



# Gastroenterology and Hepatology Update

September 26, 2026

The Mills House Hotel  
Charleston, South Carolina

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## CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The MUSC Annual Gastroenterology and Hepatology Update conference will be held on September 26, 2025, at the Mills House Wyndham Grand Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina. The one-day conference is intended to provide practicing clinicians with authoritative updates on the investigation and management of a broad spectrum of digestive and liver diseases. We again have a wide variety of impressive speakers for this event including those from around the country.

This year, we are pleased to be collaborating again with the SC Gastroenterology Association and the SC Medical Association. We look forward to welcoming everybody.

*Don Rockey, M.D.*  
*Course Director*

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The course is designed to provide health professionals with updated information and optimum tools to better manage patients with the full range of digestive and liver disorders.



## CREDIT DESIGNATION

The South Carolina Medical Association designates this “live activity” for a maximum of 7.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## ACCREDITATION

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the South Carolina Medical Association and the Division of Gastroenterology, Medical University of South Carolina. The South Carolina Medical Association is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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## AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

It is policy of MUSC not to discriminate against any person on the basis of disabilities. If you feel you need services or the auxiliary aids mentioned in this act in order to fully participate in the CME activity, please call 843-876-4269.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact **Cindy Peeples**, MUSC Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, at **843-876-4269**.

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## 2026 COURSE AGENDA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 6:45 a.m. Breakfast and Registration
- 7:30 a.m. **Don Rockey, M.D.** - Welcome
- 7:45 a.m. **Chuma Obineme, M.D.** - “Updates in Achalasia”
- 8:20 a.m. **Nadim Mahmud, M.D.** - “Assessing Surgical Risk in Patients with Cirrhosis”
- 8:55 a.m. **Baha Moshiree, M.D.** - “IBS-C: New Management Recommendations in 2025”
- 9:30 a.m. *BREAK*
- 9:45 a.m. **SCGA Lecture: Michael Wallace, M.D.** - “The Impact and Future of AI in GI”
- 10:25 a.m. **Shilpa Grover, M.D.** - “Checkpoint Inhibitor Gastrointestinal, Pancreatic, and Liver Injury”
- 11:00 a.m. **Bernd Schnabl, M.D.** - “Microbiome-directed Therapies for Patients with Cirrhosis and Auto-brewery Syndrome”
- 11:35 a.m. *LUNCH in Iron Rose Cafe*
- 12:30 p.m. **Peter Cotton Lecture: Shyam Varadarajulu, M.D.** - “Evolving Treatment Strategies for Pancreatic Fluid Collection”
- 1:15 p.m. **Alexander Podboy, M.D.** - “POEM: A to Z”
- 1:50 p.m. **David Katzka, M.D.** - “Update on Eosinophilic Esophagitis”
- 2:25 p.m. **Clarence Legerton Lecture: Alina Allen, M.D.** - “Update in the Treatment of MASLD”
- 3:10 p.m. Thank You and Close - **Don Rockey, M.D.**

### LOCATION



**The Mills House  
Wyndham Grand Hotel**  
115 Meeting Street  
Charleston, SC 29401  
Phone: 843.805.1069

### RECEPTION

A reception will be held on **Friday, September 25**, from **6:00- 8:00 p.m.** on the 2nd floor of the **Mills House** on their beautiful outdoor pool deck. We encourage you to join us for a relaxing evening while catching up with friends and colleagues. **The reception is free, but please register in advance.**

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## COURSE FACULTY

Course Director

**Don Rockey, M.D.**

Distinguished University Professor  
Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology  
Director, Digestive Disease Research Center



## INVITED FACULTY

**Alina Allen, M.D., MS**

Associate Professor of Medicine  
Director of MASLD Clinic  
Mayo Clinic  
Rochester, Minnesota

**Shilpa Grover, M.D., MPH**

Founder and Director, Onco-Gastroenterology Program  
Division of Gastroenterology, Brigham and Women's Hospital  
Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Nadin Mahmud, M.D., MMS, MPH, MSCE**

Assistant Professor of Medicine  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Baha Moshiree, M.D., FACG, AGAF**

Professor of Medicine  
Wake Forest School of Medicine  
Atrium Health  
Winston-Salem, NC

**Bernd Schnabl, M.D.**

Director, San Diego Digestive Diseases Research Center  
Professor of Medicine  
University of California San Diego  
San Diego, California

**Shyam Varadarajulu, M.D.**

President, Orlando Health Digestive Health Institute  
Professor of Medicine  
University of Central Florida  
Orlando, Florida

**Michael Wallace, M.D., MPH**

Fred C. Andersen Professor of Medicine  
Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology  
Mayo Clinic  
Jacksonville, Florida

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## REGISTRATION

### Pricing for Attendees

Physicians:	\$150
Residents/Nurses/APPs/Other:	\$125
MUSC Employees	Free
SCGA Members	\$100
Reception	Free

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REGISTER  
ONLINE**



REGISTER ONLINE:  
**eventbrite.com**

## ACCOMMODATIONS

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at The Mills House at a discounted rate. To book, **please use this link** or scan the QR code below for the group rate. The cutoff date for the group rate will be 5:00 pm EST on **8/26/2026**. For questions, please contact **Colleen Johnson** at 843-577-2400 or email [cjohnson@millshouse.com](mailto:cjohnson@millshouse.com).

**The Mills House**  
115 Meeting Street  
Charleston, SC 29401

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## CONTACT US

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you would like it printed on your name badge)

Specialty \_\_\_\_\_ Degree/Credentials \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(please PRINT clearly)

## REGISTRATION FEES

### Pricing for Attendees

Physicians:	\$150
Residents/Nurses/APPs/Other:	\$125
MUSC Employees	Free
SCGA Members	\$100
Reception	Free



## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION MAY BE CHARGED TO:

- Enclosed check payable to MUSC Gastroenterology and Hepatology  
 MasterCard  Visa  Discover  American Express

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

3-Digit Verification Number \_\_\_\_\_ Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION METHODS

Please use ONE of these methods to register:

- Mail registration form with credit card information or check to: Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, MUSC, 30 Courtenay Drive, Suite 249, MSC 702, Charleston, SC 29425
- Phone: 843-876-4269
- Online: Visit [dom.musc.edu/giCME](http://dom.musc.edu/giCME)

## CANCELLATIONS

A refund for conference registration will be made upon written request prior to August 6, 2026; however \$50 will be retained for administrative costs. We reserve the right to cancel the program if necessary. Full registration fees will be refunded for canceled programs. We cannot be responsible for reimbursement of airline or other transportation fees, hotel or rental car charges.