

Friday, March 13, 2026 *Agenda is subject to change*

7:00 AM	Registration and Exhibit Hall*	<i>Centennial Foyer / Ballroom AB</i>
7:30–8:10 AM	Breakfast & Industry-Sponsored Event* <i>Gina Choi, MD</i> <i>Sponsored by Madrigal Pharmaceuticals</i>	<i>Legacy Room</i>
8:10–8:20 AM	Break and Exhibit Hall*	<i>Centennial Ballroom AB</i>
8:20–8:25 AM	Welcoming Remarks <i>Eric Esrailian, MD, MPH, UCLA</i>	<i>Centennial Ballroom CD</i>
8:25–8:30 AM	Program Overview <i>V. Raman Muthusamy, MD, MAS, UCLA</i>	<i>Centennial Ballroom CD</i>
Disorders of Gut-Brain Interaction (DCBI) / Functional GI Moderators: <i>Lin Chang, MD, UCLA; Andrea Shin, MD, MSCR, UCLA</i>		<i>Centennial Ballroom CD</i>
8:30–9:30 AM	Case 1: Chronic Nausea Moderator: <i>Lin Chang, MD, UCLA</i> Panel: <i>Nancee Jaffee, MS, RDN, UCLA; Tiffany Ju, PhD, UCLA; David J. Levinthal, MD, PhD, University of Pittsburgh; Andrea S. Shin, MD, MSCR, UCLA; Suzanne R. Smith, MSN, NP, CMT-P, UCLA</i>	
8:30–8:35 AM	Case Presentation: Chronic Nausea <i>Lin Chang, MD, UCLA</i>	
8:35–8:55 AM	Chronic Nausea: Rethinking the Diagnostic Approach <i>David J. Levinthal, MD, PhD, University of Pittsburgh</i>	
8:55–9:20 AM	Treatment Approaches: Diet, Drugs, and Brain-Gut Therapies <i>Panel Discussion</i>	
9:20–9:30 AM	Q&A with Panel	
9:30–10:30 AM	Case 2: Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) Moderator: <i>Andrea S. Shin, MD, MSCR, UCLA</i> Panel: <i>Lin Chang, MD, UCLA; Nancee Jaffee, MS, RDN, UCLA; Tiffany Ju, PhD, UCLA; David J. Levinthal, MD, PhD, University of Pittsburgh; Suzanne R. Smith, MSN, NP, CMT-P, UCLA</i>	
9:30–9:35 AM	Case Presentation: IBS <i>Andrea S. Shin, MD, MSCR, UCLA</i>	
9:35–9:45 AM	Dietary Dilemmas: Navigating Diet Choices and Food Sensitivity Testing <i>Panel Discussion</i>	
9:45–9:55 AM	Microbiome-Based Testing in GI Disorders: Pitfalls and Practical Applications <i>Andrea S. Shin, MD, MSCR, UCLA</i>	
9:55–10:20 AM	Treatment Approaches: Fiber, Fruit-Based Laxatives, OTC and Prescription Medications, Brain-Gut Behavioral Therapy <i>Panel Discussion</i>	
10:20–10:30 AM	Q&A with Panel	
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Liver Disorders

Moderator: Sammy Saab, MD, MPH UCLA

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- 10:45–11:05 AM Approach to Wilson Disease 2025
Jasleen Singh, MD, UCLA
- 11:05–11:25 AM MASH: 2025 and Beyond
Sammy Saab, MD, MPH, UCLA
- 11:25–11:45 AM When to Consider Liver Transplant for Alcohol Hepatitis
Akshay Shetty, MD, UCLA
- 11:45 AM–12:05 PM Update on Diagnosis and Treatment of Autoimmune Hepatitis and Primary Biliary Cholangitis
Gina Choi, MD, UCLA
- 12:05–12:25 PM New Indications for Liver Transplantation: Cholangiocarcinoma and Metastatic Colon Cancer
Jason J. Pan, MD, UCLA
- 12:25–12:45 PM Cirrhosis: The Patient Journey
Brian Horwich, MD, MS, UCLA
- 12:45–12:55 AM Q&A with Panel

12:55–1:55 PM Lunch & Industry-Sponsored Event*
Douglas L. Nguyen, MD
Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson

Legacy Room

Case Studies in Nutritional Management

Moderator: Christina Fasulo, MS, RDN, CNSC, UCLA

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- 1:55–2:05 PM The Tipping Point: When Necessary Food Avoidance Becomes Maladaptive
Janelle Smith, MS, RDN, CEDS, CSDH, UCLA
- 2:05–2:20 PM More Than the Gut: How POTS and IBS Differ
Sophia Scattaglia, DCN, MS, RD, CEDS, UCLA
- 2:20–2:35 PM Nutrition Strategies for Crohn’s Disease: Preparing for Ileocecal Resection
Christina Fasulo, MS, RDN, CNSC, UCLA
- 2:35–2:50 PM When IBS Isn’t IBS: Understanding the Endometriosis Overlap
Nancee Jaffe, MS, RDN, CSDH, UCLA
- 2:50–3:00 PM Panel Discussion and Closing Remarks
- 3:00–3:15 PM Break and Exhibit Hall* Centennial Ballroom AB

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Live Endoscopy and Video Forum

Moderators: Firas Bahdi, MD, UCLA; Jennifer Kolb, MD, MS, UCLA

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3:15–5:15 PM	Danny Issa, MD, UCLA; Stephen Kim, MD, UCLA; V. Raman Muthusamy, MD, MAS, UCLA; Alex Nguyen, MD, UCLA; Alireza Sedarat, MD, UCLA; Vivek Kaul, MD, University of Rochester Medicine	
5:15 PM	Program Summary & Adjourn	
5:20–6:20 PM	Hands-On Session & Reception* Stations in Centennial Prefunction Reception in Exhibit Hall Experience an interactive session at the 14 th UCLA-Mellinkoff GI and Hepatology Symposium, where you'll engage with cutting-edge techniques in gastrointestinal and hepatology procedures.	Centennial Ballroom AB

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IBD

Moderator: Jenny Sauk, MD, UCLA

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8:25–8:30 AM	Introduction	
8:30–8:50 AM	Mild Crohn's Disease Nirupama N. Bonthala, MD, UCLA	
8:50–9:10 AM	Updates: Moderate–Severe Crohn's Disease Positioning of Therapies Gaurav Syal, MD, MSHS, UCLA	
9:10–9:40 AM	Case-Based Panel Discussion: Perianal Crohn's Disease Moderator: Gaurav Syal, MD, MSHS, UCLA Panel: Nirupama N. Bonthala, MD, UCLA; Christina Fasulo, MS, RDN, CNSC, UCLA; Amir A. Ghaffari, MD, PhD, UCLA; Mary Kwaan, MD, MPH, UCLA; Berkeley N. Limketkai, MD, PhD, UCLA; Jenny Sauk, MD, UCLA	
9:40–10:00 AM	Introduction to Intestinal Ultrasound in IBD Amir A. Ghaffari, MD, PhD, UCLA	
10:00–10:15 AM	Q&A	
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10:30–10:50 AM	Updates: Moderate–Severe Ulcerative Colitis Positioning of Therapies <i>Berkeley N. Limketkai, MD, PhD, UCLA</i>	
10:50–11:10 AM	Sex, Drugs and Rock ‘n’ Roll: Pediatric to Adult IBD Care <i>Hassan Hamandi, MD, UCLA</i>	
11:10–11:30 AM	Case-Based Panel Discussion: Hold the Line or Pivot? Applying Treat-to-Target Principles in Inflammatory Bowel Disease Moderator: <i>Jenny Sauk, MD, UCLA</i> Panel: <i>Nirupama N. Bonthala, MD, UCLA; Amir A. Ghaffari, MD, PhD, UCLA; Hassan Hamandi, MD; Berkeley N. Limketkai, MD, PhD, UCLA; Gaurav Syal, MD, MSHS, UCLA</i>	
11:30–11:40 AM	Q&A	
11:40–11:45 AM	Break and Exhibit Hall*	Centennial Ballroom AB
11:45 AM–12:45 PM	Lunch & Industry-Sponsored Event* <i>Kevin A. Ghassemi, MD</i> <i>Sponsored by Sanofi Regeneron</i>	Legacy Room

Pancreaticobiliary Disorders Moderator: Stephen Kim, MD, UCLA

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12:45–1:05 PM	DEBATE #1: Endoscopic Palliation of Gastric Outlet Obstruction in Pancreas Cancer: Enteral Stent vs. Gastrojejunostomy LAMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Duodenal stent – Alex Nguyen, MD, UCLA</i> • <i>GJ LAMS – Alireza Sedarat, MD, UCLA</i> 	
1:05–1:25 PM	DEBATE #2: Endoscopic Gallbladder Drainage in Non-Surgical Patients: Transpapillary vs. Transmural Drainage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Transpapillary Drainage – Jennifer Kolb, MD, MS, UCLA</i> • <i>Transmural Drainage – Danny Issa, MD, UCLA</i> 	
1:25–1:45 PM	Management of Chronic Pancreatitis: Medical Management, Endoscopic Therapy, Who/When Should Patient Be Referred to Surgery <i>Vivek Kaul, MD, University of Rochester Medicine</i>	
1:45–2:05 PM	Evaluation of the Elevated Serum Lipase: A Case-Based Approach <i>Stephen Kim, MD, UCLA</i>	
2:05–2:15 PM	Q&A	
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Esophageal Disorders Moderator: Kevin Ghassemi, MD, UCLA

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2:30–2:50 PM	EoE: Making the Current Treatment Algorithm Easy to Swallow <i>Kevin Ghassemi, MD, UCLA</i>
2:50–3:10 PM	Endoscopic Approach to Esophageal Cancer in 2026 <i>V. Raman Muthusamy, MD, MAS, UCLA</i>
3:10–3:45 PM	Jeffrey L. Conklin, MD, Keynote Address FLIP Panometry and the Dallas Consensus <i>Rena Yadlapati, MD, MSHS, UCSD</i>
3:45–4:00 PM	Q&A
4:00 PM	Adjourn

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