**MEETINGS CALENDAR**

**July 25–August 1**

**Update in Medicine 2010: Focus on Gastroenterology and Nephrology.** Course Director: David B. Doman, MD FACP FACG. Faculty: Stephen Hellman, MD. Continuing Education, Inc (University at Sea) is offering a 14 hr CME course during a seven day Alaskan cruise aboard the Norwegian Cruise Line Pearl. The agenda includes IBS, IBD, Celiac Disease, chronic constipation, Clostridia difficile toxin colitis, abnormal urinalysis, renolithiasis, acute renal failure, chronic kidney disease, and other primary care topics. Faculty from the George Washington University School of Medicine. 14 hours AMA PRA continuing education credits. Contact Continuing Education, Inc., 5700 4th Street N., St. Petersburg, FL 33703. Phone: (800) 422-0711 or visit the web site at www.continuingeducation.net

**August 26–29**

**NGM 2010.** The American Neurogastroenterology and Motility Society (ANMS) is hosting the 2010 Joint International Neurogastroenterology and Motility Meeting in Boston, MA from August 26–29, 2010. NGM 2010 immediately follows the ANMS 5th Biennial Course on GI Motility and Neurogastroenterology in Clinical Practice on August 26, 2010. The NGM 2010 abstract deadline is March 3, 2010. Please go to the ANMS web site at www.motilitysociety.org for more information and to submit an abstract.

**October 1–3**

**EndoFest.** Registration is now open for the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy’s (ASGE) new signature event, EndoFest, to be held October 1–3, 2010, at the Fairmont Turnberry Isle Resort & Club, Aventura, FL. The event will feature two full days of multiple simultaneous sessions highlighting the latest research, skills and technologies in the practice of endoscopy. Didactic and hands-on sessions will address “everything endoscopy” including colonoscopy, enteroscopy, clipping, suturing, stents, acute and obscure GI Bleeding, sedation, feeding tubes, EMR/ESD, ERCP, RFA, complications, strictures and more.

Features of this exciting new event include:

- Tailor-made learning. Simultaneous sessions on diverse topics, featuring hands-on training and interactive formats that allow participants to tailor the event to their needs and learning style.
- Interaction with the experts. Small-group formats that encourage open discussion and collegial interaction with world-renowned expert faculty.

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• Newest technologies. An exhibit hall with demonstrations and the latest information on endoscopic products and devices.
• Flexibility. Registration for sessions “a la carte” or for the entire event at a discounted rate—only attend and pay for what participants want.
• Networking. Plenty of time to catch up with colleagues and relax in a convenient, family-oriented, resort location.

Course directors Christopher J. Gostout, MD, FASGE, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., Brenna Casey Bounds, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass., and John A. Martin, MD, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, join more than 30 expert faculty members for this one-of-a-kind educational experience.

As a result of attending this course, participants will be able to: Integrate the latest scientific advances and practice guidelines in specific clinical areas into their practice; apply advanced endoscopic skills and techniques into their performance in endoscopy; recognize the potential pitfalls related to specific advanced endoscopic skills and techniques; and evaluate the benefits, applications and limitations of advanced endoscopic devices. EndoFest is designed for all physicians and health care providers involved with practicing endoscopy including GI physicians, surgeons, nurses, technicians and other members of the health care team.

Registration Details: To learn more about EndoFest, including registration details, log on to www.asge.org. To view a video about EndoFest, log on to ASGE’s YouTube channel at: http://www.youtube.com/user/ASGEGIEndoscopy

October 15–20
ACG 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course. Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas. ACG is now accepting abstracts for the 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting. Don’t miss this opportunity to showcase your research alongside colleagues from the U.S. and abroad. The deadline is Monday, June 7, 2010, at 11:59 PM EDT. Visit the new website to find out about educational programs, hotels, and events. Registration opens in April. www.acg.gi.org

October 20–23
73rd Annual Colon and Rectal Surgery Conference. Hyatt Regency—Minneapolis, MN, USA. Sponsor: University of Minnesota Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery. Contact: Colleen Jensen, Course Coordinator. Address: P.O. Box 314 Lakeland, MN 55043. Telephone: (612) 670-7810. Fax: (612) 677-3200. E-mail: info@colonrectalcourse.org. Website: http://www.colonrectalcourse.org. This course will provide an overview of current concepts in colon and rectal surgery. Topics to be addressed include: Laparoscopic Colon and Rectal Surgery, Anorectal Disease, Colon and Rectal Cancer, Pelvic Floor Disorders, and Inflammatory Bowel Disease. In addition to the main course, we will offer 3 pre- and post-course workshops covering TEM, Laparoscopic Assisted Colon Resection, and Endorectal Ultrasonography.

December 9–12

February 20–23, 2011
10th Annual Surgery of the Foregut Symposium and Endoscopic Natural Orifice Surgery Workshop. Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, Florida. Sponsored by Cleveland Clinic Florida. Symposium Director: Raul J. Rosenthal, M.D. This activity has been approved for AMA PRA credit. For additional information contact: Cleveland Dlinic Florida, Department of Continuing Medical Education, 2950 Cleveland Clinic Boulevard, Weston, FL 33331; telephone: (954) 659-5490; toll free: (866) 293-7866, ext. 55490; fax: (954) 659-5491; e-mail: cme@ccf.org; website: www.ccf.org/florida/cme

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