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Upcoming Events

Digestive Disease Week Yale Reception

Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 E. Wacker Drive
“Living Room”: May 7, 2017, 6-8 pm

12th Annual Yale Digestive Disease Week Review

Course Directors:

Dr. Priya Jamidar & Harry Aslanian

Waters Edge, Westbrook Friday June 2, 2017

Register now: <http://www.cme.yale.edu>

Section Faculty Meeting:

Yale Medicine Update Q&A with Paul Taheri:
TAC S247 June 12, 2017 1:00 pm - 2:00pm

Fellows' Graduation:

Anthony's Ocean View: June 20, 2017, 6-9 pm

Digestive Diseases Tuesday Seminar Series (Weekly)



Dr. Paul Kubes

Tuesday May 2, 2017

Liver Center Seminar

“Imaging Sterile Inflammation and Infections”

Paul Kubes, PhD Professor, Departments of Physiology & Pharmacology, Medicine and Microbiology, Immunology and Infectious Diseases University of Calgary

TAC S247 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Host: Dr. Mario Strazzabosco

Tuesday May 9, 2017 No Seminar DDW

Tuesday May 16, 2017- Cancelled



Dr. Joseph Ahn

Tuesday May 23, 2017

"Impact of Antiviral Therapy on the Natural History of Hepatitis B"

Joseph Ahn, MD, MS, FACG

Director of Clinical Hepatology , Oregon Health & Science University

TAC S247 5:00-6:00 PM

Host: Dr. Joseph Lim

Tuesday May 30, 2017

“The Microbiome in Autoimmune Hepatitis”

Varun Kumar, MD

Clinical Fellow In Medicine (Digestive Diseases) Yale School of Medicine

TAC S247 5:00-6:00PM

Host: Dr. David Assis, Dr. Martin Kriegel & Dr. Andrew Goodman

[Seminars & Conferences](#)

[Multidisciplinary Pancreas Clinical Conference](#)

Tuesdays (Weekly)
7:00-8:00 AM Smilow Room 101B
(breakfast and coffee served)

[Pancreas Cancer Research Conference](#)

Tuesdays (Bi-weekly 1st & 3rd)
5:30-6:15 PM Smilow Room 101B

[Cancer & Genetics Prevention Program](#)

Thursdays(weekly)
2:30- 3:30PM
330 Orchard Street, Suites 107-109 (same location weekly)

[Liver Tumor Board](#)

Thursdays (weekly)
1pm - 2pm (lunch provided)
Smilow tumor board Room NP4-215B

[Section News](#)

Yale News featured a story on a recent paper published by **Dr. Clara Abraham, Dr. Matija Held & Dr. Jie Yan** in the Journal of Clinical Investigation "An inflammatory bowel disease-risk variant in *INAVA* decreases pattern recognition receptor-induced outcomes".

Read the story here:

<http://news.yale.edu/2017/04/25/yale-researchers-reveal-role-gene-ibd>



Dr. Fred Gorelick

The Yale Corporation met recently and voted to name ***Dr. Fred Gorelick*** as the Henry J. and Joan W. Binder Professor of Internal Medicine. Congratulations Dr. Gorelick !



Dr. Henry and Joan Binder in one of the galleries of the Yale Center for British Art, where Joan Binder has served as a docent for three decades. A gift from the Binders has endowed a professorship in gastroenterology. (Photo by Terry Dagradi) (left)



Dr. Mario Strazzabosco

A New Liver Cancer Program was launched in mid-December at Smilow. Please see the attached link for more on this new program, for which ***Dr. Strazzabosco*** is the director and clinical program leader.

Click on the link below to read more :

<http://yaledailynews.com/blog/2017/04/07/new-liver-cancer-program-launches-at-smilow/>

ALF Flavors of CT dinner March 28, 2017



Digestive Diseases Faculty (above)



Digestive Diseases Staff (above)



Transplant Coordinators (left)

The VA Corner



*Dr. Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao
Chief of Digestive Disease VA-CT,
Professor of Medicine Digestive
Diseases YSM*



The Luminal GI Group at the VA

The Section of Digestive Diseases at the West Haven VA has a rich history of research, education, leadership and clinical care in gastroenterology. **Dr. Robert Donaldson**, (former Chair of Medicine and acting Yale Medical School Dean), **Dr. Rosemarie Fisher** (Dean of Graduate Medical Education), and **Dr. Cyrus Kapadia** (former Yale Internal Medicine Residency Program Director), began their careers at the VA.

Other VA faculty have made prominent research contributions. **Dr. Fred Gorelick** is an expert in pancreas disease and has defined and advanced our knowledge of early cellular changes in acute pancreatitis, and is defining interventions that may prevent inflammation. Dr. Gorelick has also been the Director of the Yale Digestive Diseases Fellowship and currently directs the NIH-supported T32 “Training Program in Investigative Gastroenterology” which educates and mentors our fellows in GI research. He is also the Deputy Director of the Yale MD/PhD program has mentored physicians and scientists who has subsequently had successfully academic careers. **Dr. Loren Laine** is a clinical investigator who is one of the world’s experts in the management of gastrointestinal diseases, particularly GI bleeding. Dr. Laine’s international leadership is reflected by his authorship of numerous practice guidelines and his past election as President of the American Gastroenterological Association. Dr. Laine is a Professor of Medicine and Director of Clinical Research within the Section of Digestive Diseases at Yale.

Dr. Avlin Imaeda is the Program director of the Yale GI fellowship, which includes training at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System as well as Yale-New Haven Hospital. Among her many educational activities, Dr. Imaeda is developing a medical school case-based electronic teaching tool. **Dr. Petr Protiva** is an expert on colorectal neoplasia and vitamin D metabolism and has an active clinical research program, while **Dr. Anil Nagar** is the Director of Endoscopy for the VA Connecticut Healthcare System and an expert in advanced endoscopic procedures.

The Section of Digestive Diseases provides outstanding GI care to more than 50,000 veterans in Connecticut, documenting the high level of care through routine monitoring of quality measures.

[Announcements](#)



Chris Galatioto

We would like to congratulate **Alison Valentino** on her promotion to Senior Operations Manager of Internal Medicine and welcome **Chris Galatioto** as our new Operations Manager of Digestive Diseases. We Congratulate **Jennifer Horn** on her new position at Yale Cancer Center.

Congratulations to **Onesha Craig** and family on the birth of their daughter Soraya Arionne Glenn who arrived Tuesday, 4/25/17 at 6:38pm. She weighs in at 7lbs 5.5oz and is 20 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well.



[Alumni News](#)

Errata: In our update on Sakib Khalid in the April 17 newsletter, there was a typo in the link to practimyze. The correct link is www.practimyze.com

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