

Gastroenterology Nursing Conference 2026

Thursday, September 10, 2026
8:00 a.m. - 3:50 p.m. (CST)
Zoom / Virtual Conference

The purpose of this conference is to optimize the care of the gastrointestinal patient by providing advanced knowledge and new innovative care that could impact gastrointestinal nursing staff and patients.

Intended Audience: Licensed nurses who provide care for gastrointestinal patients.



Registration Information

Registration Link: <https://uiowa.cloud-cme.com/course/courseoverview?P=0&EID=82094>

Registration Fee = \$50

- Increases to \$65 after 8/18/2026
- Registration closes on 8/31/2026.

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Agenda

- 7:30 Login to Zoom Meeting
- 8:00 Welcome
- 8:05 **Therapeutic Endoscopic Ultrasound** | Abdullah Abbasi, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor
- Discuss the role of therapeutic endoscopic ultrasound in management of various gastrointestinal conditions.
- 8:55 **Pancreatic Cancer Care Across the Continuum: Diagnosis to Advanced Endoscopic Palliation** | Munish Ashat, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor
- Review the diagnostic and staging pathway for pancreatic cancer. Describe major treatment options, including surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and palliative care. Recognize nursing assessment findings that should prompt urgent escalation or multidisciplinary coordination.
- 9:45 Break
- 9:55 **Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt (TIPS): Indications and Outcome Predictors** | Marta Tejedor, MD, PhD, Clinical Associate Professor
- Explain the purpose and indications of a TIPS device. Analyze available evidence to support the use of TIPS for each indication and understand and weigh the risks associated with TIPS.
- 10:45 **Golytely or Go Home: Mastering the Perfect Bowel Prep** | Alex Garza, MD, Fellow Physician
- Review the principles of effective bowel preparation for colonoscopy, including commonly used regimens, split-dose strategies, and evidence-based best practices to optimize colon cleansing quality.
- 11:40 **Gastroenterology Certification: Why and How** | Carrie Swanson, BSN, RN, CGRN, Assistant Nurse Manager; Katie Sinwelski, BSN, RN, CGRN, Staff Nurse
- Describe the advantages of certification and how to obtain certification.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30 **Bariatric Surgery – Is It Still Relevant in 2026?** | Peter Nau, MD, MS, FACS, Clinical Professor
- Define the obesity epidemic. Review the available literature on obesity medications and bariatric surgery.
- 1:20 **Achalasia: Testing, Diagnosis, and Treatment** | Brian J. Huyck, BSN, RN, Staff Nurse
- Define achalasia and recognize its clinical presentation.
- 2:10 Break
- 2:20 **Clinical Research – Offering Options and Bridging Care** | Charles Terzano-Borovic, BSN, RN, Clinical Research Associate
- Discuss ongoing gastrointestinal and hepatology studies, how care is facilitated, and options are offered to patients.
- 3:00 **Pediatric Feeding Disorders and Nutrition** | Dina Al-Zubeidi, MD, Clinical Associate Professor
- Review definitions, diagnostic approach and management of pediatric feeding disorders in children.
- 3:50 Evaluation & Adjourn

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