ASGE Courses in 2006
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May 24–25
Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Live: Hear the Evidence. See the Practice.
Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles, CA
Held in conjunction with Digestive Disease Week®
Course Directors: Paul Kortan, MD, Gary May, MD, St. Michael’s Hospital Toronto, Ontario, Canada and Joe Romagnuolo, MD Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina.
Be part of the largest audience ever to see a transmission of live GI endoscopic cases by international expert endoscopists.
This course will take an evidence-based approach that will highlight the present state of the science in endoscopy and then demonstrate its clinical application. Live cases will demonstrate basic principles while illustrating state-of-the-art techniques.
The unique and exciting aspect of this course will be the amount of the course devoted to live demonstrations that will be done at the St. Michael’s Endoscopy unit in Toronto and transmitted to the Los Angeles Convention Center. The course will attempt to match the live demonstrations to the theme presented in the didactic portions, resulting in a unique integrated learning experience of science and art.
Target Audience: Practicing gastroenterologists, gastrointestinal surgeons, physicians performing gastrointestinal endoscopy, gastroenterology fellows and trainees, medical and surgical residents, physician assistants, gastrointestinal nurses and technicians.

First Year Fellows’ Endoscopy Course
Oak Brook, Illinois
2006 Course Dates
August 18–20
August 25–27
September 15–17
September 29–October 1
October 13–15
Over 250 first year GI fellows were provided with standard training in endoscopy in 2005, and ASGE plans to train another 300 in 2006. The ASGE Training Committee has developed a set of nine core lectures and three video based with topics including “Introduction to Endoscopy,” “Dilation,” “Obscure GI Bleeding,” and “Foreign Body Management”—essential topics for the first year fellow.

October 20
ASGE Postgraduate Course
Venetian Resort Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, NV
Course Directors: Amitabh Chak, MD, University Hospital of Cleveland, Cleveland, OH and Bret T. Petersen, MD, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
Held in conjunction with the College of Gastroenterology Annual Scientific Meeting.

May 20–25
Digestive Disease Week in Los Angeles. Digestive Disease Week (DDW) is the largest international gathering of physicians, researchers and academics in the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery. For more information visit our website at www.ddw.org. DDW is jointly sponsored by four societies: the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD), the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA), the American Society for Gastroin-
testinal Endoscopy (ASGE) and the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT).

May 25
NYU announces a new course on Medical Communications to be given at the NYU School of Continuing Professional Studies. The course will begin on May 25 and last eight weeks. This course will help healthcare professional improve their skills in communicating medical and related information effectively in a variety of expository formats. For more information, visit http://scps.nyu.edu/departments/course.jsp?catID=160&courseId=65135

June 8–9
Current Concepts in Complementary and Alternative Medicine: Evidence-Based Medicine To be given by the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, at the Thomas B. Turner Building, Baltimore, Maryland. Contact: Office of Continuing Medical Education, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Turner 20, 720 Rutland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21205-2195. Tel: (410) 955-2959. Fax: (410) 955-0807. E-mail: cmenet@jhmi.edu Web: http://www.hopkinscme.net

June 22–23
Fifth Annual Diagnostic and Therapeutic Techniques in Endoscopy: A Symposium for GI Nurses and Associates. To be given by the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact: Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Office of Continuing Medical Education, Turner 20, 720 Rutland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21205-2195. Tel: (410) 955-2959. Fax: (410) 955-0807. E-mail: cmenet@jhmi.edu Web: www.hopkinscme.net

June 23–24
ASGE announces its Advanced Capsule Endoscopy Users Course at the Oak Brook Hills Marriott Reesort Oak Brook, Illinois. This course is intended to address the needs of established capsule endoscopy users. An emphasis is placed on proper diagnosis, localization interpretation, and making subsequent management decisions. The course will also aide readers in identifying look-a-likes such as bulges, red spots and other normal variants. Attendees will also learn about performing capsule endoscopy in patients with special needs, learn the latest in preps and will review the most current international consensus statements. Course Director: Blair Lewis, M.D.; Faculty: Ira Schmelking, M.D. For more information, e-mail education@asge.org or call (630) 573-0600.
July 30–August 9

Seventh Annual Update in Gastroenterology 2006. Continuing Education Inc. (University at Sea) is offering a 14 hr CME course during a 10-night Eastern Mediterranean cruise of Italy, Greek Islands and Turkey aboard the Holland America ms Noordam. The agenda includes updates in GERD, IBD, HCV, HBV, celiac disease, probiotics, Barrett’s esophagus, noncardiac chest pain, HIV enteropathy, NASH, emerging colon cancer screening strategies and other topics. Faculty from the George Washington University School of Medicine and the University of Miami School of Medicine. (Course Director: David B. Doman, M.D.). AMA CME accredited 14 category 1 hours. Contact: Continuing Education Inc. 5700 4th Street N, St. Petersburg, FL 33703. Call (800) 422-0711 or the Web site www.continuingeducation.net

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September 3–6

The Foregut: Secretion, Motility, Nutrition, Early Cancer. To be given by the OESO 8th World Congress at the Palais des Papes in Avignon, France. Contact: (USA) New York University School of Medicine, 550 First Avenue, New York, NY 10016. E-mail: thomas.gouge@med.nyu.edu

September 8–10

Joint Annual Meeting of the Florida Gastroenterologic Society and the Florida Chapter of the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates. To be held at the World Golf Village Renaissance Resort, St. Augustine, Florida. For more information contact: Tel: (305) 687-1367. Fax: (305) 687-2490 or www.fl-gastrosociety.org

Announcements for the Meetings Calendar should be submitted at least three months in advance of the date of the meeting. Send to: Meetings Calendar, Practical Gastroenterology 99B Main Street, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978