

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM



**MAY 29-31  
2026**

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## 19TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON LIVER AND IBD ...AND KEY GI MEETINGS REVIEW

**IN-PERSON  
SYMPOSIUM**



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155 BYRON STREET, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, ON**

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

The OAG International Symposium on Liver and IBD and Key GI Meetings Review is now in its 19th year and will be held in-person at Queen's Landing Hotel in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario on May 29-31, 2026. We are so pleased to be back in the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake again this year. We are set to enjoy this quaint town, and our Symposium venue for the many offerings they offer us. We can avail ourselves of the best of both worlds - taking in and enjoying the elements and making it a great learning environment for all.

This year our Symposium has been extended to a full-day session and is designed to offer riveting scientific talks given by engaging, high-calibre speakers that will be sure to hold your attention. The ever-popular industry sponsored Short Snapper Sessions are back, and we hope you will find them informative. And as always, the goal is for our delegates to take what they have learned back to their respective clinics/practices.

Our Symposium mobile app is interactive so plan to take some time to download it, visit with our sponsors, and have some fun while participating in our Gamification Mystery Box draw!

As always, we have coupled this scientific program with a unique social program that will bring some togetherness and collegiality among friends and colleagues. Our President's Dinners are mutually beneficial events as they allow us to meet and greet with our industry partners, sponsors and gastroenterology colleagues alike to learn about the emerging trends in the industry. Dr. Bollegala always has the right prescription that will allow you to feel better before you leave! Plan to attend!

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# WELCOME MESSAGE

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



On behalf of the Ontario Association of Gastroenterology (OAG), I invite you to join us in the heart of wine country for our 19th Annual Liver and IBD Symposium. Now in our second year back in Niagara-on-the-Lake, we have curated a program even more exciting and clinically relevant than the last. This exceptional event is a testament to the hard work of our Meeting Chair, Natasha Bollegala and Organizing Committee, whose dedicated planning has ensured a high-caliber experience for every attendee.

This year's event features an excellent faculty joining us from across the country and from across the ocean. Our esteemed Keynote Speakers will address the most critical topics of our everyday practice, providing you with the insights necessary to maintain excellence in patient care.

Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and elevate your expertise in one of Ontario's most beautiful settings. Register today!

With warm regards,

**ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY**

*Daniel Green*

Daniel Green, MD, FRCPC  
President and Symposium Chair

# HOTEL INFORMATION

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Visit the  
OAG website @  
[gastro.on.ca/events](http://gastro.on.ca/events)  
to register and  
make your hotel  
reservations.



### Queen's Landing

155 Byron Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0

Tel: (905) 468-2195

Queen's Landing Hotel was built in 1990, and its architecture reflects the Georgian Era, with Neoclassical elements like the exterior Venetian windows and heavy pediments. Inside, you'll find marble flooring, epic murals, brilliant stained-glass ceilings, and a romantic sweeping staircase. And when you step outside, you'll see panoramic views of the harbour and Niagara River.

With 140 updated guest rooms, spacious meeting facilities, and five-star Tiara Restaurant and Bacchus Lounge, our grand hotel mixes modern boutique chic rooms with Old World elegance and history.



## MOBILE APP

Watch your inbox for the launch  
of our Symposium Mobile App!

Organizing and enjoying your time at the OAG 19th Annual International Symposium on Liver and IBD... and Key GI Meetings Review has just become more convenient with our Mobile App. The App is your resource for all the information pertaining to the Symposium. View the program, bookmark sessions, make notes for your personal schedule, and learn about the speakers and sponsors. Log in to the app ahead of the Symposium to familiarize yourself with the event and all that is planned.

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You will need it as we are paperless.

# WELCOME MESSAGE

## MESSAGE FROM THE SYMPOSIUM CHAIR



Dear Colleagues,

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2026 Ontario Association of Gastroenterology (OAG) Liver and Inflammatory Bowel Disease Symposium in beautiful Niagara-on-the-Lake.

This weekend will be an exciting opportunity to combine novel developments in the areas of research, clinical guidelines and expert opinion, all with common goal of advancing the interests of practicing gastroenterologists and patient care.

We have a robust symposium platform with national and international experts presenting and have planned a comprehensive review of major meeting highlights.

Of course, we have a fabulous opportunity to dine under the stars in a vineyard while enjoying a rare opportunity to network with your provincial colleagues.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,


**ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY**

*Natasha*

Natasha Bollegala, BSc. (Hons), MD, MSc., FRCPC  
Vice President and Symposium Chair

# PROGRAM

## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026		ROOM
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>	
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	<b>President's Welcome Dinner</b>	
SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026		
7:00 am - 3:30 pm	<b>Registration</b>	
7:00 am - 9:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	
<b>UNACCREDITED PROGRAM</b>		
7:30 am - 8:30 am	<b>Industry Short Snapper Sessions - Part 1</b>	
7:30 am – 7:45 am <i>Sponsored by:</i> 	<b>From Curiosity to Clinic: Practical Intestinal Ultrasound (IUS) for the Busy Gastroenterologist</b> Speaker: Dr. Zane Gallinger	
7:45 am – 8:00 am <i>Sponsored by:</i> 	<b>Beyond the Plaques: IL-23, TNF-Induced Psoriasis, and Co Management of PsO/IBD Patients</b> Speaker: Dr. Mohannad Abu-Hilal	
8:00 am – 8:15 am <i>Sponsored by:</i> 	<b>Going Deep: Deciphering Disease Clearance in UC</b> Speaker: Dr. Rocio Sedano	
8:15 am – 8:30 am	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Elaine Yeung	
<b>ACCREDITED PROGRAM</b>		
8:40 am - 8:50 am	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> Speakers: Dr. Daniel Green, MD, FRCPC Dr. Natasha Bollegala, Hon BSc., MD, MSc., FRCPC	
<b>LIVER</b>		
8:50 am - 9:10 am	<b>Pruritis for Cholestatic Liver Disease</b> Speaker: Dr. Julie Tan	
9:10 am - 9:30 am	<b>Hepatitis B</b> Speaker: Dr. David Wong	
9:30 am - 9:50 am	<b>Work-up of Incidentally Identified Liver Lesions</b> Speaker: Dr. Sergio Rangel Suarez	
9:50 am - 10:10 am	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Morven Cunningham	
10:10 am – 10:40 am	<b>Nutrition Break</b>	

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SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026 CONTINUED		ROOM
<b>IBD</b>		
10:40 am – 11:20 am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS #1: Fatigue in IBD: How to investigate and how to treat?</b> Speaker: Dr. Allsa Hart (VIRTUAL PRESENTATION)	
11:20 am – 11:40 am	<b>Can we de-escalate therapies in IBD?</b> Speaker: Dr. John Marshall	
11:40 am – 12:00 pm	<b>When do we Operate in IBD?</b> Speaker: Dr. Mantaj Brar	
12:00 pm – 12:20 pm	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Cassandra Townsend	
12:20 pm – 1:20 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>IBD</b>		
1:20 pm - 1:55 pm	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS #2: How to Manage IBD Therapies with or after Cancer</b> Speaker: Dr. Jordan Axelrod	
1:55 pm - 2:30 pm	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS #3: Obesity in IBD</b> Speaker: Dr. Deepak Parakel	
2:30 pm - 2:55 pm	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Vivian Huang	
2:55 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Natasha Bollegala, Hon BSc., MD, MSc., FRCPC	

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026		
7:30 am - 12:30 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>	
7:30 am - 9:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	
<b>UNACCREDITED PROGRAM</b>		
7:30 am - 8:30 am	<b>Industry Short Snapper Sessions - Part 2</b>	
7:30 am – 7:45 am	<b>Back to the Future of IBD</b> Speaker: Dr. Jason Reinglas <i>Sponsored by:</i> 	
7:45 am – 8:00 am	<b>Vaccines before Biologics: What Every IBD Provider Should Know</b> Speaker: Dr. Cara Pray <i>Sponsored by:</i> 	
8:00 am – 8:15 am	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Daniel Green, MD, FRCPC	

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SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026 CONTINUED		ROOM
<b>ACCREDITED PROGRAM</b>		
8:40 am - 8:45 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Natasha Bollegala, Hon BSc., MD, MSc., FRCP	
<b>IBD/LIVER</b>		
8:45 am – 9:30 am	<b>Case Presentations (Interactive):</b> Speakers: Dr. Deepak Parakel Dr. David Wong Dr. Sanjay Murthy  Moderator: Dr. Jeff McCurdy	
<b>IBD</b>		
9:30 am – 10:05 am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS #4– Dysplasia and Neoplasia in IBD</b> Speaker: Dr. Sanjay Murthy	
10:05 am – 10:20 am	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Jeff McCurdy	
10:20 am – 10:50 am	<b>Nutrition Break</b>	
<b>POST DDW</b>		
10:50 am – 11:10 am	<b>Key Abstracts on IBD</b> Speaker: Dr. Cassandra Townsend	
11:10 am – 11:30 am	<b>Key Abstracts in Therapeutic Liver</b> Speaker: Dr. Nashla Hamdan Perez	
11:30 am – 11:50 am	<b>Key Abstracts in Therapeutic Endoscopy</b> Speaker: Dr. Daniel Low	
11:50 am – 12:10 pm	<b>Key Abstracts in General GI</b> Speaker: Dr. Mandip Rai	
12:10 pm – 12:30 pm	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Suraj Sharma	
12:30 pm – 12:40 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Natasha Bollegala, Hon BSc., MD, MSc., FRCPC	

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## SYMPOSIUM LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a comprehensive update on topics pertaining to inflammatory bowel disease and hepatology.
2. To bridge the gap between research, guidelines and clinical care through education.
3. To review the highlights from recent international conferences such as Digestive Diseases Week, European Crohn's and Colitis Organization, American Association of the Study of Liver Diseases etc.
4. To provide gastroenterologists an opportunity to network with colleagues and field experts to advance the interests of patient care.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

This event is an accredited group learning activity (Section 2) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) and approved by the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology.



## CANMEDS ROLES

Through this program the CanMEDS roles of medical expert, communicator, collaborator, leader, scholar and professional will be covered.

## THINGS TO DO AROUND TOWN



Best known as Canada's Niagara wine region, a visit to [Niagara-on-the-Lake](#) isn't complete without touring a local winery. If you're sipping your way through town, you might also try one of the craft breweries and distilleries in the area.

This quaint village also offers many outdoor activities, including great guided and self-guided cycling tours. Experience charming old-world architecture and a wealth of history at [Fort George National Historic Site](#). View the Niagara River, Fort Niagara and New York State from the iconic gazebo at [Queen's Royal Park](#) in downtown Niagara-on-the-Lake. And don't forget the iconic Shaw Festival Theatre! Check out the attractions [here](#).

# PRESIDENT'S WELCOME DINNER

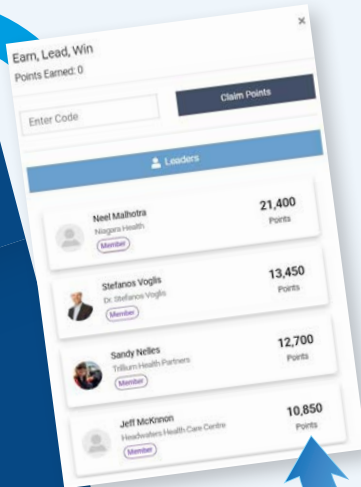
Join us for an evening  
with sumptuous food and  
drinks at your leisure!

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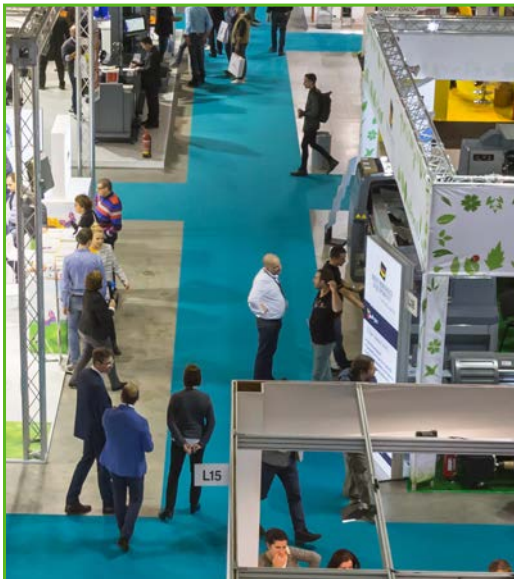
# OAG GAMIFICATION



## RULES:

- ▶ Open to OAG member Symposium registrants only!
- ▶ **SECRET GAMIFICATION WORDS** will be scattered throughout the mobile app, within instructional e-mails, sponsor videos in the mobile app, at sponsor booths and during presentations. When you find a Gamification word, simply type the word into the Gamification section of the mobile app to earn points. **Top two Point Leaders win a Mystery Box!**
- ▶ Draw will take place at the **Closing Remarks on Sunday**.
- ▶ **There are two prizes!** You must be present to win!

Hmmm..what could be inside?



## VISIT OUR SPONSORS

Delegates are encouraged to visit the sponsors in the Exhibit Hall and view the latest developments in the field.

### OPEN HOURS

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6:00 pm - 10:00 pm ET

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**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026**

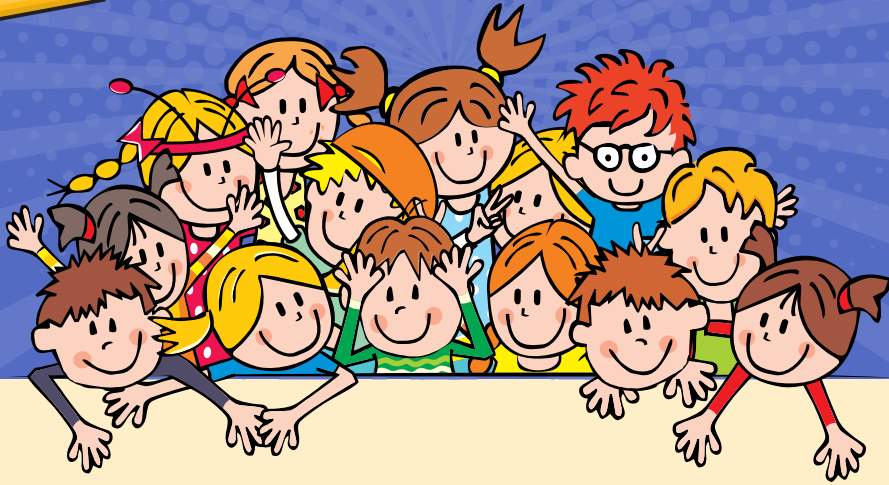
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## RAFFLE FOR THE “RAFFLES” CROWD!



**Purchase a raffle ticket during the OAG Symposium for an opportunity to win wonderful prizes!**

Investing in a child’s future is an easy task with many rewards. Not only are you helping to fight hunger in our own backyard but you will be helping to free children and their families from poverty. Your small investment in a child’s life has a powerful impact. Participate in our raffle for a chance to win a prize, to be drawn at the President’s Gathering. Proceeds from this raffle will be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank.



**Draw will be held at the President's Gathering.  
[You must be present to win!]**



## TIME TO GET SOCIAL! Join OAG on social media!

Share your experience with us this year during the OAG International Symposium on Liver and IBD Review by following us on Twitter @ontario\_gastros. We will be posting all that is happening for and at the Symposium using the hashtag #IBDLiver2026.

Make sure you include this hashtag in your posts to stay connected!



# 2026 EVENT MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



## Annual Conference and Business Meeting

👤 In-person Event

Automotive Building  
Exhibition Place

**October 23–25, 2026**

## CANCELLATION AND NO-SHOW POLICY

### Non-Cancellation Will Cost You...

Did you know that as an OAG member, if you register for the OAG Symposium, but do not attend, your non-attendance costs the OAG approximately \$1,000 (Hotel accommodation, breakfasts, dinners, nutrition breaks and administration?) The OAG office is required to give guarantees to the hotel/venue at least four (4) business days prior to the beginning of any Symposium. Therefore, by giving meal number guarantees you are included in the hotel room count and meal numbers for the entire Symposium unless you notify our office, within the time specified, that you are cancelling your registration. It is the fiduciary responsibility of the Board of Directors to ensure that the OAG's monies are spent wisely.

The OAG has implemented a policy for Symposium delegates – it is mandatory that you provide a valid credit card number to register for the Symposium and specific events. Your credit card will not be charged unless you do not attend and neglect to notify the OAG office by the cancellation deadline (as indicated on the registration form.) The amount that will be charged to your credit card is the fee for one night's hotel accommodation and your meals – approximately \$1,000.

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