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A Gastroenterology Primer

Dates: June 2 and June 23, 2012
Location: Hisham Jaroudi Auditorium, Hariri School of Nursing
American University of Beirut
Beirut, Lebanon
Message from the Activity Director

Gastrointestinal and liver diseases are a source of significant morbidity, mortality, and health-care costs worldwide. In 2007, gastrointestinal disease is the third most common cause of death, the leading cause of cancer death, and the most common cause of hospital admission in the United Kingdom. There have been increases in the incidence of most gastrointestinal diseases with major impact on patients’ quality of life as well as important implications for current and future healthcare needs. These include gastroesophageal reflux disease, functional GI disorders, viral hepatitis, fatty liver disease, upper gastrointestinal hemorrhage, infectious diarrhea, and colorectal cancer.

This two-part activity will provide an update and comprehensive overview of a range of topics of interest to the practicing family physician and internist. This course will provide practitioners with a strong knowledge base of common GI and liver diseases as well as targeted information on recent advancements in the field. An important feature of this course is its interactive format and case sessions with a panel of experts discussing diagnostic and management guidelines and controversies.

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Program Overview and Target Audience
The program is split into two half-day sessions and will be held on two dates, June 2 and June 23, 2012, targeting primary care, internists and family physicians that will feature the most up-to-date methods and information on how to screen, analyze and diagnose patients with GI-related symptoms and diseases.

Course Objectives
By the end of the course, the attendees will be able to:
1. Identify methods of accurately diagnosing and managing common functional and inflammatory GI disorders.
2. Describe proper screening techniques for the diagnosis of colon cancer.
3. Discuss the different approaches in interpreting abnormal LFTs.
4. Optimize approach and care of patients with viral hepatitis B and C
5. Describe the role of NSAIDS in peptic disease and the approach to patients with obscure or occult GI bleeding.

Accreditation Statement
This activity has been 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 Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education and American University of Beirut Medical Center. The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education designates this live activity for a maximum of 8 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Participants claiming CME credit from this activity may submit the credit hours to the American Osteopathic Association for Category 2 credit.

Lebanese Order of Physicians Statement
MEMA complies with the Lebanese Order of Physicians Continuing Medical Education guidelines.
Faculty Disclosure Statement

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education has implemented a policy to comply with the current Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education Standards for Commercial Support requiring resolution of all faculty conflicts of interest. Faculty declaring a relevant commercial interest will be identified in the activity syllabus.

Registration Fee

Registration fee is USD 200.

Registration fee includes:

1. Attendance to the two sessions on June 2 and 23, 2012
2. Coffee breaks and lunches
3. Certificate of attendance and CME Certificates (AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ and Lebanese Order of Physicians credits with proper identification)
4. Syllabus

Pre-Registration is required as places are limited. Please contact cme@aub.edu.lb or call us on +961-1-350000 ext. 4717 for more information on registration

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Program Agenda

Session 1 – June 2, 2012: 8:30 – 13:00

08:30 – 09:10  Helicobacter pylori: diagnosis and management  
Dr. Fadi Mourad

09:10 – 09:50  GERD: pathophysiology and management  
Dr. Assaad Soweid

09:50 – 10:30  Functional dyspepsia  
Dr. Rami Badreddine

10:30 – 11:00  Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:40  Infectious diarrhea  
Dr. Mohamad Eloubeidi

11:40 – 12:20  Colon cancer and screening  
Dr. Al'a Sharara

12:20 – 13:00  Meet the Professor moderated by Dr. Kassem Barada: Approach to abnormal LFTs (Problem-based Case Discussion)

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch

Session 2 – June 23, 2012: 08:30 – 13:00

08:30 – 09:10  NSAIDs and peptic ulcer disease  
Dr. Fadi Mourad

09:10 – 09:50  Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease  
Dr. Al'a Sharara

09:50 – 10:30  A primer on viral hepatitis B and C  
Dr. Kassem Barada

10:30 – 11:00  Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:40  Chronic diarrhea: Evaluation and management  
Dr. Rami Badreddine
11:40 – 12:20  Irritable bowel syndrome  
Dr. Assaad Soweid

12:20 – 13:00  Meet the Professor moderated by Dr. Mohamad Eloubeidi:  
Evaluation of anemia and occult/obscure GI bleeding  
(Problem-based Case Discussion)

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch

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