POSTGRADUATE COURSE:
Systematic Reviews of Pancreaticobiliary Disease Customized for the Gastroenterologist and Gastrointestinal Surgeon

Sunday, May 20, 2007
Washington Convention Center
Washington, DC

COURSE DIRECTOR:
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The SSAT Postgraduate Course will be held in conjunction with Digestive Disease Week® (DDW), the combined Annual Meetings of the AASLD, AGA, ASGE, and the SSAT. The date of DDW® is May 20-24, 2007.

COURSE GOAL
This course will present systematic reviews of pancreaticobiliary disease. A systematic review begins with a comprehensive search of relevant studies, identifies criteria for study inclusion or exclusion, and utilizes established standards to appraise study quality (“rules of evidence”). Gastroenterologists and gastrointestinal surgeons will hear an analysis of pancreaticobiliary disorders beginning with a previously published systematic review (if available) rather than a literature review. At the conclusion of this course, participants will be able to: define “levels of evidence” and understand the strength of recommendations derived from the sometimes confusing taxonomy; discuss the current strength of support for how pancreaticobiliary disorders are treated; and improve outcomes by knowing the current strength of the evidence, the evolving diagnostic and therapeutic options, and what still needs to be accomplished.

FORMAT
The course will be divided into the outcome of treatments for: 1) Inter-relating inflammatory disorders of cholecystitis, CBD stones, and pancreatitis; and 2) Pancreatic neoplasms. Each topic will be covered by a team of four experts in the field. Speakers will begin with a published systematic review (if available) and then expand including only those studies stratified by the quality of evidence. One expert will present the current strength of the evidence, then another will interpret it. Questions from the remaining two commentator/moderators will follow to then initiate questions from the attendees. A separate, industry-sponsored, non-CME lunch will be provided.

ACCREDITATION
This activity will be planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the American College of Surgeons and the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract. The American College Surgeons is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

CME CREDIT
The American College of Surgeons will designate this educational activity for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

FACULTY DISCLOSURE
All faculty participating in continuing medical education activities are expected to disclose to the program audience any real or apparent conflict(s) of interest related to the content of their presentation(s). Full disclosure of faculty relationships will be made at the program.
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8:00 AM – 8:05 AM Welcome and Course Rules for Systematic Reviews
L. William Traverso, MD, Seattle, WA

SESSION I: SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS AND EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE
Moderators: Barbara L. Bass, MD, Houston, TX
L. William Traverso, MD, Seattle, WA

8:05 AM – 8:20 AM The Rules of Evidence Based Medicine: Can They Be Generalized to Improve the Procedures of the GI Surgeon?
Jonathan L. Meakins, MD, Oxford, England

8:20 AM – 8:35 AM How Evidence-Based Medicine Has Helped the Gastroenterologist
Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, Chapel Hill, NC

8:35 AM – 8:45 AM How to Rapidly Find the Best Evidence for the Busy Clinician
Kim R. Pittenger, MD, Kirkland, WA

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM Discussion and Q&A

SESSION II: GALLSTONES
CBD Stones Discovered During Cholecystectomy: Intraoperative Versus Delayed Endoscopic Removal?
Moderators: Henry A. Pitt, MD, Indianapolis, IN
Nathaniel J. Soper, MD, Chicago, IL

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM The Strength of the Evidence
James Toouli, MD, Adelaide, South Australia

9:15 AM – 9:25 AM Interpretation
Edward H. Phillips, MD, Los Angeles, CA

9:25 AM – 9:45 AM Discussion and Q&A

SESSION III: PANCREATITIS
Necrotizing Pancreatitis: Percutaneous, Minimally Invasive, or Open Necrosectomy?
Moderators:
Edward L. Bradley, III, MD, Sarasota, FL
Mehran Fotoohi, MD, Seattle, WA

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM The Strength of the Evidence
Eric vanSonnenberg, MD, Phoenix, AZ

10:05 AM – 10:15 AM Interpretation
Thomas J. Howard, MD, Indianapolis, IN

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM Discussion and Q&A

SESSION IV: PANCREATIC NEOPLASMS
Natural History of IPMN
Moderators:
Keith D. Lillemoe, MD, Indianapolis, IN
Howard A. Reber, MD, Los Angeles, CA

1:30 PM – 1:45 PM The Strength of the Evidence
Claudio Bassi, MD, Verona, Italy

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

1:55 PM – 2:15 PM Discussion and Q&A
**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Please see the DDW® Registration Brochure for a list of official DDW® hotels, rates, housing forms, and maps. You may mail or fax your housing reservations by using the housing form in the DDW® Registration Packet.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

SSAT Member $300  
Non-Member $350  
SSAT Candidate Member $250  
Non-Member Trainee $300

Registration Fee will increase by $50.00 after the preregistration deadline of **Friday, April 13, 2007**.

A CD/DVD electronic syllabus/recording will be distributed to all attendees subsequent to the course.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Should you have questions regarding this CME activity, please contact our administrative office. In addition, per the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you require special accommodations to attend or participate in this CME activity, please provide information about your requirements to our administrative office.

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**PANCREATIC NEOPLASMS**  
Pancreatic Cancer of the Head of the Gland: Extended Resection to Balance Survival with QOL

**Moderators:**  
Gerald V. Aranha, MD, Maywood, IL  
Fabrizio Michelassi, MD, New York, NY

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

2:30 PM – 2:40 PM  
Interpretation  
Yuji Nimura, MD, Nagoya, Japan

2:40 PM – 3:00 PM  
Discussion and Q&A

**PANCREATIC NEOPLASMS**  
Adjuvant Therapy for Resected Pancreatic Cancer

**Moderators:**  
Peter W.T. Pisters, MD, Houston, TX  
Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, Minneapolis, MN

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM  
The Strength of the Evidence  
Vince Picozzi, MD, Seattle, WA

3:15 PM – 3:25 PM  
Interpretation  
Steven M. Strasberg, MD, St. Louis, MO

3:25 PM – 3:45 PM  
Discussion and Q&A

**PANCREATIC NEOPLASMS**  
Decompression of Malignant Biliary Obstruction: PTBD, Endostents, or Open Biliary Drainage?

**Moderators:**  
David Carr-Locke, MD, Boston, MA  
Sean J. Mulvihill, MD, Salt Lake City, UT

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM  
The Strength of the Evidence  
Richard Kozarek, MD, Seattle, WA

4:00 PM – 4:10 PM  
Interpretation  
Mark P. Callery, MD, Boston, MA

4:10 PM – 4:30 PM  
Discussion and Q&A

*Separate, non-CME lunch sponsored in part by Olympus America, Inc.*
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