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2018 Esophageal Symposium
March 2-4, 2018 | Andaz Resort and Spa | Scottsdale, AZ
Course Directors: Sumeet Mittal, MD and Virender K. Sharma, MD
Hands on Courses have separate registration fees

Hands-On Courses

Friday, March 2, 2018
8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast | Visit Exhibits
6:45 a.m. Welcome | Ross Brenner, MD, PhD
6:55 a.m. Introduction | Virender K. Sharma, MD
SESSION 1 | 7:00 – 8:30 A.M.
MODERATORS: BLAIR JOE & JOEL RICHTER, MD
7:05 a.m. Gastroparesis and Reflux Disease: The Brain, The Sphincter and The Big Black Hole (Hemig) | Ralph Ayc, MD
7:20 a.m. Medical Therapies for GERD: Before Time Line is PET
Colin Howden, MD
7:40 a.m. Laparoscopic Fundoplication: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly
Steven Domestrier, MD
8:00 a.m. Discussion
8:30 a.m. BREAK/EXHIBITS
SESSION 2 | 8:45 – 10:45 A.M.
MODERATORS: VIRENDER SHARMA, MD & RALPH AYE, MD
8:45 a.m. Safety of PPIs – Truth or Fake Media?
ROSS BREMNER, MD, PHD & COLIN HOWDEN, MD & MODERATORS: VIRENDER K. SHARMA, MD
9:05 a.m. TOBRE: Toward Better Staging for EAC – JAC: 8 Carmel Khesari, MD, PhD & C. Prakash Gyawali, MD
9:25 a.m. Endoscopic Ectopics: The New Kid on the Block (Joel Richter, MD
9:45 a.m. Discussion
10:15 a.m. BREAK/EXHIBITS
SESSION 3 | 10:45 – 12:30 P.M. | MODERATION
ROSS BRENNER, MD, PHIL & COLIN HODSON, MD
10:45 a.m. Reflux and Pulmonary Disease: Reflux, Reflux or Reflux? (Syukin Tanman, MD
11:00 a.m. Discussion
11:10 a.m. That Pasty Lumpy My Threat
Manishkumar Sagareman, MD
11:30 a.m. Thoracic and Abdominal Lesions: The Big Black Hole (Hemig)
11:40 a.m. Diagnosis, Evaluation and Outcomes of Treatments for Extra-esophageal Reflux Disease | Blair Joe, MD
12:00 p.m. GERD and Obesity: An Individualized Approach | Jim Swan, MD
12:30 p.m. Discussion
12:50 p.m. Adjourn | Sumant Mittal, MD
2:00 p.m. OPTIONAL HANDS-ON COURSE
Saturday, March 3, 2018
8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast | Visit Exhibits
6:50 a.m. Welcome | Sumant Mittal, MD
SESSION 1 | 7:00 – 8:45 A.M.
MODERATORS: JAMES SINN, MD & NICHOLAS SHAKEH, MD
7:00 a.m. What's Wrong with the Goose? Esophageal Motility Testing | Steven DeMeester, MD & Nicholas Shaheen, MD
7:20 a.m. Esophageal Dilemmas and Endoscopic Therapies
Colin Howden, MD
7:40 a.m. Laparoscopic Puller Hysteromy - Gold Standard or a Thing of the Past?
Jannine Huang, MD
8:00 a.m. PESM: The New Gold Standard or Another Ponzing Fail?
Manabul Sackler, MD
8:20 a.m. Discussion
8:45 a.m. BREAK/EXHIBITS
SESSION 2 | 9:00 – 10:35 A.M.
MODERATOR: STEVEN DEMESTER, MD & JOEL RICHTER, MD
9:00 a.m. Surgical Failure: Bad Surgery, Bad Patient or Both Luck?
Nichol Sherbin, MD
9:20 a.m. Failed Fundoplication: Where To Go In and Be Discovered the Holy Grail?
Blair Jobe, MD
9:40 a.m. Post Bariatric Surgery Esophageal Issue: Reflux to Dysphagia | James Swan, MD
10:10 a.m. Giant PEH Surgery: When, What and How?
Ross Brenner, MD, PhD
10:30 a.m. Discussion
10:50 a.m. BREAK/EXHIBITS
SESSION 3 | 11:00 A.M. – 12:25 P.M. | MODERATORS: RALPH AYE, MD & COLIN HODSON, MD
11:00 a.m. Endoluminal Therapies for GERD: Where Are We Now? | Joel Richter, MD
Sumeet Mittal, MD & Prakash Gyawali, MD
11:40 a.m. Show and Questions
Virender K. Sharma, MD
1:00 p.m. END