

# 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Key Topics in Gastroenterology in 2026

All Lectures will be 20 minutes with 10 minutes for discussion

### THURSDAY JUNE 11 - Moderator: Dr. Harminder Singh

1230-1235	Welcome	Dr. Charles Bernstein
1235-1305	Operation immersion: Implementing virtual reality to enhance perioperative outcomes	Dr. Reneé El-Gabalawy
1305-1335	Interplay between genotoxic bacteria and inflammation in CRC development	Dr. Christian Jobin
1335-1405	Protecting the rectum in radiation treatment of cancer	Dr. Steven Frank
1405-1435	Blood and stool tests for colorectal cancer screening	Dr. Frank Sinicrope
1440-1500	break	Dr. William Grady
1500-1530	Colon cancer screening in 2026	Dr. Darren Brenner
1530-1600	Advancing screening for colorectal cancer in Canada: Should we be starting younger?	Dr. Harminder Singh
1600-1645	Panel discussion: All speakers	

### FRIDAY JUNE 12 - Moderator: Dr. Dana Moffatt

0825-0830	Welcome	Dr. Charles Bernstein
0830-0900	Pancreatic Cancer: Early Detection -A Game Changer or a Mirage?	Dr. Gregory Cote
0900-0930	ESD for colon masses	Dr. Robert Bechara
0930-1000	Newer Strategies for dysplasia Surveillance in IBD	Dr. Sanjay Murthy
1000-1030	De-escalation of surveillance in IBD: the Dutch approach	Dr. Bas Oldenburg
1030-1050	break	Dr. Joshua Korzenik
1050-1120	PSC	Dr. Dana Moffatt
1120-1230	Panel discussion	
1230-1330	Lunch	

### AFTERNOON SESSION - Moderator: Dr. Seth Shaffer

1330-1400	Using transabdominal US to identify complications of IBD	Dr. Kerri Novak
1400-1430	Endoscopic Management of IBD Complications	Dr. Bo Shen
1430-1500	Approach to post-operative Crohn's disease	Dr. Matthieu Allez
1500-1520	break	Dr. Frank Hoentjen
1520-1550	De-escalation of advanced IBD therapies: why and how?	Dr. Seth Shaffer
1550-1700	Panel discussion	

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### FOR OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS:

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## PROGRAM

# 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Key Topics in Gastroenterology in 2026

Thursday (Half Day), June 11, 2026

Friday (Full Day), June 12, 2026

Winnipeg Art Gallery

300 Memorial Blvd.

Muriel Richardson Auditorium



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Health Sciences

**Scientific Organizer:** **Dr. Charles N. Bernstein**

Distinguished Professor of Medicine  
Section of Gastroenterology  
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**Planning Committee:** **Section of Gastroenterology**

University of Manitoba  
*All speakers have been asked to disclose all potential conflicts of interest*

**Place:**

**Winnipeg Art Gallery**

300 Memorial Blvd.  
Muriel Richardson Auditorium  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 1V1

**Event Coordinator:**

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**Registration:**

**\$187.50** You can register for only June 11, June 12 or both days.

For registration and payment of registration fee go to:  
<https://www.cpd-umanitoba.com/events/29th-annual-university-of-manitoba-key-topics-in-gastroenterology-in-2026/>

Registration opens on Dec 1, 2025 and closes on June 02, 2026

No charge for trainees, dietitians, nurses, allied health.



## GUEST SPEAKER JUNE 11th PM:

**Dr. Reneé El-Gabalawy, MA, PhD, C.Psych.**

Associate Prof., Clinical Health Psychology & Anesthesiology  
Research Director, Clinical Health Psychology  
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB

**Dr. Christian Jobin, PhD**

Gatorade Trust & Distinguished Prof. of Medicine  
Co-Leader, Immuno-Oncology & Microbiome  
Univ. of Florida, Gainesville, FL

**Dr. Steven J. Frank, MD**

Bessie McGoldrick Prof. in Clinical Research  
Exec. Dir., Particle Therapy Institute  
MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

**Dr. Frank Sinicrope, MD**

Prof. of Medicine & Oncology  
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

**Dr. William Grady, MD**

Prof. of Medicine, Univ. of Washington  
Fred Hutch Cancer Center, Seattle, WA

**Dr. Darren Brenner, PhD**

Prof. of Medicine & Community Health Sciences  
Univ. of Calgary, Calgary, AB

**Dr. Harminder Singh, MD, FRCPC**

Assoc. Prof., Gastroenterology  
Univ. of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB

## GUEST SPEAKER JUNE 12th:

**Dr. Gregory Cote, MD, MS**

Prof. of Medicine  
Oregon Health & Science Univ., Portland, OR

**Dr. Robert Bechara, MD, FRCPC**

Assoc. Prof., Medicine, Queen's Univ.  
Kingston Health Sciences Centre, Kingston, ON

**Dr. Steven Frank, MD**

Prof. of Radiology Oncology  
MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

**Dr. Bo Shen, MD**

Co-Dir., Global Ctr. for Integrated Colorectal Surgery & IBD Endoscopy  
Columbia Univ., New York, NY

**Dr. Sanjay Murthy, MD, FRCPC, MSc**

Assoc. Prof., Medicine & Epidemiology  
Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, Univ. of Ottawa,  
Ottawa, ON

**Dr. Bas Oldenburg, MD, PhD**

Prof. of Gastroenterology  
Univ. Medical Center Utrecht, Netherlands

**Dr. Kerri Novak, MD, MSc**

Assoc. Prof., of Medicine  
Univ. of Calgary, Calgary, AB

**Dr. Joshua Korzenik, MD**

Dir., Resnek Family Center for PSC Research  
Harvard Univ., Boston, MA

**Dr. Matthieu Allez, MD**

Bruce Kaufman IBD Research Chair  
McGill Univ. Health Centre, Montreal, QC

**Dr. Frank Huentjen, MD, PhD**

Prof. of Medicine; Dir., IBD Center  
Univ. of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

**Dr. Seth Shaffer, MD, MS, FRCPC**

Asst. Prof., Gastroenterology  
Univ. of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB

**Dr. Dana Moffatt, MD, FRCPC, FASGE**

Gastroenterologist, St. Boniface Hospital  
Univ. of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB

## Learning Objectives

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### Thursday PM

- Understand the utility of virtual reality in enhancing perioperative outcomes
- Understand the relationship between gut microbiota and immune response in development of colorectal cancer
- Learn how to protect the rectum in radiation treatment of cancer
- Discuss blood and stool tests for colorectal cancer screening
- Understand colorectal screening paradigms

### Friday

- Discuss pancreatic cancer detection
- Learn optimal approaches for ESD for colon masses
- Understand dysplasia surveillance approaches in IBD
- Learn about transabdominal ultrasound to identify complications of IBD
- Learn about endoscopic management of IBD complications
- Discuss primary sclerosing cholangitis pathogenesis and management
- Discuss approach to post-operative Crohn's disease
- Discuss approaches to de-escalation of advanced IBD therapies

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*Participants may claim a maximum of 12 hours.*