

New Paradigms in Gastrointestinal Surgery and Medicine

Omni William Penn Hotel • 530 William Penn Place • Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Reception: Friday, November 8, 2024 @ 6:00-7:00 pm - Sky Room, 17th Floor

Conference: Saturday, November 9, 2024 @ 7:30 am - 3:00 pm - Welk & Hope Rooms, Mezzanine Level

- 7:30 am *Registration/Breakfast/Exhibits*
- 8:00 **Welcome**
David S. Medich, MD and Robert E. Schoen, MD, MPH
- Session I: Advancements in Colorectal Surgery** *Moderator: David S. Medich, MD*
- 8:10 **Advancements in CRC Surgery: The Art of Robotic Surgery**
Kellie E. Cunningham, MD
- 8:30 **"Watch and Wait" Approach to Rectal Cancer**
David S. Medich, MD
- 8:50 **Targeted Therapies to Enhance Rectal Preservation**
Vikram C. Gorantla, MD
- 9:10 **What Can Health Systems Do to Improve Quality, Safety and Patient Recovery?**
Jennifer M. Holder-Murray, MD
- 9:30 **Panel Discussion with Audience**
- 9:45 *Break/Exhibits*
- Session II: Advancements in Endoscopic Therapy** *Moderator: Charles C. Gabbert, MD*
- 10:05 **What's New in Interventional Gastroenterology?**
Sultan Mahmood, MD
- 10:25 **Endoscopic Management of What Used to be Surgical Disease: ESD for Large and Super-Large Polyps**
Mohamed O. Othman, MD
- 10:50 **Panel Discussion with Audience**
- Session III: Advancing Care to a Wider Audience** *Moderator: Jennifer M. Holder-Murray, MD*
- 11:05 **Strategic Update on How to Leverage Telemedicine for Integrated and Peri-operative Care**
Andrew R. Watson, MD, MLitt
- 11:25 **Inequities in Care**
Robert Tessler, MD, MPH
- 11:45 **Panel Discussion with Audience**
- 12:00 *Break/Lunch Buffet/Exhibits*
- Session IV: Controversies in Care** *Moderator: James P. Celebrezze, Jr., MD*
- 12:55 **Blood-based Screening for Colorectal Cancer**
Robert E. Schoen, MD, MPH
- 1:15 **Biologics are Making IBD Surgery Passé**
Marc Schwartz, MD
- 1:35 **We are Waiting Too Long to Operate in IBD**
Sean P. Whelan, MD
- 1:55 **New Insights in Diverticular Diseases**
Ravy K. Vajravelu, MD, MSCE
- 2:15 **Panel Discussion with Audience**
- 2:30 *Closing Remarks/Adjourn*

New Paradigms in Gastrointestinal Surgery and Medicine

All course faculty serve with the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine unless noted otherwise.

UPMC Surgery – [Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery](#)

UPMC Medicine – [Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition](#)

Course Directors:

David S. Medich, MD

Associate Professor of Surgery
Chief, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery

Robert E. Schoen, MD, MPH

UPMC Endowed Chair in Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology
Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

Guest Course Faculty:

Mohamed O. Othman, MD

William T. Butler Chair for Distinguished Faculty
Professor of Medicine
Chief, Gastroenterology Section, Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center
Baylor College of Medicine | Houston, Texas

Course Faculty:

James P. Celebrezze, Jr., MD

Associate Professor of Surgery
Director, Colorectal Surgical Training

Kellie E. Cunningham, MD

Assistant Professor of Surgery

Vikram C. Gorantla, MD

Hematology/Oncology
UPMC Hillman Cancer Center

Charles C. Gabbert, MD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
Medical Director, GI Lab & Procedure Unit
Director of Advanced Endoscopic Training for Division
UPMC Center for Digestive Health at UPMC St. Margaret

Jennifer M. Holder-Murray, MD

Vice Chair for Quality Integration
Associate Professor of Surgery
Surgical Director, UPMC Center for Perioperative Care
Co-Director, Enhanced Recovery Program, UPMC

Sultan Mahmood, MD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
UPMC Center for Digestive Health at UPMC Passavant

Marc Schwartz, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine
Co-Director, Total Care-IBD
Clinical Lead, UPMC IBD Center

Robert Tessler, MD, MPH

Assistant Professor of Surgery
Colorectal Surgeon, VAPHS

Ravy K. Vajravelu, MD, MSCE

Assistant Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterologist, VAPHS
Core Faculty, Center for Health Equity Research & Promotion,
VAPHS

Andrew R. Watson, MD, MLitt

Professor of Surgery, Division of Colorectal Surgery
Senior Medical Director, UPMC Insurance Services Division
Senior Medical Advisor, UPMC Enterprises
Past-President, American Telemedicine Association

Sean P. Whelan, MD

Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery
Chief of General Surgery, UPMC St. Margaret
Associate Program Director, General Surgery Residency