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Registration 8:00 – 9:00 AM	Saturday, March 8, 2008	Scientific Session 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
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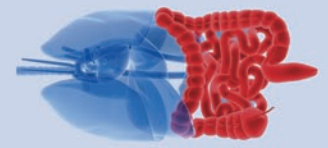
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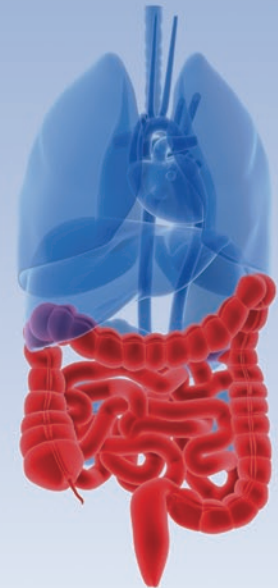


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PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND GOAL

The goal of this symposium is to define current and relevant treatment strategies and clinical protocols for the prevention, diagnosis, and management of diseases of the gastrointestinal tract; to enhance the care of patients with these diseases; and to support quality clinical practice of healthcare professionals involved in their care.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

To ensure prompt dissemination of important new developments in the treatment and management of patients with gastrointestinal disorders, peer-to-peer continuing medical education is essential. This program has been developed to address key issues in patient management and focus on the treatment strategies required to achieve the most favorable results to improve patient outcome.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of gastroenterologists, PCP's and other healthcare professionals interested in providing care for individuals with diseases of the GI tract.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

1. Review the latest trends and issues in the pathophysiology, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases of the gastrointestinal tract.
2. Evaluate new diagnostic and/or therapeutic strategies as they relate to specific clinical entities in the setting of gastrointestinal disease, including functional gastrointestinal disorders, acid-related disorders, and inflammatory bowel disease, among others.
3. Review current concepts underlying the pathophysiology and management of functional bowel disorders (irritable bowel syndrome, chronic constipation), as well as the impact of these disorders on the healthcare system and patient alike.

AGENDA

8:00 AM	REGISTRATION, Buffet Breakfast and Exhibits
8:55 AM	Welcome and Introductions
9:00 AM	Diagnosis and Treatment for Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis <i>David Schwartz, MD</i>
10:00 AM	Irritable bowel syndrome: The Role of Bacteria, Antibiotics and Probiotics <i>Yehuda Ringel, MD</i>
10:55 AM	Mid-morning Coffee Break and Exhibits
11:10 AM	Chronic constipation: Defining the Problem and Clinical Impact <i>Ernest Bouras, MD</i>
12:00 PM	Gerd - Diagnosis, Treatment and Management <i>Alin Botoman, MD</i>
1:00 PM	ADJOURN - (All lectures include time for Q and A)

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