and perforations.

REGISTRATION FEES	ON OR BEFORE APRIL 11	AFTER APRIL 11/ONSITE
SSAT Member	\$300	\$350
Nonmember	\$350	\$400
SSAT Candidate Member	\$250	\$300
Nonmember Trainee	\$300	\$350

For complete details about the SSAT Postgraduate Course, please refer to the separate brochure included in this registration packet or visit the SSAT Web site at [www.ssat.com](http://www.ssat.com) or the DDW Web site at [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org).

### SSAT OPENING SESSION

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19, 8:00 – 8:15 am

Location: San Diego Convention Center

The SSAT 49th Annual Meeting will begin with an opening session that will include the introduction of new members, announcements of SSAT scholarship awards, reports from the SSAT Foundation, recognition of the Foundation donors, and conferment of the Founders Medal. The session will be followed by the Presidential Plenary Session and the Presidential Address.



## SSAT PLENARY SESSIONS

### PRESIDENTIAL PLENARY

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19, 8:15–9:15 am  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

### PLENARY ORAL PRESENTATIONS

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19, 10:30–11:15 am; 2:15–5:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 20, 10:00– 11:15 am; 2:15–3:30 pm  
Wednesday, May 21, 8:30–10:00 am; 10:30 am–noon  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

The Presidential Plenary and Plenary Oral Presentations will run from Monday morning through Wednesday morning. The papers will be selected from more than 300 abstracts submitted.

#### Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:

- > Discuss current investigations and novel strategies in the management of patients with surgical conditions relating to the gastrointestinal tract, liver and pancreas;
- > Discuss current basic science investigation relating to the gastrointestinal tract, liver and pancreas; and
- > Discuss current studies in clinical outcomes for patients with surgical disorders of the gastrointestinal tract.

## SSAT PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19, 9:15–10:00 am  
Location: San Diego Convention Center  
Speaker: John C. Bowen, MD, President, SSAT

## SSAT GUEST ORATION

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Monday, May 19, 11:15 am–Noon  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

## SSAT POSTER SESSIONS

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19, Noon–2:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 20, Noon–2:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 21, Noon–2:00 pm  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

Authors will be available at their posters to answer questions from noon to 2:00 pm; posters will be on display from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

## SSAT STATE-OF-THE-ART CONFERENCE

### OPTIMAL TIMING OF SURGERY FOR IBD

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19, 2:15–5:00 pm  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

The SSAT State-of-the-Art Conference is sponsored by the SSAT Research Committee. Presentations by authorities in the field will be provided with the goal of developing an overall rational approach to determining the optimal timing for surgical interventions in patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

#### Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:

- > Know the indications for surgery in patients with Crohn's disease and Ulcerative Colitis;
- > Develop a rational approach to the optimal timing for surgical interventions in IBD patients; and
- > Understand those factors that predispose to complications in IBD patients undergoing surgery.

## SSAT VIDEO BREAKFAST SESSION

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 7:30–10:00 am  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

This popular breakfast session will feature peer-reviewed presentations selected from submitted video abstracts.

## SSAT PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE PANEL

### THE EFFECTS OF QUALITY INITIATIVES AND REPORTING ON PATIENT CARE AND REIMBURSEMENTS TO PHYSICIANS AND HOSPITALS

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 8:30–10:00 am  
Location: San Diego Convention Center

The Public Policy Committee will host a panel discussion on NSQIP and Pay for Performance.

#### Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:

- > Understand the effects of Pay for Performance and quality reporting initiatives on reimbursements to physicians and hospitals;
- > Recognize the potential effects of quality initiatives on patient care; and
- > Understand the intentions of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by instituting Pay for Performance and Physician Quality Reporting Initiatives.



## SSAT/AHPBA SYMPOSIUM

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 9:30–11:00 am

Location: San Diego Convention Center

The SSAT joins the AHPBA (American Hepatico Pancreato Biliary Association) in presenting a joint symposium at DDW.

## SSAT MAJA AND FRANK G. MOODY STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 11:15 am – Noon

Location: San Diego Convention Center

## SSAT DEBATES: CONTROVERSIES IN GI SURGERY

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 2:15 – 4:15 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

After its successful introduction last year, the SSAT will again provide a forum for three debates in which distinguished faculty will tackle opposing sides of hot-topic, controversial GI issues.

## SSAT QUICK SHOTS

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 3:30– 4:30 pm

Wednesday, May 21, 12:30–1:30 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

The highly rated Quick Shot format returns for two sessions. Authors present brief oral reports on their work, with time allotted for follow-up questions from the audience.

## SSAT/ASCRS SYMPOSIUM

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 3:30–5:00 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

The SSAT joins the ASCRS (American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons) in presenting a joint symposium at DDW.

## SSAT/ISDS SYMPOSIUM

### AROUND THE WORLD IN GI SURGERY

S S M T W T

Wednesday, May 21, 7:00–8:30 am

Location: San Diego Convention Center

A new tradition begins. Extending its outreach to related societies, the SSAT joins with the ISDS (International Society for Digestive Surgery) in presenting a joint symposium at DDW. Continental breakfast will be provided.

## SSAT EDUCATION COMMITTEE PANEL

### TEACHING SAFETY IN THE OR

S S M T W T

Wednesday, May 21, 8:30–10:00 am

Location: San Diego Convention Center

The Education Committee will host an invited panel addressing safety in the OR.

#### Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:

- > Understand the need to identify and learn from errors and near misses in the OR;
- > Gain insights into patient safety in the OR by comparisons to aviation;
- > Discuss the process and documentation to allow non-OR personnel in the operating room; and
- > Understand how empowering the team identifies preventable injury.

## SSAT/SAGES SYMPOSIUM

S S M T W T

Wednesday, May 21, Noon–3:00 pm

Location: San Diego Convention Center

The SSAT is pleased to continue the SSAT/SAGES (Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons) tradition of providing a joint symposium at DDW. Box lunches will be provided.

## SSAT CME STATEMENT

#### Accreditation

These activities will be planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the American College of Surgeons and the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract. The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

#### CME Credit

The American College of Surgeons will designate these educational activities for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

# ADDITIONAL DDW PROGRAMMING AND ACTIVITIES

## DDW 2008 NURSES PROGRAM: Part 1

S S **M** T W T

**ADMIT** Monday, May 19, 8:00 am–noon  
 Location: San Diego Convention Center  
 Course Directors: M. Stanley Branch, MD and Dariele Burchfield, RN

There is no fee for this program; however, you must register for the program on the DDW Registration and Housing form. You must also register for DDW if you intend to register for the Nurses Program.

### PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)
8:00–8:05	Welcome and Introduction	Malcom Branch, MD and Dariele Burchfield RN, CGRN
8:05–9:00	The ABCs of EMR	Kevin McGrath, MD and Jane Malick, RN, CRGN
9:00–9:50	What are the Threats to Endoscopy?	David Johnson, MD
9:50–10:00	Questions and Answers	
10:00–10:10	Break	
10:10–11:00	Performance Improvement Strategies for Operational Efficiency	Kevin Cooper, Management Engineer, Black Belt and Dariele Burchfield, RN, CGRN
11:00–11:50	Biliary and Pancreatic Imaging: What's New?	Malcolm Branch, MD and Elmar Merkle, MD
11:50–noon	Questions and Answers	

## DDW 2008 NURSES PROGRAM: Part 2

### NURSES HANDS-ON COURSE

S S **M** T W T

**ADMIT** Monday, May 19, 3:00–5:00 pm  
 Location: San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina  
 Course Directors: M. Stanley Branch, MD and Dariele Burchfield, RN

This course will allow nurses the unique opportunity to have hands-on experience with multiple techniques. (Content of course dependent on the participation of vendors). You must register for Part 1 of the Nurses Program in order to register for Part 2. Registration for Part 2 is limited to 60 attendees and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

### REGISTRATION FEES

ASGE Member	\$75
Nonmember	\$115

### DDW DIVERSITY RECEPTION

S S **M** T W T

Monday, May 19, 6:00–8:00 pm  
 Location: San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina

Jointly sponsored by all four societies, this reception provides a valued networking opportunity for minorities to gather, discuss relevant issues and learn more about what each society is doing to promote diversity within gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery.

### POSTER SESSIONS

S S **M** T W T

Sunday, May 18 – Wednesday, May 21, 8:00 am–5:00 pm  
 Location: San Diego Convention Center

Nearly 5,000 posters will be on display at DDW. Basic science posters and clinical posters will be presented in two separate areas. This enables meeting attendees with a predominant interest in clinical practice and clinical research to congregate in one area while those with a predominant interest in basic science can congregate in another adjacent area. This arrangement optimizes discussion among individuals with similar interests and enables attendees to use their time in the poster session most efficiently. Authors will be at their posters to answer questions from noon until 2:00 pm on the day their posters are presented.

### POSTERS2VIEW **New in 2008**

DDW is pleased to offer the service and convenience of Posters2View for the first time in 2008. Meeting attendees will now have the ability to view and print posters that they may have missed on any given day while at DDW. Posters2View will also provide meeting attendees with an opportunity to purchase a CD and/or obtain online access to view accepted posters that have been submitted to Posters2View.

## EXHIBIT HALL

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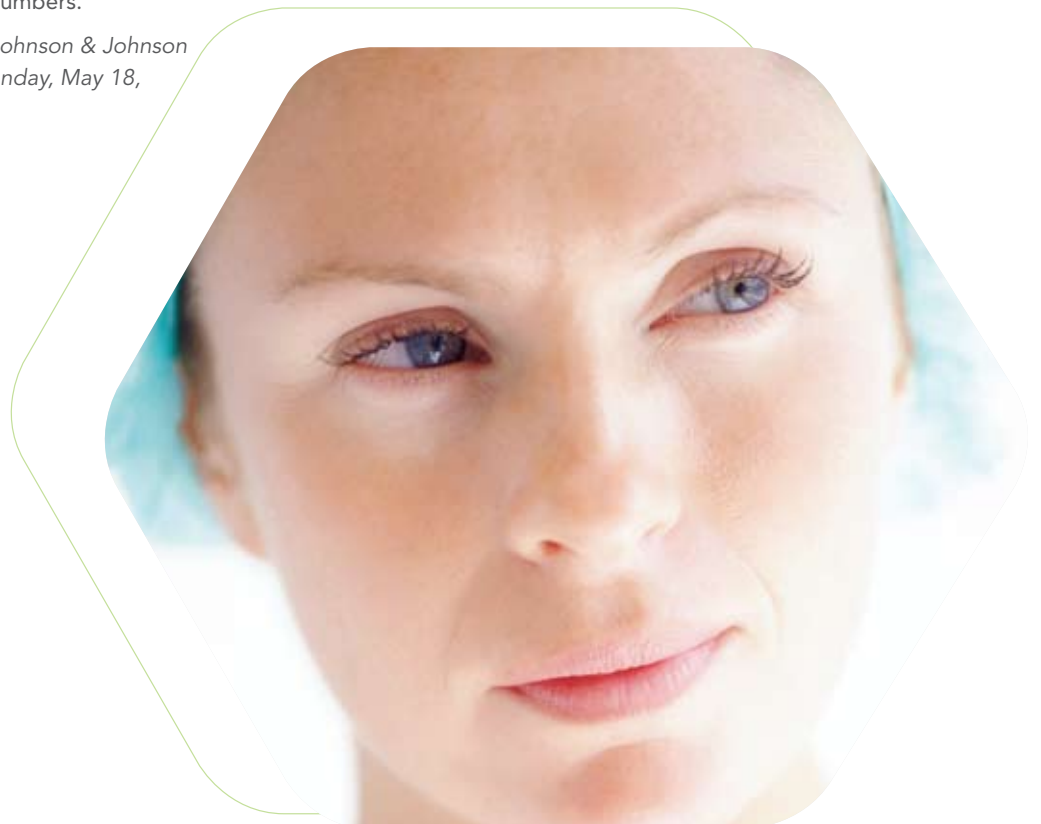
Sunday, May 18 – Wednesday, May 21

Location: San Diego Convention Center, Halls B–G

Sunday, May 18 ..... Noon–6:00 pm  
 Monday, May 19 ..... 10:00 am–4:00 pm  
 Tuesday, May 20 ..... 10:00 am–4:00 pm  
 Wednesday, May 21 ..... 10:00 am–2:00 pm

DDW is unsurpassed in hosting exhibitors who showcase the latest, cutting-edge products and services for gastroenterology and related fields. More than 280 companies will be exhibiting at the meeting, representing the following areas: pharmaceutical, device/instrumentation, nutrition, Internet, software, medical publishing and health-care foundations, among others. This year’s meeting will see the return of four specialty areas to the exhibit floor. The Practice Innovations Pavilion features exhibitors with high-tech products that support physician education and information management. The Health and Nutrition Pavilion features exhibitors with products that promote digestive health through nutrition and other non-medical/surgical means. Publisher’s Row showcases the latest publications in gastroenterology and related issues. Foundation Row includes non-profit organizations involved in issues related to digestive diseases. Visit [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org) for a complete list of exhibiting companies and their booth numbers.

*An Opening Reception, sponsored by Johnson & Johnson Health Care Companies, will be held Sunday, May 18, noon–2:00 pm.*



## HOTEL AMENITIES CHART

The hotel tax is 10.5%. All hotels either have shuttle service to the San Diego Convention Center or are within walking distance to the Center.

#	HOTEL	SHUTTLE STOP	DISTANCE TO CONVENTION CENTER	SINGLE RATE	DOUBLE RATE	TRIPLE RATE	QUAD RATE	ROOM SERVICE
1	Best Western Bayside Inn	AH	12 blocks	\$149	\$149	\$159	\$169	Open daily
2	Courtyard San Diego Downtown/by Marriott	AH	8 Blocks	\$199	\$199	\$219	\$239	6:30am/10:30pm
27	Crowne Plaza San Diego	AH	6 miles	\$148	\$148	\$158	\$158	Open daily
14	Doubletree Hotel San Diego Downtown (formerly the Radisson Harbor View)	AH	1.1 miles	\$169	\$179	\$189	\$199	Open daily
28	Doubletree San Diego Mission Valley	AH	6 miles	\$189	\$199	\$209	\$219	Open daily
3	Embassy Suites Hotel San Diego Bay Downtown	AH	7 blocks	\$265	\$285	\$305	\$325	Open daily
4	Hampton Inn by Hilton San Diego Downtown	AH	1 mile	\$175	\$175	\$185	\$195	Not available
5	Hard Rock Hotel (Deluxe Rooms)	W	1 block	\$295	\$295	\$320	\$345	24-hours
	Hard Rock Hotel (Suites)			\$345	\$345	\$370	\$395	
35	Hilton San Diego Airport / Harbor Island	AH	4.5 miles	\$219	\$219	\$234	\$249	24-hours
6	Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter	W	1 block	\$230	\$250	\$270	\$290	Open daily
29	Hilton San Diego Mission Valley	AH	5.2 miles	\$189	\$189	\$199	\$209	Open daily
7	Holiday Inn Express Downtown Harborview (formerly Quality Inn & Suites)	AH	16 blocks	\$164	\$164	\$184	\$204	Not available
9	Holiday Inn on the Bay	AH	.5 miles	\$229	\$229	\$244	\$259	Open daily
36	Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside	AH	12 blocks	\$167	\$167	\$177	\$187	Open daily
8	Holiday Inn San Diego Downtown	AH	1.1 mile	\$199	\$199	\$209	\$219	Open daily
10	The Horton Grand Hotel	AH	3 blocks	\$199	\$199	\$219	\$239	Morning hours
33	Hotel del Coronado	AH	5.5 miles	\$299**	\$299**	\$324**	\$349**	24-hours
11	Hotel Solamar	AH	0.6 miles	\$249	\$249	\$269	\$289	24-hours
34	Loews Coronado Bay Resort	AH	9.5 miles	\$249	\$249	\$269	\$289	24-hours
12	Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego	W	2 blocks	\$260	\$280	\$305	\$330	24-hours
32	Marriott Coronado Island Resort	AH	3.9 miles	\$249	\$249	\$269	\$289	6:30am/12am
13	Omni San Diego Hotel	W	1 block	\$251	\$271	\$291	\$311	24-hours
15	Ramada Inn - Gaslamp	AH	0.9 miles	\$239	\$259	\$274	\$289	6:30am/9pm
16	Residence Inn by Marriott San Diego Downtown	AH	1.5 miles	\$209	\$209	\$219	\$0	Not available
17	Rodeway Inn & Suites Downtown San Diego	NB	14 blocks	\$139	\$139	\$159	\$179	Not available
18	San Diego Marriott Gaslamp	AH	0.4 miles	\$259	\$279	\$299	\$319	5:30am/12am
19	San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina (Cityview)	W	1 block	\$250	\$250	\$270	\$290	24-hours
	San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina (Bayview)			\$270	\$270	\$290	\$310	
30	San Diego Marriott Mission Valley	AH	6.5 miles	\$197	\$197	\$207	\$217	Open daily
20	Sheraton Suites San Diego	AH	14 blocks	\$209	\$219	\$239	\$259	Open daily
21	The Sofia Hotel	AH	0.5 miles	\$160	\$160	\$185	\$210	No
31	Town and Country Resort	AH	6 miles	\$155	\$175	\$195	\$215	Open daily
22	The US Grant - A Luxury Collection	AH	8 blocks	\$288	\$308	\$328	\$348	24-hours
23	W San Diego	AH	11 blocks	\$279	\$299	\$324	\$349	24-hours
24	The Westgate Hotel	AH	7 blocks	\$225	\$225	\$245	\$265	24-hours
25	The Westin Horton Plaza San Diego	AH	6 blocks	\$259	\$259	\$279	\$299	24-hours
26	Westin San Diego (formerly the Wyndham Emerald Plaza Hotel)	AH	10 blocks	\$235	\$255	\$275	\$295	Open daily

**Shuttle Service Key:** **AH**—Shuttle pickup at hotel, **NB**—Shuttle pickup at a nearby hotel, **W**—Hotel is within walking distance to San Diego Convention Center. \*Parking prices are subject to change.

	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	POOL	AIRPORT SHUTTLE	FITNESS CENTER ONSITE	HIGH-SPEED INTERNET	BUSINESS CENTER	SPA SERVICES	MINI BAR	IN-ROOM SAFE	IN-ROOM FAX	IN-ROOM MOVIES	PARKING (\$) PER DAY*
	Included	Outdoor	Yes	No	Wireless (free)	Yes	No	No	Front Desk	No	Yes	\$7.00
	No	Not available	No	Yes	Wireless Lobby	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	\$24.00
	No	Outdoor	No	Yes	Wired (\$)	Yes	Yes (limited)	No	Yes	No	Yes	\$10.00
	No	Outdoor	Yes	Yes	Wireless (free)	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	\$18.00
	Included	Indoor & Outdoor	Yes (\$)	Yes	Wireless (\$)	Yes	Yes	No	Front Desk	No	Yes	\$15.00
	Included	Indoor	Yes	Yes	Wireless (\$)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	\$26.00
	Included	Outdoor	Yes	Yes	Wired (free)	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	\$12.00
	No	Outdoor	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$30.00
	Yes (\$)	Outdoor	Yes	Yes	Wired (\$)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$17.00
	No	Outdoor	No	Yes	Wired (free)	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	\$30.00
	No	Outdoor	No	Yes	Wired (\$)	Yes	Yes	Some Rooms	No	No	yes	\$18.00
	Included	Outdoor	Yes	No	Wireless (\$)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	\$12.00
	No	Outdoor	Yes	Yes	Wireless (free)	Yes	No	No	Front Desk	No	Yes	\$20.00
	No	Outdoor	Yes	Yes	Wireless (free)	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Free
	No	Outdoor	Yes	Yes	Wired (free)	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	\$6.00
	Yes (\$)	Not Available	No	No	Wireless (\$)	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	\$24.00
	Yes (\$)	Outdoor	Yes (\$)	Yes (\$)	Wired (\$)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$27.00
	No	Outdoor	No	Yes	Wireless (free)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$30.00
	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Wired	Yes	Yes	Yes	Upon Request	No	Yes	\$25.00
	Yes (\$)	Outdoor	No	Yes (\$)	Wired (\$)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Upon Request	No	Yes	\$20.00
	No	Outdoor	No	Yes	Wireless (\$)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	\$23.00
	No	Outdoor	No	Yes (\$)	Wireless (free)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$26.00
	No	Not Available	Yes	Yes	Wireless (free)	Yes	Yes (off site)	No	No	No	Yes	\$18.00
	Included	Outdoor	Yes	Yes	Wired (free)	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	\$12.00
	Included	Not available	Yes	No	Wired (free)	No	No	No	Front Desk	No	Yes	Free
	Yes (\$)	Not Available	No	Yes	Wireless (\$)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	\$28.00
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	No	Outdoor	No	Yes	Wired (\$)	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	\$17.00
	Yes (\$)	Indoor	No	Yes	Wired (\$)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	\$25.00
	Yes (\$)	Not available	No	Yes	Wireless (\$)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	\$25.00
	No	Outdoor	No	Yes (\$)	Wireless (\$)	Yes	Yes	Suites only	No	No	Yes	\$14.00
	No	Not available	No	Yes	Wireless (\$)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$30.00
	No	Outdoor	No	Yes	Wired (\$)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$28.00
	No	Not available	Yes	Yes	Wired (\$)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$25.00
	Yes (\$)	Outdoor	No	Yes	Wired (\$)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$27.00
	Yes	Outdoor	Yes	Yes (\$)	Wireless (\$)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$27.00

\*prices subject to change  
\*\* plus \$22 resort fee per room, per night

# DDW 2008 Hotel Map

May 17 - 22, 2008  
 Exhibit Dates: May 18 - 21, 2008

## Downtown Hotels

- 1 Best Western Bayside Inn
- 2 Courtyard San Diego Downtown by Marriott
- 14 Doubletree Hotel San Diego Downtown
- 3 Embassy Suites Hotel San Diego Bay - Downtown
- 4 Hampton Inn by Hilton San Diego Downtown
- 5 Hard Rock Hotel
- 6 Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter
- 7 Holiday Inn Express San Diego Downtown
- 8 Holiday Inn San Diego Downtown
- 9 Holiday Inn San Diego on the Bay
- 10 Horton Grand Hotel
- 11 Hotel Solamar
- 12 Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego
- 13 Omni San Diego Hotel
- 15 Ramada Inn - Gaslamp
- 16 Residence Inn by Marriott San Diego Downtown
- 17 Rodeway Inn & Suites at Downtown San Diego
- 18 San Diego Marriott Gaslamp
- 19 San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina
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- 26 Westin San Diego

## Mission Valley (map insert)

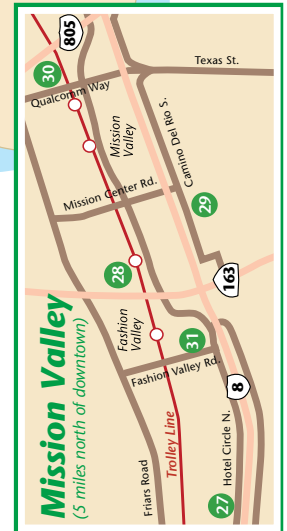
- 27 Crowne Plaza San Diego
- 28 Doubletree Hotel San Diego - Mission Valley
- 29 Hilton San Diego Mission Valley
- 30 San Diego Marriott Mission Valley
- 31 Town & Country Resort & Convention Center

## Coronado

- 32 Coronado Island Marriott Resort
- 33 Hotel del Coronado
- 34 Loews Coronado Bay Resort

## Harbor Island

- 35 Hilton San Diego Airport/Harbor Island
- 36 Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside
- 37 Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina



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## DDW PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

### ABSTRACTS ON DISK AND ONLINE

Review this year's accepted abstracts before arriving at DDW. A CD-ROM of all accepted abstracts will be mailed to attendees who register by April 25. Those who register after April 25 may pick up a copy onsite in the registration area, located in the San Diego Convention Center (limited quantities will be available). Abstracts will also be available online at [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org). Both the CD-ROM and online versions convert the printed abstracts into a searchable electronic format, allowing searches by author, title, key word, session title, full-text, agenda, society and presentation type.

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### BEST OF DDW: CD-ROM AND ONLINE

The definitive source for highlights of the DDW clinical and scientific programs, this product provides approximately 25 hours of some of the best clinical and scientific presentations from the meeting. Full audio and synchronized color slides organized in an easy, searchable format make this an ideal reference tool throughout the year.

**New for 2008:** The Best of DDW is available in both CD-ROM format and online. The online version includes 10 additional hours of programming. Order your copy when you register for the meeting and receive special reduced pricing! *CD-ROM orders will be shipped after September 1, 2008.*

### CHILDCARE

Make your attendance at this year's DDW a family affair. Once again this year, ACCENT on Children's Arrangements, Inc. will run Camp DDW, a great children's activity center planned especially for DDW attendees' children. Camp DDW will be located at the Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter hotel. ACCENT provides an exceptional caregiver-to-child ratio: 1:2 for children under 30 months, 1:4 for children 31 months to 4 years, 1:6 for children 5 to 8 years, and 1:8 for children 9 to 12 years. Space for this program fills up quickly, so register early by filling out the enclosed form (page 52). If you have further questions about Camp DDW, call ACCENT at 504-524-0188 or visit their website at [www.accentoca.com](http://www.accentoca.com).

Please note that DDW is a professional medical meeting. In order to maintain this environment, children under age 12 are NOT permitted to attend DDW Scientific Sessions or Postgraduate Courses for any reason. No exceptions will be made. Children age 12 and over must be registered as a guest if they will be accompanying an adult attendee to a session. Please note that children aged 6 months to 12 years will not be allowed in the Exhibit Hall. Infants under 6 months are permitted in the hall if they are in a front/back child carrier (no strollers).

### DDW DAILY NEWS

*DDW Daily News* serves as the official daily newspaper of DDW and provides invaluable information, published overnight to reflect the dynamic nature of the meeting. *DDW Daily News* will be distributed throughout the convention center and at major meeting hotels each day of the meeting, with each issue focusing on one of the four DDW member societies. The paper delivers information about scheduled events and scientific sessions, an exhibitor list and map, and exclusive interviews with each society's president and incoming president. Be sure to read the *DDW Daily News*, which reports on last-minute program changes (room and speaker changes) daily.



### INTERNET STATIONS

Internet stations will be located throughout the convention center. Registrants may use the stations to access the Internet during conference hours.

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### WIFI ZONES

WiFi lounge areas will be set-up in the exhibit hall to enable attendees who bring WiFi equipped handheld devices or notebook computers to access the Internet while they are at the meeting.

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### JOB PLACEMENT SERVICE

DDW offers an easy and efficient job placement service. This user-friendly computerized service streamlines the process for job seekers and employers alike. The service makes it feasible to conduct multiple interviews for applicants as well as employers in the span of a few days in a very cost-effective manner—all while taking advantage of the largest gathering of digestive disease physicians and scientists in the world!

DDW will conduct this service onsite. The system is a self-driven Windows® application set up on several workstations located in the San Diego Convention Center. Each workstation will be equipped with a computer and printer. From April 1, 2008 through May 9, 2008, applicants and employers can submit their data via the DDW web site at [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org). Submissions will also be accepted onsite, however, job seekers and employers are strongly encouraged to enter their data via the web site prior to the meeting so that the database is as complete as possible. Searches can only be conducted at the meeting.

Applicants can search job openings and employers can review resumes based on selected search criteria onsite. All parties (applicants and employers) must make their own interview appointments and arrangements.

#### Fees

Applicants: One-time fee of \$25 to enter your resume and to have the ability to search job openings.

Employers: \$200 per job posting and to have the ability to search resumes.

For more information, visit [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org) or contact Walter Cornejo at DDW Administration by telephone at 301-941-2612 or by e-mail at [jps@gastro.org](mailto:jps@gastro.org).

### MY DDW

#### New in 2008

At a large meeting such as DDW, it can sometimes be difficult to find all of the people, sessions and products that interest you. My DDW is a Web-based service that allows you to plan all aspects of your visit to DDW in advance, helping you to spend your time at the meeting as productively as possible.

#### Use My DDW to:

- > Network with colleagues. Create a profile on My DDW to communicate with other attendees. Search for colleagues' names, or make new contacts who share your professional interests. This networking tool will be available before, during and after DDW, making it easy to get in touch.
- > Decide how to spend your time onsite. My DDW will show you how many sessions, posters, events, fellow attendees and exhibit booths match your areas of interest.
- > Create a customized itinerary. Plan ahead by using a searchable database of abstracts and sessions to create a personalized, printable schedule. You can even create a map of your itinerary to help you locate your sessions in the San Diego Convention Center.
- > Learn about exhibitors' products and services. Use My DDW to search exhibitors' offerings, then contact them via e-mail or create a customized map of their locations on the exhibit floor. You can also opt to receive invitations to exhibitor-supported events focusing on the topics of your choice.

My DDW will be available in March 2008 at [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org). While we strongly suggest that you plan your itinerary in advance, you will be able to access My DDW onsite at computer stations located throughout the convention center.

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### PROGRAM BOOK

Each registrant will receive a complimentary program book in his/her conference bag. This book contains a comprehensive listing of all scientific sessions sorted by day and time, including a useful week-at-a-glance chart. Speaker names and room numbers are also noted. The book also contains a directory of exhibitors, detailed maps of the San Diego Convention Center and headquarter hotels and a complete listing of official DDW 2008 hotels.

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## RECYCLING

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### New in 2008

DDW is committed to supporting, encouraging and participating in recycling programs and is partnering with members of the San Diego community to help conserve the earth's natural resources. Look for signs, posted throughout the convention center, directing you as to how you can contribute to one or more of the offered green programs.

## SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS HANDOUTS BOOK

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Speakers at DDW often provide handouts that are distributed to those who attend their presentations. All handouts for non-ticketed, invited-speaker scientific sessions will be bound into a book and distributed to all registrants in the conference bags. Handouts also will be available online at [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org) after the meeting has finished. Note: This book does not include handouts for every session, only for non-ticketed, invited-speaker sessions for which the speaker has provided DDW Administration with a handout prior to the meeting.

## SESSION RECORDINGS

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DDW has made arrangements to provide CDs and MP3s of most DDW presentations. **New for 2008**, attendees have the opportunity to pre-order a full set of the session recordings\* when they preregister for DDW. Choose from the AASLD Digital Library, AGA Institute Digital Library, ASGE Digital Library, SSAT Digital Library or a complete set of all four societies' digital libraries.

You can order recordings after the meeting at [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org). Session recordings from DDW 2007 are also available online.

*\*Session recordings do not include any of the ticketed sessions or the DDW Combined Clinical Symposia.*



## SIMULTANEOUS ORAL TRANSLATIONS

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Selected sessions will have simultaneous oral translation in Spanish and Japanese. For a list of sessions and for information about reserving a headset, visit the International Attendees section of [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org).

## SYMPOSIA CENTRAL

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Are you planning a symposium that you would like to promote to DDW attendees? Take advantage of our Symposia Central area located in the San Diego Convention Center. DDW will provide an area to display brochures and posters for other medical meetings not being held during DDW. To reserve a place in Symposia Central, contact DDW Administration by telephone at 301-272-0022 or by e-mail at [ddwadmin@gastro.org](mailto:ddwadmin@gastro.org). There will be no charge for this service. Any brochures or posters placed elsewhere in the convention center will be discarded.

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## DDW TOURS

While you're at DDW, spend some time exploring the host city of San Diego. All tours depart from the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina, Marriott Hall Drive entrance.

Tickets for all tours may be picked up at the Guest Activities Registration Desk in the San Diego Convention Center. Additional tickets may be purchased onsite (subject to availability).

### Hours of Operation:

Friday, May 16 .....	Noon–6:00 pm
Saturday, May 17 .....	8:00 am–5:00 pm
Sunday, May 18 .....	8:00 am–5:00 pm
Monday, May 19 .....	8:00 am–4:00 pm
Tuesday, May 20 .....	8:00 am–4:00 pm
Wednesday, May 21 .....	8:00 am–9:30 am

Advance registration and payment is required for all tours. Register online at [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org) or complete the form on page 51. Contact ACCENT on Arrangements, Inc. at 504-524-0188 with questions about any of the tours.

### SAN DIEGO HIGHLIGHTS WITH OLD TOWN

S S M T W T

Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am–1:00 pm  
Monday, May 19, 9:00 am–1:00 pm

On this extended city tour, sit back and relax as your knowledgeable guide takes you through some of the famous sites of San Diego, including a brief stop in Old Town. The birthplace of San Diego and location of California's first mission, Old Town hosts replicas of antique artifacts and recreations of historic buildings, offering a glimpse back in time. From Old Town, to the Gaslamp Quarter, one of San Diego's most eclectic areas, to the magnificent "Island" of Coronado, this tour will provide you with a taste of the city. Whether you've been to San Diego before or not, this is a great way to immerse yourself in California culture and learn about this peaceful paradise of a city.

Cost: \$28.00 Per Person

### GASLAMP QUARTER WALKING TOUR

S S M T W T

Saturday, May 17, 2:00 pm–5:00 pm

From booming to dilapidated and back again, the Gaslamp Quarter has gone through many transformations. On this narrated walking tour, you'll get a glimpse of the Victorian architecture of some of the oldest buildings in town, view fine art galleries, eclectic cafes and restaurants, all while hearing tales of the Quarter's colorful history. Visit the William Heath Davis house, the oldest wooden structure in downtown San Diego and later home to Alonzo Horton, San Diego's founder.

The tour ends at the Horton Grand Hotel where you will enjoy a classic English afternoon tea with refreshments.

Cost: \$48.00 Per Person

### DINNER CRUISE ON THE BAY

S S M T W T

Saturday, May 17, 6:15 pm–10:15 pm

All Aboard! Embark on a 3-hour cruise with a lavish dinner, music and dancing while you enjoy the sights and sounds of San Diego Bay. Begin with cocktails on deck with the upbeat music of a disc jockey jazzing things up. Then indulge in a mouthwatering 3-course meal. The best way to experience the San Diego Skyline is on one of these wonderful ships. Cruise past the magnificent Coronado Bay Bridge, Seaport Village and historic warships, and see the festive lights adorning the city at night.

Cost: \$110.00 Per Person

### BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE SAN DIEGO ZOO

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 9:30 am–2:30 pm

Enjoy a private behind-the-scenes tour of the world-famous San Diego Zoo. The zoo, spanning 100 acres inside Balboa Park, houses almost 4,000 animals and has uniquely manicured landscaping with authentic animal habitats, meandering pathways, waterfalls, and tropical plants. Board a private bus and explore an area of the zoo where you'll be able to see animals not on view to the public, as well as their feeding areas. You will also enjoy a private animal presentation, then have time on your own to wander through the many exciting exhibits.

Cost: \$92.00 Per Person

### LA JOLLA & BIRCH AQUARIUM

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 10:30 am–3:30 pm  
Tuesday, May 20, 10:30 am–3:30 pm

Journey to the seaside community of La Jolla, the "jewel" of San Diego, and visit one of its gems, the Birch Aquarium. It is the largest oceanographic exhibit in the United States and is maintained by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Enjoy a private docent-led tour of the Aquarium. Then, take in the beautiful views of the coastline as we travel into the Village, the heart of La Jolla. This picturesque neighborhood is filled with international art galleries, trendy boutiques, designer shops, casual cafes and fine dining. Time is allotted to browse through shops and galleries along Prospect Street. Lunch is not included.

Cost: \$46.00 Per Person

**SAN DIEGO BY LAND AND SEA**

S S M T W T

Sunday, May 18, 12:30 pm–4:30 pm

Begin this unique tour aboard a deluxe motor coach as your knowledgeable tour guide takes you through the famous sites of San Diego, including Old Town, Balboa Park, and the Gaslamp Quarter. Next, head to the docks and enjoy a one-hour narrated cruise through the North Bay of San Diego Harbor. You'll hear about the rich history of this port city, get an inside glimpse of the port and naval activities, see the USS Midway and the Star of India, and pass sea lions along the way, which are commonly seen on the coast of California.

**Cost: \$42.00 Per Person****CORONADO: THE ISLAND AND THE DEL**

S S M T W T

Monday, May 19, 2:00 pm–5:00 pm

The small "island" of Coronado dates back to 1886, when Elisha Babcock had a dream of founding a resort town that would be the "finest watering spot on the Pacific Coast." Coronado fits that description exquisitely with its picturesque beach. Walk past famous houses, from the Glorietta Bay Inn, former mansion of John D. Spreckels, to the cottage of the Duchess of Windsor, and learn about the roots of this Crown City. Wander down Orange Street filled with many boutiques. View the famous Hotel Del Coronado, built in 1888. With its Victorian atmosphere and oceanfront location, this famous hotel lives up to its reputation of being one of the ten best beach resorts in the world. From presidents to movie stars, this historic hotel has seen it all.

**Cost: \$36.00 Per Person****TEMECULA: WILSON CREEK & PONTE WINERIES**

S S M T W T

Tuesday, May 20, 9:00 am–3:00 pm

Enjoy a tour and tasting at two prestigious wineries in Temecula Valley. The name itself provides a clue to this area's success in the wine making business. It's translation from a Native American language means "where the sun shines through the mist." Sun and mist are necessities in the successful growth of grapes. Begin at the Ponte Family Estate, a comfortable and quaint vineyard set against the beautiful backdrop of mountains, with a 45-minute tour of the grounds and a tasting of six different wines. Then sit down for a buffet-style lunch at the Smokehouse Café. Following lunch, you'll head to the Wilson Creek Winery for a 45-minute formal tasting at this fun, family-run vineyard.

**Cost: \$120.00 Per Person****WALK ON THE WILD SIDE**

S S M T W T

Wednesday, May 21, 9:00 am–3:00 pm

Enjoy a 45-minute train ride and a behind-the-scenes tour of San Diego's Wild Animal Park. Venture through an area that is not open to the public and see a private animal presentation. This 1800-acre park, an extension of the famous San Diego Zoo, is dedicated to the preservation of endangered species, and its animals roam freely in their natural habitats. Some of the animals you will see include rhinoceroses, elephants, and giraffes. Set against the native habitat of the San Pasqual Valley, the Park also features lush botanical gardens. Lunch is not included.

**Cost: \$96.00 Per Person****CAVES OF LA JOLLA: KAYAKING**

S S M T W T

Wednesday, May 21, 9:30 am–1:30 pm

One of the most appealing aspects of La Jolla is its natural beauty. Enjoy the magnificent views from your own kayak as you paddle your way along the shoreline. From atop your kayak, you may catch a glimpse of harbor seals, sea lions, and orange garibaldi swimming nearby. Take in the interesting sea life and breathtaking views all around and explore the La Jolla Sea Caves. Then paddle to the amazing kelp forest and ecological reserve. Wet suits are included.

**Cost: \$74.00 Per Person**

# DDW TOUR REGISTRATION FORM—MAY 17-21

All tours depart from the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina, Marriott Hall Drive entrance.

Please print clearly using dark ink.

TOUR NAME	TIME	NO. OF PEOPLE	PRICE	TOTAL
<b>Saturday, May 17</b>				
San Diego Highlights with Old Town	9:00 am–1:00 pm		\$28	
Gaslamp Quarter Walking Tour	2:00 pm–5:00 pm		\$48	
Dinner Cruise on the Bay	6:15 pm–10:15 pm		\$110	
<b>Sunday, May 18</b>				
Behind the Scenes at the Zoo	9:30 am–2:30 pm		\$92	
La Jolla & Birch Aquarium	10:30 am–3:30 pm		\$46	
San Diego by Land and Sea	12:30 pm–4:30 pm		\$42	
<b>Monday, May 19</b>				
San Diego Highlights with Old Town	9:00 am–1:00 pm		\$28	
Coronado: The Island and the Del	2:00 pm–5:00 pm		\$36	
<b>Tuesday, May 20</b>				
Temecula: Wilson Creek & Ponte Wineries	9:00 am–3:00 pm		\$120	
La Jolla & Birch Aquarium	10:30 am–3:30 pm		\$46	
<b>Wednesday, May 21</b>				
Walk on the Wild Side	9:00 am–3:00 pm		\$96	
Caves of La Jolla: Kayaking	9:30 am–1:30 pm		\$74	
<b>Grand Total</b>				

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST/FAMILY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you need special assistance. Please specify.

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check: payable to ACCENT on Arrangements in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. Payment must be in U.S. dollars.

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my:  AMEX  VISA  MC

CREDIT CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CARDHOLDER \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCENT on Arrangements, Inc. Liability Waiver

*This waiver must be signed.*

I/We agree and acknowledge that I/we are undertaking such participation in DDW tours, events and activities as my/our own free and intentional act and I/we give this acknowledgement freely and knowingly and that I/we are, as a result, able to participate in DDW tours, events and activities and hereby assume responsibility for my/our own wellbeing. I/we also agree not to allow any other individual to participate in my/our place.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Please do NOT send this form to DDW. Mail or fax to:

ACCENT on Arrangements, Inc./DDW  
615 Baronne St., Suite 303  
New Orleans, LA 70113 USA  
Phone: 504-524-0188  
Fax: 504-524-1229

E-Mail: [registration@accentoca.com](mailto:registration@accentoca.com)

## Confirmation

Confirmations will be mailed to all registrants. All tours will depart from the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina's Marriott Hall Drive. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to tour departure time. Tours are under the professional guidance of ACCENT on Arrangements, Inc.

## Cancellations

Cancellations must be received in writing by April 25, 2008 to receive a full refund. Refunds will be processed upon receipt of cancellation, but no longer than two weeks after the conclusion of the program.



# CAMP DDW REGISTRATION

MAY 17-22, HILTON SAN DIEGO GASLAMP QUARTER HOTEL  
 (Near the San Diego Convention Center, #19 on the hotel map on page 44.)

Camp DDW is open to children ages 6 months to 12 years. Rates are \$25 for a half day (five consecutive hours or less) and \$50 for a full day (more than five consecutive hours). A one-time, non-refundable \$10 registration fee per child is also required. Space for this program is limited, so register early. The deadline for advance registration is May 2, 2008.

Meals are not included in the registration. Those planning to enroll children in the camp during meal times may order meals on this registration form. We will assume your child will attend during the hours for which he/she is registered, and will therefore staff accordingly. You will receive a refund for cancellation received in writing at ACCENT offices by May 2, 2008. After that date, no refunds will be issued. "No shows" receive no refund. This policy is to ensure proper staffing, which is in the best interest of your child. ACCENT reserves the right to substitute programs of equal or greater value or cancel programs based on enrollment.

For more information about Camp DDW, please call ACCENT on Children's Arrangements, Inc. at 504-524-0188.

Please print:

DATE/TIME	HALF DAY (5 CONSECUTIVE HRS. OR LESS) \$25	FULL DAY \$50	CHECK IN TIME	CHECK OUT TIME	NO. OF HOURS	NO. OF CHILDREN	NO. OF LUNCHESES @ \$15 EACH	TOTAL
Saturday, May 17, 7:00 am-7:30 pm								\$
Sunday, May 18, 7:30 am-5:30 pm								\$
Monday, May 19, 7:30 am-5:30 pm								\$
Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 am-5:30 pm								\$
Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 am-5:30 pm								\$
Thursday, May 22, 7:30 am-5:30 pm								\$
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>								\$
Non-refundable registration fee of \$10 per child: # _____ children @ \$10 each								\$
<b>TOTAL</b>								\$

Check here if your child has needs under the Americans with Disabilities Act. We will contact you.

Does your child have experience with group care?

Frequently  Seldom  Never

CHILD'S NAME	AGE	SEX	BIRTH DATE
_____	_____	_____	_____
CHILD'S NAME	AGE	SEX	BIRTH DATE
_____	_____	_____	_____
CHILD'S NAME	AGE	SEX	BIRTH DATE
_____	_____	_____	_____

The child(ren) named above will be released **ONLY** to the person(s) signing this application.

_____	PARENT/GUARDIAN FULL NAME	SIGNATURE	
_____	PARENT/GUARDIAN FULL NAME	SIGNATURE	
_____	ADDRESS	CITY/STATE	ZIP
_____	CELL PHONE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	FAX

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Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my:  VISA  MasterCard

_____	CREDIT CARD NUMBER	EXPIRATION DATE
_____	NAME OF CARDHOLDER	
_____	SIGNATURE	

I agree that a fax or photocopy of my signature on this form shall be deemed original and shall not affect the validity of this form. Confirmations will not be mailed. Please keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

Please do NOT send this form to DDW. Mail or fax to:

Camp DDW/ACCENT on Children's Arrangements, Inc.  
 615 Baronne St., Suite 303  
 New Orleans, LA 70113 USA  
**Phone:** 504-524-0188 **Fax:** 504-524-1229  
**E-Mail:** registration@accentoca.com



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