The American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) Course Calendar
For more details on registering for these courses, contact ASGE at (630) 573-0600 or go to www.asge.org

February 12–13
Arizona Grand Resort, Phoenix, AZ.
Advanced Capsule Endoscopy Users Course

February 27–28
Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin,
Lake Buena Vista, FL.
Managing Endoscopic Complications: Best Techniques

January 15–16
AGA Clinical Congress of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. Managing GI Conditions; Integrating Scientific and Clinical Experience. To be held at the Venetian Hotel, Las Vegas. Register online at www.gastro.org/clinical congress

February 5
Southeastern Viral Hepatitis Summit. Hilton Raleigh-Durham Airport Hotel at Research Triangle Park, Durham, North Carolina. Hepatitis Foundation International announces a 1-day professional education and training summit for health professionals and others working with people who are affected by or infected with viral hepatitis including: nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, counselors and case managers. For more information and registration, visit the website: www.hepatitisfoundation.org

February 6
The Mississippi Gastroenterology Society Annual Meeting. To be held at the Hilton Jackson Hotel, 155 North at County Line Road, Jackson, MS. For hotel reservation (reduce rate of $114) please call (601) 957-2800. For more information please contact the MGS office at (601) 214-1649

February 8–12
The American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (A.S.P.E.N.) will hold its 2010 annual meeting, Clinical Nutrition Week in Las Vegas. The four-day conference offers 48 expert-led, interactive sessions and workshops and five intense pre-conference immersion programs covering key topics impacting clinical nutrition today. CNW10 offers attendees unparalleled access to talk one-on-one with any specialist, researcher or clinician. For full conference details, please visit www.nutritioncare.org/CNW. For more information about A.S.P.E.N. Please visit www.nutritioncare.org

February 20
6th Annual Live Advanced Endoscopy Course. To be held in Birmingham, Alabama at Trinity Medical Center. Course Director: Kenneth Sigman, MD. For more information contact Leisha Harris at (205) 599-4926 or e-mail: leisha_harris@chs.net

PUBLISHER’S NOTE
Dear Readers,

We are happy to announce that we are moving our editorial “in-house.” We are honored to be working with you directly from now on to continue to produce relevant editorial you want to see in Practical Gastroenterology. With your important contributions, what we achieve together is to publish exhaustive coverage of each disease entity in order to improve physician skill and alleviate patient suffering from these sometimes catastrophic diseases.

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Thank you for your loyalty, your readership and your valuable input.

Sincerely,
Vivian Mahl
Publisher, Practical Gastroenterology
February 20–27
11th Annual Update in Gastroenterology 2010 Continuing Education, Inc. (University at Sea) is offering a 14 hr CME course during a seven day Hawaiian Islands cruise aboard the Norwegian Cruise Line Pride of America. The agenda includes updates in eosinophilic esophagitis, celiac disease, IBD, IBS, probiotics, new capsule endoscopic technology, HBV, HCV, NASH, and other GI topics. Contact Continuing Education, Inc., 5700 4th Street N, St. Petersburg, FL 33703. For more information call (800) 422-0711 or visit www.universityatsea.com.

March 17–20
10th Annual Gastroenterology and Hepatology: Viva la Vida. At the Ritz-Carlton, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Presented by the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the Division of Gastroenterology. For more information call (410) 502-9634 or e-mail: cmenet@jhmi.edu.

April 30–May 5

May 1–5
Digestive Disease Week. Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA. Join the world's largest gathering of physicians and researchers in the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery. For more information and registration, visit the website: www.ddw.org

June 30–July 3
12th World Congress on Gastrointestinal Cancer. To be held at CCIB (International Convention Center of Barcelona) Barcelona, Spain. For more information please visit: WorldGICancer.com

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