

29th Anniversary

Key Topics in Gastroenterology in 2026

All Lectures will be 20 minutes with 10 minutes for discussion

THURSDAY JUNE 11 - Moderator: Dr. Harminder Singh

1230-1235	Welcome	Dr. Charles Bernstein
1235-1305	Operation immersion: Implementing virtual reality to enhance perioperative outcomes	Dr. René El-Gabalawy
1305-1335	Interplay between genotoxic bacteria and inflammation in CRC development	Dr. Christian Jobin
1335-1405	Protecting the rectum in radiation treatment of cancer	Dr. Steven Frank
1405-1435	Blood and stool tests for colorectal cancer screening	Dr. Frank Sinicrope
1440-1500	break	
1500-1530	Colon cancer screening in 2026	Dr. William Grady
1530-1600	Advancing screening for colorectal cancer in Canada: Should we be starting younger?	Dr. Darren Brenner
1600-1645	Panel discussion: All speakers	Dr. Harminder Singh

FRIDAY JUNE 12 - Moderator: Dr. Dana Moffatt

0825-0830	Welcome	Dr. Charles Bernstein
0830-0900	Pancreatic Cancer: Early Detection -A Game Changer or a Mirage?	Dr. Gregory Cote
0900-0930	ESD for colon masses	Dr. Robert Bechara
0930-1000	Newer Strategies for dysplasia Surveillance in IBD	Dr. Sanjay Murthy
1000-1030	De-escalation of surveillance in IBD: the Dutch approach	Dr. Bas Oldenburg
1030-1050	break	
1050-1120	PSC	Dr. Joshua Korzenik
1120-1230	Panel discussion	Dr. Dana Moffatt
1230-1330	Lunch	

AFTERNOON SESSION - Moderator: Dr. Seth Shaffer

1330-1400	Using transabdominal US to identify complications of IBD	Dr. Kerri Novak
1400-1430	Endoscopic Management of IBD Complications	Dr. Bo Shen
1430-1500	Approach to post-operative Crohn's disease	Dr. Matthieu Allez
1500-1520	break	
1520-1550	De-escalation of advanced IBD therapies: why and how?	Dr. Frank Hoentjen
1550-1700	Panel discussion	Dr. Seth Shaffer

FOR OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS:

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PROGRAM

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Thursday (Half Day), June 11, 2026
Friday (Full Day), June 12, 2026

Winnipeg Art Gallery
300 Memorial Blvd.
Muriel Richardson Auditorium

Scientific Organizer: **Dr. Charles N. Bernstein**
Distinguished Professor of Medicine
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Planning Committee: **Section of Gastroenterology**
University of Manitoba
*All speakers have been asked to disclose
all potential conflicts of interest*

Place: **Winnipeg Art Gallery**
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Winnipeg, MB R3C 1V1

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Registration: **Registration fee for practicing physicians**
\$187.50 You can register for only June 11,
June 12 or both days.
For registration and payment of registration fee go to:
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Registration opens on Dec 1, 2025 and closes on
June 02, 2026

No charge for trainees, dietitians, nurses, allied
health.

GUEST SPEAKER JUNE 11th PM:

Dr. Renéé El-Gabalawy, MA, PhD, C.Psych.
Associate Prof., Clinical Health Psychology &
Anesthesiology
Research Director, Clinical Health Psychology
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB

Dr. Christian Jobin, PhD
Gatorade Trust & Distinguished Prof. of Medicine
Co-Leader, Immuno-Oncology & Microbiome
Univ. of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Dr. Steven J. Frank, MD
Bessie McGoldrick Prof. in Clinical Research
Exec. Dir., Particle Therapy Institute
MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

Dr. Frank Sinicrope, MD
Prof. of Medicine & Oncology
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Dr. William Grady, MD
Prof. of Medicine, Univ. of Washington
Fred Hutch Cancer Center, Seattle, WA

Dr. Darren Brenner, PhD
Prof. of Medicine & Community Health Sciences
Univ. of Calgary, Calgary, AB

Dr. Harminder Singh, MD, FRCPC
Assoc. Prof., Gastroenterology
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GUEST SPEAKER JUNE 12th:

Dr. Gregory Cote, MD, MS
Prof. of Medicine
Oregon Health & Science Univ., Portland, OR

Dr. Robert Bechara, MD, FRCPC
Assoc. Prof., Medicine, Queen's Univ.
Kingston Health Sciences Centre, Kingston, ON

Dr. Steven Frank, MD
Prof. of Radiology Oncology
MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

Dr. Bo Shen, MD
Co-Dir., Global Ctr. for Integrated Colorectal Surgery &
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Dr. Sanjay Murthy, MD, FRCPC, MSc
Assoc. Prof., Medicine & Epidemiology
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Dr. Bas Oldenburg, MD, PhD
Prof. of Gastroenterology
Univ. Medical Center Utrecht, Netherlands

Dr. Kerri Novak, MD, MSc
Assoc. Prof., of Medicine
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Dr. Matthieu Allez, MD
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Dr. Frank Hoentjen, MD, PhD
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Dr. Dana Moffatt, MD, FRCPC, FASGE
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Learning Objectives

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Thursday PM

- Understand the utility of virtual reality in enhancing perioperative outcomes
- Understand the relationship between gut microbiota and immune response in development of colorectal cancer
- Learn how to protect the rectum in radiation treatment of cancer
- Discuss blood and stool tests for colorectal cancer screening
- Understand colorectal screening paradigms

Friday

- Discuss pancreatic cancer detection
- Learn optimal approaches for ESD for colon masses
- Understand dysplasia surveillance approaches in IBD
- Learn about transabdominal ultrasound to identify complications of IBD
- Learn about endoscopic management of IBD complications
- Discuss primary sclerosing cholangitis pathogenesis and management
- Discuss approach to post-operative Crohn's disease
- Discuss approaches to de-escalation of advanced IBD therapies

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Participants may claim a maximum of 12 hours.