

Updates in GI & Hepatology 2025

Saturday, December 6, 2025, 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

SLU Education Union Building, 1312 Carr Lane, St. Louis, MO 63104

Faculty Organizers: Dr. Tarek Nammour, Dr. Wing-Kin Syn

8:00 AM **Registration & Breakfast**

8:30 AM **Welcome Remarks**

Tarek Nammour, MD. Assistant Professor of Medicine, Advanced Endoscopy & Pancreatology, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Saint Louis University Hospital

Session 1: New Perspectives in Liver Disease Management

8:35 AM ***Unexplained Cholestatic Liver Disease.*** **Wing Kin Syn, MD, PhD.** James F. King Chair in Gastroenterology, Professor of Medicine, Director, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Co-Director, Liver Center, Program Director, Research Track Fellowship, Saint Louis University Hospital

9:05 AM ***Management of Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Liver Disease.*** **Jeffrey Teckman, MD.** Professor of Pediatrics, Biochemistry, and Molecular Biology. Saint Louis University School of Medicine. Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital

9:30 AM ***Keynote Lecture Visiting Professor. New Horizons in MASH: From noninvasive tests to FDA-approved treatments to clinical trials.*** **Naim Alkhouri, MD, FAASLD, DABOM.** Chief Medical officer, Chief of Transplant Hepatology, and Director of Steatotic Liver Program at Arizona Liver Health in Phoenix, Arizona.

10:00 AM ***Fellow's Case Presentation 1 Hepatology***

10:05 AM ***Indications for Liver Transplantation.*** **Uchenna Agbim, MD.** Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Saint Louis University Hospital

10:25 AM *Questions & Answers*

10:40 AM *Coffee Break*

Session 2: Advances in IBD, Endoscopy Quality and Neurogastroenterology

11:00 AM ***The High Quality Colonoscopy: Prep, Resection and Cancer Prevention.*** **Wissam Kiwan, MD.** Assistant Professor of Medicine, Advanced Endoscopy, Program Director Advanced Endoscopy Fellowship, Saint Louis University Hospital

11:20 AM ***Fellow's Case Presentation 2 IBD***

11:25 AM ***Game Changers in IBD: How Treatment is Evolving.*** **Manar Shmais, MD.** Assistant Professor of Medicine. Interim Director of IBD Program, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Saint Louis University Hospital

11:45 AM ***Fellow's Case Presentation 3 Neurogastroenterology & Motility***

11:50 AM ***Mastering the Esophagus - Unleashing Achalasia.*** **Adam Farmer, MD, PhD,** Professor of Medicine, Director of Neurogastroenterology & Motility, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Saint Louis University Hospital

12:10 PM *Questions & Answers*

12:20 PM *Lunch*

Session 3: Evolving Approaches in Pancreatic and Esophageal Disease

1:00 PM ***Introduction to Afternoon Session, Housekeeping, CME reminder***

1:05 PM ***Fellow's Case Presentation 4***

1:10 PM ***Diagnosis and management of neoplastic pancreas cysts: what every gastroenterologist should know. Antonio Cheesman Rocca, MD.*** Assistant Professor of Medicine, Advanced Endoscopy, Associate Program Director of Gastroenterology Fellowship, Director of Endoscopy, Saint Louis University Hospital

1:30 PM ***Chronic Pancreatitis: From Burden to Better Care. Tarek Nammour, MD.*** Assistant Professor of Medicine, Advanced Endoscopy & Pancreatology, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Saint Louis University Hospital

1:50 PM ***Barrett's Beyond Biopsies: When to Escalate for Advanced Endoscopic Intervention. Marina Kim, DO.*** Assistant Professor Medicine, Advanced Endoscopy, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Saint Louis University Hospital

2:10 PM *Questions & Answers*

2:20 PM ***Closing Remarks***

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