48TH ANNUAL MEETING
May 19 – 23, 2007
Washington Convention Center
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Economics of Bariatric Surgery Costs and Benefits

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Sclerosing Cholangitis

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Diagnosis and Decision Making in Benign Liver Lesions
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A Perspective on a Biologic Scaffold

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Uncommon Anorectal Tumors, Challenging Patients

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Management of Pancreatic Masses (ASGE, SSAT, AGA)
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Wednesday, May 23, 2007

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM EDUCATION COMMITTEE PANEL
Simulation in Gastrointestinal Surgery

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(AGA, SSAT, ASGE)

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM PLENARY SESSION VII

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Endoscopic and Endoluminal Treatment of GERD

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM QUICK SHOTS II

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM DDW COMBINED CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM
Parabariatric Syndromes: You’ve Lost Weight but Is the
Coast Clear? (SSAT, AGA, ASGE)
Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to offer you this personal guide for your use during Digestive Disease Week 2007. This guide provides you with SSAT scientific and social functions open to the Membership as well as DDW activities of interest involving the Society.

Preceding the official opening of the SSAT meeting, the Sunday, May 20th, Postgraduate Course, entitled “Systematic Reviews of Pancreaticobiliary Disease Customized for the Gastroenterologist and Gastrointestinal Surgeon”, will examine Evidence Based Medicine (EBM) and our gastrointestinal literature. The course will explain the methods used to assess the strength of the evidence and then apply those methods to specific clinical problems. The term systematic review is a relatively new term and is a subcategory of a traditional review of the literature, considering only the highest level of evidence on that subject. There are not many published systematic reviews for pancreaticobiliary diseases. This course will provide the participant a set of eight systematic reviews presented by experts in their specific fields.

On Monday morning at 8:00 AM, the SSAT’s Opening Session will include the introduction of new members, announcements of SSAT scholarship awards, reports from the SSAT Foundation, recognition of the Foundation donors, and conferment of the Founders Medal. The Opening Session will lead into the Presidential Plenary Session that will highlight some of the best papers selected for the Annual Meeting. The Presidential Address—as well as the Guest Oration by Dr. Ajit K. Sachdeva—follow. In the afternoon, this year’s SSAT/AGA/ASGE State-of-the-Art Conference will tackle the “Management of Cystic Lesions of the Pancreas.”

Tuesday, May 22nd, begins with a peer-reviewed Video Breakfast Session, which has been expanded yet again to allow time for more videos. Later that morning, the Public Policy Committee Panel, “Economics of Bariatric Surgery Costs and Benefits,” and the SSAT/AHPBA Symposium, “Sclerosing Cholangitis,” run concurrently. Also featured Tuesday morning is the Maja and Frank G. Moody State-of-the-Art Lecture, delivered by Dr. Stephen Badylak. That afternoon the SSAT examines “Controversies in GI Surgery” in a brand new series of three topical debates. Also featured are the first of two “Quick Shot” sessions that offers ten brief oral presentations in the span of one hour, and the SSAT/ ASCRS Symposium that looks at “Uncommon Anorectal Tumors, Challenging Patients.” The Annual Business Meeting of the Society immediately follows this symposium at 5:00 PM.

Dr. John W. Harmon, Local Arrangements Chair, has organized what promises to be a fabulous Members Reception on Tuesday evening at the National Press Club, a Washington institution for nearly 100 years. Shuttle busses will begin departing from the Washington Grand Hyatt at 6:45 PM.

Session highlights of Wednesday, May 23rd, include a morning Education Committee Panel focusing on “Simulation in Gastrointestinal Surgery,” and the afternoon SSAT/SAGES Symposium examining “Endoscopic and Endoluminal Treatment of GERD.”

I look forward to seeing you at what promises to be a vigorous and exciting week among colleagues from the United States and abroad.

Sincerely,

L. William Traverso, MD
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CBD Stones Discovered During Cholecystectomy: Intraoperative Versus Delayed Endoscopic Removal?

Moderators:
Henry A. Pitt, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN

Nathaniel J. Soper, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007
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POSTGRADUATE COURSE
SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS OF PANCREATICOBILIARY DISEASE CUSTOMIZED FOR THE GASTROENTEROLOGIST AND GASTROINTESTINAL SURGEON

Course Director: L. William Traverso
Virginia Mason Clinic, Seattle, WA

SESSION II: GALLSTONES
Early ERCP for Gallstone Pancreatitis: For Whom and When?

Moderators: Kevin E. Behrens, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

John G. Hunter, Oregon Health and Sciences University, Portland, OR

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David Carr-Locke, Brigham & Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA

10:00 AM – 10:10 AM
Interpretation
Stanley W. Ashley, Brigham & Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA

10:10 AM – 10:30 AM
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SESSION III: PANCREATITIS
Necrotizing Pancreatitis: Percutaneous, Minimally Invasive, or Open Necrosectomy?

Moderators: Edward L. Bradley, III, Florida State University College of Medicine, Sarasota, FL

Mehran Fotoohi, Virginia Mason Clinic, Seattle, WA

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM
The Strength of the Evidence
Eric vanSonnenberg, St Joseph’s Hospital, Phoenix, AZ

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Thomas J. Howard, Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN

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**TREATMENT OF CHRONIC PANCREATITIS**

Moderators: Hans G. Beger, University of Ulm, Ulm, Germany
L. William Traverso, Virginia Mason Clinic, Seattle, WA

11:30 AM – 11:45 AM The Strength of the Evidence
Jacques Deviere, Erasme Hospital, Brussels, Belgium

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Richard H. Bell, American Board of Surgery, Philadelphia, PA

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SESSION IV:

**PANCREATIC NEOPLASMS**

Moderators: Keith D. Lillemoe, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
Howard A. Reber, UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

1:30 PM – 1:45 PM The Strength of the Evidence
Claudio Bassi, Hospital G.B. Rossi, University of Verona, Verona, Italy

1:45 PM – 1:55 PM Interpretation
Michael G. Sarr, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

1:55 PM – 2:15 PM Discussion and Q&A

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**PANCREATIC NEOPLASMS**

Moderators: Gerard V. Aranha, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL
Fabrizio Michelassi, Weill Medical College, New York, NY

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM The Strength of the Evidence
Michael B. Farnell, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

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Yuji Nimura, Nagoya University School of Medicine, Nagoya, Japan

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Moderators: Peter W.T. Pisters, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
Selwyn M. Vickers, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

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Vince Picozzi, Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, WA

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Steven M. Strasberg, Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, MO

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Sean J. Mulvihill, University of Utah Hospital, Salt Lake City, UT

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Richard Kozarek, Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, WA

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Mark P. Callery, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

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8:00 AM – 8:15 AM
OPENING SESSION 202 A
Moderator: L. William Traverso, Virginia Mason Clinic, Seattle, WA

Welcome and introduction of new members, announcements of SSAT scholarship awards, reports from the SSAT Foundation, recognition of the Foundation donors, and conferment of the Founders Medal.

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM
PRESIDENTIAL PLENARY (PLENARY SESSION I) 202 A
Moderator: Richard H. Bell, American Board of Surgery, Philadelphia, PA

Trends and Disparities in Regionalization of Pancreatic Resection
Taylor S. Riall1,2, Courtney M. Townsend1, Jean L. Freeman2, William H. Nealon3; 1Surgery, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX; 2Internal Medicine, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX

Racial and Geographic Disparities in the Utilization of Surgical Therapy for Hepatocellular Carcinoma
Christopher J. Sonnenday1, Justin B. Dimick2, Richard D. Schullick2, Michael A. Choti3, Jeffrey A. Drebin3, Oscar J. Hines4, Jeffrey H. Peters5, Michael G. Sarr2; 1Department of Surgery, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; 2Department of Surgery, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Umbilical Herniorrhaphy in Patients with Cirrhosis: Improved Outcomes with Elective Repair
Stephen H. Gray1,2, Catherine C. Vick1,2, Laura a. Graham1, Kelly R. Finan3, Leigh A. Neumayer4, Mary T. Hawn1,3; 1Department of Surgery, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL; 2Health Services & Outcomes Research Training Program, Department of Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL; 3Deep South Center on Effectiveness, Birmingham Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Birmingham, AL; 4Department of Surgery, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT; 5Surgery, Salt Lake City VA Healthcare System, Salt Lake City, UT

Risk of Malignancy in Resected Cystic Tumors of the Pancreas < 3 Cm in Size: Is It Safe to Observe Asymptomatic Patients? A Multi-Institutional Report
Cheong Lee1,2, Michelle Anderson1, Oscar J. Hines2, H. A. Reber1, Michael L. Kochman1, P. J. Foley3, Jeffrey A. Drebin1, D. OH1, Gregory G. Ginsberg1, N. Ahmad1, Nipun Merchant3, J. Isbell1, A. Parikh1, James Scheiman1, Diane Simeone1; 1University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; 2UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA; 3University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA; 4Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville, TN

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L. William Traverso, Virginia Mason Clinic, Seattle, WA

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PLENARY SESSION II 202 A
Moderator: L. William Traverso, Virginia Mason Clinic, Seattle, WA

Pancreatic Fistula After Pancreaticoduodenectomy in 1507 Patients. Updated Report from an International Web-Based Case Registry.
Kaye M. Reid Lombardo1,2, Matthew Barnett1, Stefano Crippa3, Michael Farnell2, Claudio Bassi4, L. William Traverso1, 1Surgery, Virginia Mason Clinic, Seattle, WA; 2Surgery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; 3Surgery, University of Verona, Verona, Italy

Suboptimal Weight Loss After Gastric Bypass Surgery: Correlation of Demographics, Co-Morbidities, and Insurance Status with Outcomes
Genevieve B. Melton1, Kimberly E. Steele, Michael a. Schweitzer, Anne O. Lidor, Thomas H. Magnuson; Surgery, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, MD

Esophagectomy: It’s Not Just About Mortality Anymore: Standardized Peri-Operative Clinical Pathways Improve Outcomes in Patients with Esophageal Cancer
Donald E. Low1; Surgery, Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, WA

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What a Non-Bariatric Surgeon Should Know about Bariatric Surgery
Michael G. Sarr, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
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Marcovalerio Melis\(^1\), Peter E. Darwini\(^2\), Cinthia Drachenberg\(^1\), Guel Renedo\(^4\), David Shibata\(^1\); \(^1\)Division of Gastrointestinal Oncology, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, FL; \(^2\)Gastroenterology, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD; \(^3\)Pathology, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD; \(^4\)Division of Surgical Oncology, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

Comparison of Laparoscopic Versus Open Sigmoid Colectomy for Benign and Malignant Disease at Academic Medical Centers
Zurri A. Murrell\(^1\), Marcelo W. Hinojosa\(^1\), Víkon Konyalian\(^2\), Steven Mills\(^1\), Ninh T. Nguyen\(^1\), Michael J. Stamos\(^1\), Surgery, University of California, Irvine Medical Center, Orange, CA

Targeting MEK is Effective Chemoprevention of Hepatocellular Carcinoma in TGF-α Transgenic Mice
Sabrina C. Wentz\(^4\), Huangheng Wu\(^1\), Michael T. Vip-Schneider\(^1\), Matthew E. Hennig\(^1\), Patrick Klein\(^1\), Judith Sebott-Leopold\(^2\), C. Max Schmidt\(^1\); \(^1\)Surgery, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN; \(^2\)Indiana University Cancer Center, Indianapolis, IN; \(^3\)Pharmacology and Toxicology, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN; \(^4\)Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN; \(^5\)Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Indianapolis, IN

Granulocyte Macrophage Colony Stimulating Factor (GM-CSF) Transfected Whole Cell Vaccine Impedes the Development of Esophageal Cancer in Rats with Infiltration by CD4 and CD8 Positive Cells
Tomoharu Miyashita\(^1\), Todd D. Armstrong\(^1\), Jiaai Wang\(^1\), Furhawn Shahi\(^1\), Michael J. Gibson\(^2\), Kiyoshi Yoshimura\(^3\), Xianji Zhang\(^3\), Guy Marti\(^4\), Mark Duncan\(^4\), Elizabeth A. Montgomery\(^4\), Elizabeth M. Jaffe\(^2\), John W. Harmon\(^1\); \(^1\)Surgery, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD; \(^2\)Hematology/Oncology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD; \(^3\)Oncology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD; \(^4\)Pathology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Return of Esophageal Function After Treatment for Achalasia As Determined by Impedance-Manometry
Roger P. Tatun\(^1\), 2, Jamie a. Wong\(^3\), Edgar J. Figueredo\(^4\), Valeria Martin\(^1\), Brant K. Oelschlager\(^5\); \(^1\)Department of Surgery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA; \(^2\)Department of Surgery, VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle, WA

Clinical Impact of Lymphangiectasis Extent in Resectable Esophageal Cancer
Roderich E. Schwarz\(^1\), David D. Smith\(^1\); \(^1\)Dept. of Surgery, UMDNJ-RWJMS, CINJ, New Brunswick, NJ; \(^2\)Biostatistics, City of Hope Cancer Center, Duarte, CA

Clarithromycin Resistance, TNF-α Gene Polymorphism and Mucosal Inflammation Affect H. Pylori Eradication Success
Carlo-Federico Zambon\(^1\), Michela Fasolo\(^1\), Daniela Basso\(^1\), Anna D’Oddorico\(^1\), Alessia Stranges\(^1\), Filippo Navaglia\(^1\), Paola Fogari\(^1\), Eliana Greco\(^1\), Stefania Schiavon\(^1\), Alessandra Faldà\(^1\), Andrea Padoan\(^1\), ELISA Fadì\(^1\), Giancarlo Storniolo\(^1\), Sergio Pedrazzoli\(^1\), Mario Plebani\(^1\); \(^1\)Medical and Surgical Sciences, University of Padova, Padova, Italy; \(^2\)Department of Diagnostic Sciences and Special Therapies, University of Padova, Padova, Italy; \(^3\)Department of Laboratory Medicine, University of Padova, Padova, Italy; \(^4\)Department of Gastroenterological and Surgical Sciences, University of Padova, Padova, Italy

Role of TGF-Beta1 and IGF-1 in Crohn’s Disease Recurrence After Ileo-Colonic Resection
Marco Scarpa\(^1\), Marina Bortolami\(^2\), Susan L. Morgan\(^1\), Andromachi Kotsafi\(^1\), Stefania Ferraro\(^1\), Cesare Russo\(^1\), Renata d’Incà\(^1\), Flavia d’Oddorico\(^1\), Michela Barolo\(^1\), Davide F. D’Amico\(^1\), Giacomo C. Storniolo\(^1\), Imerio Angriman\(^1\); \(^1\)Clinica Chirurgica I, Dipartimento di Scienze Chirurgiche e Gastroenterologiche, University of Padova, Padova, Italy; \(^2\)Gastroenterologia, Dipartimento di Scienze Chirurgiche e Gastroenterologiche, University of Padova, Padova, Italy; \(^3\)Department of Pathology, Institute for Cancer Studies, Birmingham Medical School, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom
Detection of Micrometastases in Peritoneal Washings of Pancreatic Cancer Patients by Quantitative Real Time Reverse Transcriptase-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR)

Kimberly M. Dalal1,2, Yanghee Woo2, Charles Galanis1, Mithat Gonen3, Peter J. Allen2, Ronald P. Dematteo2, Yuman Fong2, Daniel G. Coit2;
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2:15 PM – 5:00 PM
SSAT/AGA/ASGE
STATE-OF-THE-ART CONFERENCE
MANAGEMENT OF CYSTIC LESIONS OF THE PANCREAS

Moderator: Diane M. Simeone, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Classification, Pathology, and Natural History
N. Volkan Adsay, Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI

Diagnosis: Radiographic Imaging, EUS, and Fluid Analysis
James M. Scheiman, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Management of Serous Cystadenomas
Jennifer F. Tseng, University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center, Worcester, MA

Management of MCN
Carlos Fernandez-del Castillo, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Management of IPMN
Michael B. Farnell, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Case Presentations
Q&A

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
DDW COMBINED
CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM
PORTAL HYPERTENSION: IS THERE ANY ROLE FOR SURGICAL SHUNTS OR BANDING?

Sponsored by: SSAT, AASLD, AGA

Moderators: Layton F. Rikkers, University of Wisconsin Clinical Science Center, Madison, WI
Gaudalupe Garcia-Tsao, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

Primary Prophylaxis of Variceal Bleeding: Drugs or Banding?
Roberto J. Groszmann, Yale University, West Haven, CT

Secondary Prophylaxis of Variceal Bleeding: Drugs and/or Banding?
Roberto DeFranchis, University of Milan, Milan, Italy

Is There a Role for Surgical Shunts?
J. Michael Henderson, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

When Should TIPS Be Used?
Thomas D. Boyer, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2007

7:30 AM – 10:00 AM
VIDEO BREAKFAST SESSION

Moderators: Attila Nakeeb, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN
Aurora D. Pryor, Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, NC

Gastric Ischemic Conditioning Prior to Laparoscopic and Thoracoscopic Ivor-Lewis Esophagostomy
Esteban Varela1, Ninh T. Nguyen2; Surgery, University of Texas Southwestern, Dallas, TX; Surgery, University of California Irvine, Orange, CA

Laparoscopic Repair of Esophageal Diverticulum
Murali N. Naidu1, Alfred Trang, Barry Salky, Daniel M. Herron; Division of Laparoscopic Surgery, The Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY

Laparoscopic Distal Gastrectomy with a Billroth i Reconstruction for a Non-Healing Benign Gastric Ulcer
Kfr Ben-David1, Dana Portenier, Aurora D. Pryor; Surgery, Duke University, Durham, NC

Laparoscopic Proctocolectomy with Inter-Sphincteric Dissection and Specimen Extraction
Daniel Lawes*, Kevin Fluet, Tonia Young-Fadok, Jonathan E. Efron; Colon and Rectal Surgery, Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, AZ

Endoluminal Surgery: Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery of a uT0 Lesion of the Mid-Rectum
John Marks*, Daniel Hunt, Lauren Kosinski, Hsiao-Ling Shen, Gerald Marks; Lankenau Hospital and Institute for Medical Research, Wynnewood, PA

Notes for NOTES: How Conventional Endoscopic Instruments Work for Endoabdominal Surgery
Luca Milone1, Marc Besler2, Michael Smith1, Evran Durak2, Nancy Hogle2, Dennis L. Fowler1, Peter D. Stevens2; Medicine-GI, Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY

Laparoscopic Pancreatic Phlegmon Debridement
Peter M. Denk*, Paul D. Hansen, Lee L. Swanstrom; Gastrointestinal and Minimally Invasive Surgery, Legacy Health System, Portland, OR

Pancreaticoduodenectomy for Cancer: Technical Aspects of the Retraperitoneal Soft Tissue Dissection to Maximize a Negative Surgical Margin
Thomas J. Howard*, Nicholas J. Zyromski; Indiana Univ Med Ctr, Indianapolis, IN

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
DDW COMBINED CLINICAL
SYMPOSIUM ENDOSCOPY IN INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE

Sponsored by: AGA, ASGE, SSAT

Moderators: Asher Kornbluth, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY
Judy Collins, Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, OR

Ileocolonoscopy in IBD: Visual Pearls and Pitfalls
Asher Kornbluth, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY

Is Dysplasia Visible?
David T. Rubin, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

New Endoscopic Technologies for IBD
Jonathan A. Leighton, Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, AZ
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE PANEL

ECONOMICS OF BARIATRIC SURGERY COSTS AND BENEFITS
Moderator: C. Daniel Smith, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Bariatric Surgery Outcomes: The Economic Impact
Matthew M. Hutter, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Bariatric Surgery Accreditation: Accrediting the Center
Bruce D. Schirmer, University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, VA

Bariatric Surgery Accreditation: Accrediting the Surgeon
Philip R. Schauer, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH

The Successful Practice
Edward L. Felix, California Institute of Minimally Invasive Surgery, Fresno, CA

Panel Discussion

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
SSAT/AHPBA JOINT SYMPOSIUM

SCLEROSING CHOLANGITIS
Moderator: Sean J. Mulvihill, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

Etiology and Epidemiology
Konstantinos N. Lazaridis, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Detection of Cancer in Strictures
Richard D. Schulick, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Surgical Approaches to Strictures
Steven A. Ahrendt, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Liver Transplantation
William C. Chapman, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

Panel Discussion

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM
PLENARY SESSION IV

Interdisciplinary Management of Pediatric Intestinal Failure: A 10-Year Review of Rehabilitation and Intestinal Transplantation
Anita Nucci1,2, Cartland Burns2, Kristyn Lowery2, Tichianao Armah1, Sharon Strohm1,3, Geoffrey Bond1, George V. Mazariegos1,2, Robert H. Squires1,2; 1Clinical Nutrition, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA; 2Intestinal Care and Rehabilitation Center, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA; 3Pediatric Transplant Surgery, Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute, Pittsburgh, PA; 4University of Rochester, Rochester, NY; 5Pediatric Surgery, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA; 6Pediatric Gastroenterology, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Tobacco Smoking and Risk of Recurrence for Squamous Cell Cancer of the Anus
Sonia Ramamoorthy1, Linda Luo, Elizabeth Luo, John M. Carethers; UCSD and VA San Diego, San Diego, CA

Computed Tomography in the Diagnosis of Acute Appendicitis: Definitive Or Detrimental?
Sandeepa Musunuru1, Sharon M. Weber, Layton F. Rikkers, Herbert Chen; Surgery, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

Laparoscopic Nissen Fundoplication Effectively Relieves Symptoms in Patients with Laryngopharyngeal Reflux
Robert a. Catania1,2, Stephen M. Kavic1, J. Scott Roth1, Tommy H. Lee1, Tanya Meyer1, George T. Fantry1, Adrian E. Park1; 1Department of Surgery, University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, MD; 2Department of Otolaryngology, University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, MD

Seven Year Follow-Up After Swedish Laparoscopic Gastric Banding (SAGB)
Bruno M. Balsiger1,2, Daniel Giachino1, Ruedi Bachmann1, Andreas Glaettli1,1Gastroenterology, University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland; 2Visceral surgery, Hirslanden Salem-Spital, Bern, Switzerland; 3Surgery, Tiefenhaus, Bern, Switzerland

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
DDW COMBINED CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM

DIAGNOSIS AND DECISION MAKING IN BENIGN LIVER LESIONS
Sponsored by: AASLD, SSAT, AGA
Moderators: Douglas W. Hanto, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA; David M. Mahvi, University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics, Madison, WI

Can You Make the Diagnosis of a Benign Liver Lesion on Biopsy?
Elizabeth Brun, Saint Louis University Hospital, St. Louis, MO

Imaging and Differential Diagnosis of Benign Liver Lesions: How Good Are We?
Jonathan B. Kruskal, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

Surgical Decision Making in Benign Liver Lesions: Follow or Operate?
David M. Nagorney, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Interesting and Difficult Cases We’ve Seen
Douglas W. Hanto, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA; David M. Mahvi, University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics, Madison, WI

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM
MAJA AND FRANK G. MOODY STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE

From Intestine to Medical Device to Regeneration Medicine: A Perspective on a Biologic Scaffold
Stephen Badylak, McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM
MEET-THE-PROFESSOR LUNCHEONS

Colorectal Cancer Liver Metastases: Which Therapy First?
Yuman Fong, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY

Evidence-Based Management of Pancreatic Cancer
L. William Traverso, Virginia Mason Clinic, Seattle, WA

Surgical Strategy for Crohn’s Disease
Barbara L. Bass, The Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX

Treatment of GERD Beyond PPI’s
Nathaniel J. Soper, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL
A Feasibility Study of Laparoscopic Deployment of Biliary Metal Stent in 23 Patients with Pancreatico-Biliary Tumors
Everson L. Artion1,4, Paulo Sakai1, Sergio B. Marques1, Airton Rodrigues1, Shinichiro Ishiokot2, Dalton M. Chaves1,4, Atul Kumar1,2, Victor Quaglia1,2,4,3, John M. deWitt, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN

Hemostatic Strategy for the Non-Variceal Bleed
Alan N. Barkun, McGill University Health Centre, Montreal, QC, Canada

ENDOSCOPIC EVALUATION OF PANCREATIC MASSES

John M. deWitt, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN

Is This an Islet Cell Tumor?
James M. Scheiman, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

New Strategies for Marginally Resectable Pancreatic Tumors
Douglas B. Evans, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

It's Unresectable... What Now?
Carlos Fernandez-del Castillo, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

MANAGEMENT OF UPPER GI BLEEDING

Optimizing Treatment of the Variceal Bleed: Medical Therapy, Banding, Sclerotherapy or TIPSS?
Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao, Yale University, New Haven, CT

Risk Scoring Systems and Timing to Endoscopy
David J. Bjorkman, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT

High Dose PPI Therapy: When, How Much, and What Route?
Alan N. Barkun, McGill University Health Centre, Montreal, QC, Canada

"Less Is More" or "More Is Better": Choosing the Right Hemostatic Strategy for the Non-Variceal Bleed
Loren A. Laine, USC School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA
**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM**
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**
MEMBERS RECEPTION

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2007**

**8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**
EDUCATION COMMITTEE PANEL

**SIMULATION IN GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY**
**Moderator:** David I. Soybel, Brigham & Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA

**ACS Education Institutes Advance Patient Safety Through Simulation**
Carlos A. Pellegrini, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA

**FLS Assessment of Competency Using Simulated Laparoscopic Tasks**
Gerald M. Fried, Montreal General Hospital, Montreal, PQ, Canada

**ACS/APDS New Skills Curriculum: Videotainers to Virtual Reality**
Daniel J. Scott, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX

**Integrating Simulation in Surgery As a Teaching Tool and Credentialing Standard**
Daniel B. Jones, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

**Q&A**

**8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**
PLENARY SESSION VI

**Moderators:** Bryan M. Clary, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC
Susan Galandiuk, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

**Preserving the Anal Transition Zone in Ulcerative Colitis. Long Term Effects on Defecatory Function.**
Alessandro Fichera1, Laura Ragauskaitė2, Alan S. Rosman3, Michele A. Rubin1, Roger D. Hurst1, Fabrizio Michelassi2, Surgery, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; 2The Chicago Medical School, Chicago, IL; 3Medicine, Bronx VAMC and Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY; Surgery, Weill Medical College of Cornell University, New York, NY

**Surgery for Rectal Cancer Performed at Teaching Hospitals Improves Long-Term Survival**
Juan C. Gutierrez1, Leonidas G. Koniaris1, Dido Franceschi1, Rabih M. Salloum1; 1DeWitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL; 2Department of Surgery, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY

**Local excision for ypT2 Rectal Cancer: Much Ado About Something?**
Rodrigo O. Perez1, Angelita Habr-Gama1, Igor Proscurshim, Fabio G. Campos, Desiderio R. Kiss, Rafael M. Santos, Ivan CICCONELLO; Department of Gastroenterology, University of Sao Paulo School of Medicine, Sao Paulo, Brazil

**Serous Penetration Is an Important Prognostic Factor of Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors: Implication for Classification Systems?**
Daniel Vallbohmer1, Hanke E. Marcus1, Hartmut Schäfer1, Stephan E. Baldus2, Jan Brubender1, Georg Lurje1, Uta Drebber1, Ralf Metzger1, Arnulf H. Hölscher1, Paul M. Schneider1; 1Department of Surgery, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany; 2Institute of Pathology, Heinrich-Heine University Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, Germany; 3Institute of Pathology, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany; 4Department of Visceral and Transplantation Surgery, University Hospital Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

**Prognostic Factors for Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors: Analysis of 5,045 Patients**
Karl Y. Bilimoria1,2, James Tomlinson1, Clifford Y. Ko3,3, Mark S. Talambutti1,2, David J. Bentrem2; 1Cancer Programs, American College of Surgeons, Chicago, IL; 2Department of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL; 3Department of Surgery, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

**Suberoylanilide Hydroxamic Acid (SAHA) Activates Notch1 Signaling and Inhibits Proliferation by Inducing Cell Cycle Arrest in Carcinoid Tumor Cells**
David Y. Greenblatt1, Max Cayo, Abram Vaccaro, Muthusamy Kunnimalaiyaan, Herbert Chen; Department of Surgery, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**
DDW COMBINED CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM

**CANCERS OF THE ESOPHAGOGRATIC JUNCTION: NEW DEVELOPMENTS**
Sponsored by: AGA, SSAT, ASGE

**Moderators:** Prateek Sharma, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, MO
John G. Hunter, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR

**Epidemiology and Classification of EGJ Cancers**
Hosbem El-Seraq, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

**Staging of EGJ Cancers**
Guido Costamagna, Policlinico University A Gemelli, Rome, Italy

**Endoscopic Therapy: Expanding Role**
Prateek Sharma, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, MO

**Minimally Invasive Surgery**
Blair A. Jobe, Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, OR

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**
PLENARY SESSION VII

**Moderators:** John C. Gould, University of Wisconsin Medical School, St Louis, MO
Edward E. Whang, Brigham & Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA

**Pancreatic Cancer ErbB3 Pathway Activation Is Associated with Erlotinib Sensitivity in Vitro and Improved Postoperative Patient Survival**
Ching-Wei D. Tseng1, Andrey Frolov1, Nirag Jhala1, Nataliya Frolova, John H. Harrison1, Selwyn M. Vickers1, Donald J. Buchsbaum3, Martin J. Heslin1, Juan P. Arnoletti1; 1Surgery, Univ of AL at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL; 2Pathology, Univ of AL at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL; 3Radiation Oncology, Univ of AL at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL; 4Surgery, Univ of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Telomere Shortening and Telomerase Expression During Multistage Carcinogenesis of Intraductal Papillary-Mucinous Neoplasms of the Pancreas
Yasushi Hashimoto1, Yoshiaki Murakami1, Kenichiro Uemura1, Yasuo Hayashidani1, Takeshi Sudo1, Hiroki Ohge1, Emi Fukuda1, Fumio Shimamoto1, Tajiirou Sueda1, Eiso Hiyama2; 1Department of Surgery, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Hiroshima University, Hiroshima, Japan; 2Department of Biomedicine, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Natural Science Center of Basic Research and Development, Hiroshima University, Hiroshima, Japan

PGE1 in Pancreatic Cyst Fluid Differentiates IPMN from Mucinous Cystadenoma and May Predict Degree of IPMN Dysplasia
C. Max Schmidt1,2, Michele T. Yip-Schneider1,2, Matthew C. Raslin1, Sarah Dutkiewitch1, Sabrina C. Wentz1, John M. Dewitt1, Thomas J. Howard1, Lee Mchenny1, Keith D. Lillemoe1; 1Surgery, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN; 2Indiana University Cancer Center, Indianapolis, IN; 3Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN; 4Gastroenterology, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN; 5Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN

Incidence of Finding Residual Disease for Incidental Gallbladder Carcinoma: Implications for Reresection
Timothy M. Pawlik1, ANA L. Gleisner1, David a. Kooby2, Todd W. Bauer1, Reid B. Adams1, Lia Assumpcao1, Richard D. Schullick1, Andrea Frilling1, Lorenzo Capussotti1, Michael a. Choti1; 1Surgery, Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, MD; 2Surgery, Institute for Research and the Cure of Cancer, Candiodio, Italy; 3Surgery, University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, VA; 4Surgery, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA; 5Surgery, University Hospital Essen, Essen, Germany

Trends in Survival After Surgery for Cholangiocarcinoma: A 30-Year Population-Based SEER Database Analysis
Hari Nathani1, Timothy M. Pawlik, Richard D. Schullick; Department of Surgery, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

Minimally Invasive Surgical Treatment of Sigmoid Esophagus in Achalasia
Matthew J. Schuchert1, James D. Luketch1, Arman Kilic1, Rodney J. Landreneau2, Miguel Alvelo - River1, Neil a. Christie1, Sebastien Gilbert1, Arjun Pennathur1, Heart, Lung and Esophageal Surgery Institute, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
SSAT/SAGES JOINT SYMPOSIUM
ENDOSCOPIC AND ENDOOLUMINAL TREATMENT OF GERD
Moderators:
John C. Bowen, III, Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans, LA
Mark A. Talamini, University of California, San Diego, Medical Center, San Diego, CA

Stretta Procedure: Where Is It Now?
W. Scott Melvin, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, OH

Endoluminal Treatments for Barrett’s Esophagus
Brian J. Dunkin, The Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX

Update on Endoscopic Suturing Options
Charles J. Filip1, Creighton University, Omaha, NE

Panel Discussion
Endoscopic Antireflux Surgery Will Be Superior to Lap Nissen Fundoplication
Lee L. Swanson1, The Oregon Clinic, Portland, OR

Endoscopic Antireflux Surgery Will Not Likely Be a Better Choice Than Lap Nissen Fundoplication
Adrian E. Park1, University of Maryland Medical Systems, Baltimore, MD
Complete Endoscopic Closure of Gastric Defects Using a Full-Thickness Tissue Plicating Device
Michael F. McGee1, Jeffrey M. Marks1, Judy Jin1, Christina P. Williams1, Jonathan P. Pearl1, Raymond P. Onders1, Amitabh Chak1, Steve J. Schomisch1, Jamie Andrews1, Michael Rosen1, Ashley L. Faulx1, Jeffrey L. Ponsky1. 1Department of Surgery, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH; 2Department of Gastroenterology, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH; 3Case Medical Center, Cleveland, OH

Oncologic Outcomes of Laparoscopic Versus Open Radical Protectomy for Rectal Cancer After Preoperative Chemoradiation in 132 Patients
Lauren Kosinski*, John Marks, David Heinsch, Hsiao-Ling Shen, Gerald Marks; Lankenau Hospital and Institute for Medical Research, Wynnewood, PA

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM
DDW COMBINED CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM BALLROOM C
PARABARIATRIC SYNDROMES: YOU’VE LOST WEIGHT BUT IS THE COAST CLEAR?
Sponsored by: SSAT, AGA, ASGE
Moderators: Bruce D. Schirmer, University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, VA
David C. Metz, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Anatomic Complications and Long-Term Surgical Complications
Daniel B. Jones, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

Strictures and Ulcers after RYGB
Bruce D. Schirmer, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Nutritional Deficiencies and Excessive Weight Loss
Samuel Klein, Washington University, Saint Louis, MO

Weight Gain after Bariatric Surgery: Psychological and Dietary Aspects
David B. Sarwer, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA

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SSAT POSTER SESSION

The SSAT Poster Session will be held in Hall E of the Washington Convention Center, from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, on Monday, May 21, 2007. Authors will be at their posters to answer questions from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

Posters of Distinction will be available for further viewing in the SSAT scientific session rooms on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 22 – 23, 2007.

BASIC SCIENCE POSTERS

Basic: Colon-Rectal

- L1 is a Survival Marker for Completely Resected Colorectal Carcinoma
  Jusuf Kaifi, University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany

- SELDI-TOF Mass Spectrometry and Data Mining Provides Early-Stage Response Prediction for Rectal Tumours Undergoing Multimodal Therapy
  Dermot McDowell, St James’s Hospital and Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

- Triptolide (PG490), a Natural Herbal Extract, Inhibits Migration of Colon Cancer Cells
  Sara Johnson, University of TX, Galveston, TX

- Different Potential of Various Antineoplastic Drugs to Prevent or Treat Experimentally Induced Peritoneal Carcinomatosis in Rats
  Arndt Hribaschek, University Hospital, Magdeburg, Germany

- Underexpression of Mineralocorticoid Receptor in Colorectal Tumors: An Early Event in Cancer Progression
  Francesco Di Fabio, McGill University - Jewish General Hospital, McGill University - Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research - Jewish General Hospital, Montreal, QC, Canada

- Effects of Inflammatory Cytokines and Hypoxia on Intestinal Wound Healing and Matrix Metalloproteinase Expression
  Dana Hayden, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL

- Thymidylate Synthase Status and p53 Deficiency in GI Cancer Are Not Predictive Markers for 5-Fluorouracil (5FU) Sensitivity: A Case for Alternative 5FU Targets
  Jonathan Brody, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA

- Decreased Plasma Levels of Clusterin, an Acute Phase Reactant and Complement Regulatory Peptide, in the Immediate Post-Operative Period in Patients Undergoing Minimally Invasive ColoRectal Resection
  Anaeze Offodile, Columbia Presbyterian, New York, NY

- Prediction of Lymph Node Status After Neoadjuvant Radiochemotherapy (RCT) in Rectal Cancer by Genome Microarray Analysis
  Dermot McDowell, St James’s Hospital, Dublin, Ireland

- There Is a Stepwise Increase in Postoperative Plasma IGFBP-3 Depletion from Laparoscopic-Assisted to Hand-Assisted to Open ColoRectal Resections
  Aviad Hoffman, Columbia Presbyterian, New York, NY

- Biopendence Techniques Demonstrate No Difference in Fluid Shifts Between Laparoscopic and Open Surgery
  Stephen Kavic, Univ of Maryland, Baltimore, MD

- Basic: Esophageal
  - Cyclooxygenase-2 mRNA Expression Is Upregulated in the Acid Exposed but Not in the Non-Exposed Esophageal Epithelium in Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease
    Georg Lurje, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany

- TSP1 Expression in Relation to VEGF Expression in Barrett’s Epithelial Tumorgenesis
  Ryutaro Mori, University of Southern California, Response Genetics Inc., Los Angeles, CA

- Survivin mRNA Levels in Peripheral Blood from Patients with Esophageal Cancer Decrease Significantly Following Surgical Resection and Are Influenced by Neoadjuvant Chemoradiation
  Andreas Hoffmann, University Hospital of Cologne, Alhambra, CA

- Nuclear Factor-Kappa Beta (NF-κB), IκB and Cytokine Activity in Patients Undergoing Neoadjuvant Therapy and Surgery for Oesophageal and Rectal Carcinoma
  Miriam Byrne, St James’s Hospital, Dublin, Ireland

- The Effect of Neoadjuvant Therapy and Major Gastointestinal Surgery on Factor VIII and Protein C Expression
  Miriam Byrne, St James’s Hospital, Dublin, Ireland

- Basic: Hepatic
  - Effects of Hypertonic Saline Solution in Hepatic and Pulmonary Disturbances Secondary to Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury in Rats
    Marcel C Machado, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

- Microvascular Changes in Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factor Supported Liver Regeneration After Partial Hepatectomy in Mice
  Daniel Inderbitzin, University Hospital Bern, Bern, Switzerland

- Phenotypic Characterization of the MHC-I Negative Mouse Bone Marrow Compartment: A Potential Source for Adult Liver Committed Stem Cells
  Daniel Inderbitzin, University Hospital Bern, Bern, Switzerland

- Protein Kinase C-zeta (PKCζ) Regulates Kupffer Cells Apoptosis During Experimental Sepsis
  Yanhua Peng, Univ of So Florida, Tampa, FL

- Effects of a High-Fat Diet Enriched with PUFA-ω-3 in the Hepatic Expression of PPAR-α in Wistar Rats
  Ana Maria Coelho, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

- Leukocyte MMP-9 Mediates Fibrous Capsule Formation Following Hepatic Radiofrequency Ablation in Mice
  Sean Dineen, UT Southwestern, Dallas, TX

- ZM336372, a Raf-1 Activator, Causes Suppression of Proliferation in a Human Hepatocellular Carcinoma Cell Line
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