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18TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON LIVER AND IBD  
...AND KEY GI MEETINGS REVIEW

This event is sponsored by unrestricted educational grants from our partners and sponsors.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

The OAG International Symposium on Liver and IBD and Key GI Meetings Review is now in its 18th year and will be held in-person at Queen's Landing Hotel in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario on May 23-25, 2025. We are so pleased to be back in Niagara-on-the-Lake after many years of being away. We are set to enjoy this quaint town, and our Symposium venue for the many offerings they afford us. We can avail ourselves with the best of both worlds - taking in an 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. We have also brought back our ever-popular industry sponsored Short Snapper Sessions which we hope you will find informative and engender much discussion. 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 both in-person and via the app, 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, that allow us to meet and greet with our industry partners, sponsors and gastroenterologists alike to learn about the emerging trends in the industry. Dr. Green has the right prescription that will allow you to feel better before you leave! Plan to attend!

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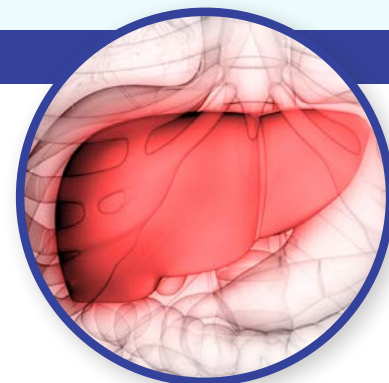
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# WELCOME MESSAGE

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND SYMPOSIUM CHAIR



Dear Colleague,

After many years of being away, I am pleased to be back at Queen's Landing Hotel in Niagara-on-the Lake for our 18th Annual International Symposium on Liver and IBD and Other GI Meeting Review! Queen's Landing Hotel is not new to us; in years gone by, it was a long-standing venue for the OAG Annual Conference.

As you know, this event has traditionally been a winter meeting, but we have amalgamated it with our Annual Post DDW Course to maximize our learning opportunities to you, with a fuller, longer and more robust program. Although we have changed the venue and time of year, the Symposium will still provide a wonderful opportunity to integrate high level education with a casual atmosphere where families can enjoy themselves and take advantage of all that Niagara-on-the-Lake and Queen's Landing have to offer.

Our Symposium this year is themed **"IBD and Liver Care Unplugged"** and will feature renowned faculty speaking on how to tackle common clinical problems from this unique perspective. This year we will also feature two keynote addresses from distinguished speakers. Furthermore, we will showcase the always popular Short Snapper Sessions and case-based presentations by some of our esteemed colleagues.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us for the President's Welcome Dinner on Friday where we will have an opportunity to meet with our industry sponsors, colleagues and friends. And don't forget to attend the President's Party on Saturday where you, your teens, and little ones will have a fun time!

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the support of our partners and sponsors without whom these events would not occur. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

Please take advantage of the exceptional social and educational programs that the Symposium committee has developed, and enjoy the unique surroundings that this quaint town has to offer.

I look forward to seeing you there!

With warm regards,

**ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY**

*Daniel Green*

Daniel Green, MD, FRCPC  
President and Symposium Chair

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OAG website @  
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to register and  
make your hotel  
reservations.

### Queen's Landing

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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 18th 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.**

# PROGRAM

## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025		ROOM
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>	Foyer
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	<b>President's Welcome Dinner</b>	Tiara
SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025		
7:00 am - 4:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>	Foyer
7:00 am - 9:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	Tiara
<b>UNACCREDITED PROGRAM</b>		
7:30 am - 8:30 am	<b>Industry Short Snapper Sessions</b>	Tiara
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8:15 am – 8:30 am	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Emily Ching, MD, FRCPC, CAGF	Tiara
<b>ACCREDITED PROGRAM</b>		
8:40 am - 8:50 am	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Daniel Green, MD, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
<b>LIVER</b>		
8:50 am - 9:10 am	<b>Does every patient need a Fibroscan? What about Shear Wave?</b> <b>Where do other Non-Invasive Tests Fit in?</b> Speaker: Dr. Erin M. Kelly, MD, MSc., FRCPC	Grand Georgian
9:10 am - 9:30 am	<b>New Treatments In PBC</b> Speaker: Dr. Kristel Leung, MD, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
9:30 am - 9:50 am	<b>Update on Hepatitis C</b> Speaker: Dr. Marco Puglia, MD, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
9:50 am - 10:10 am	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Hemant Shah, MD, MScCH, HPTE, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
10:10 am – 10:40 am	<b>Nutrition Break</b>	Atrium
<b>LIVER</b>		
10:40 am – 11:00 am	<b>Hepatic Complications of Chemotherapy and Immunotherapy</b> Speaker: Dr. Morven Cunningham, MBBS, PhD, MRCP(UK)	Grand Georgian
11:00 am – 11:20 am	<b>Pearls for Optimizing Cirrhotic for Surgery</b> Speaker: Dr. David Hudson, MD, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
11:20 am – 11:40 am	<b>Liver Abstracts</b> Speaker: Dr. Fernanda Onofrio, MD, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
11:40 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Imran Rasul, MD, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	Tiara

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SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025 CONTINUED		ROOM
<b>IBD</b>		
1:00 pm - 1:20 pm	<b>Is it a prime time for combination advanced therapy for treatment in IBD?</b> Speaker: Dr. Reena Khanna, MD, MSc., FRCPC	Grand Georgian
1:20 pm - 1:40 pm	<b>The Risk of Malignancy in IBD</b> Speaker: Dr. Cara Pray, MD, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
1:40 pm - 2:00 pm	<b>Advanced Endoscopic Techniques in IBD</b> Speaker: Dr. Michael Sey, MD, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
2:00 pm - 2:20 pm	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Natasha Bollegala, Hon BSc., MD, MSc., FRCPC	Grand Georgian
2:20 pm - 2:45 pm	<b>Nutrition Break</b>	Atrium
<b>IBD</b>		
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS: When and How to Use Small Molecules in Ulcerative Colitis</b> Speaker: Dr. Christopher Ma, MD, MPH, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
3:15 pm - 3:35 pm	<b>Management of Dermatologic Complications and Manifestations of IBD</b> Speaker: Dr. Raed Alhusayen, MBBS, MSCE, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
3:35 pm - 3:55 pm	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Brian Chan, MD, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
3:55 pm - 4:00 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Daniel Green, MD, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
<b>SOCIAL EVENTS</b>		
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>	Foyer
6:00 pm - 10:30 pm	<b>Childrens' Program / Teen Program</b>	TBA
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	<b>Cocktail Reception</b>	Atrium
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	<b>President's Party</b>	Grand Georgian

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025		
7:30 am - 12:30 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>	Foyer
7:30 am - 9:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	Tiara
<b>ACCREDITED PROGRAM</b>		
8:40 am - 8:45 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Daniel Green, MD, FRCPC	Grand Georgian

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SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025 CONTINUED		
<b>IBD/LIVER</b>		
8:45 am – 9:30 am	<b>Case Presentations (Interactive):</b> Speakers: Dr. Hemant Shah – <a href="#">[Liver]</a> Dr. Dr. Arif Yusuf - <a href="#">[IBD]</a>  Panelists: Dr. Erin M. Kelly – <a href="#">[Liver]</a> Dr. Marco Puglia – <a href="#">[Liver]</a> TBD – <a href="#">[IBD]</a> TBD – <a href="#">[IBD]</a>  Moderator: Dr. Arif Yusuf	Grand Georgian
9:30 am – 10:05 am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS – Personalized and Precision Medicine in IBD</b> Speaker: Dr. Subra Kugathsan, MD	Grand Georgian
10:05 am – 10:20 am	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Laura Targownik, MD, MSHS, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
10:20 am – 10:40 am	<b>Nutrition Break</b>	Grand Georgian
<b>POST DDW</b>		
10:40 am – 11:00 am	<b>Key abstracts on IBD from DDW or other relevant conferences</b> Speaker: Dr. Laura Targownik, MD, MSHS, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
11:00 am – 11:20 am	<b>Therapeutic Endoscopy</b> Speaker: Dr. Mohammad Yaghoobi, MD, MSc. (Epi). AFS, FRCPC, FACG	Grand Georgian
11:20 am – 11:40 am	<b>Top Abstracts</b> Speaker: Dr. Richard Wu, MD, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
11:40 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Nicky Marwaha, MD, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
12:00 pm – 12:10 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Daniel Green, MD, FRCPC	Grand Georgian
12:10 pm – 12:30 pm	<b>To Go Coffee &amp; Cookies</b>	Atrium



## SYMPOSIUM LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Update on the appropriate use and interpretation of Fibroscan.
2. Review the medical treatment of PBC and its associated complications.
2. Update on the treatment of Hepatitis C virus.
4. Expert review of the hepatic complications of chemo and immunotherapy.
5. Expert review of new strategies using combination therapy for the treatment of IBD.
6. Review of both malignancy associated with IBD and its treatment.
7. Expert review on advanced therapeutic endoscopy in the context of IBD.
8. Update on the use of small molecules in the treatment of IBD.
9. Describe the dermatological complications of advanced therapy and understand management strategies.
10. Expert review on personalized and precision medicine in IBD.

## 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](#).



A photograph of three people sitting at an outdoor wooden table. A man in the center, wearing an orange shirt, is laughing heartily. To his left, a woman with long dark hair in a yellow top is looking towards him. To his right, a woman with blonde hair in a yellow patterned top is also smiling. The table is set with white plates, glasses, and a vase of purple flowers. The background shows green foliage and a brick building.

# **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME DINNER**

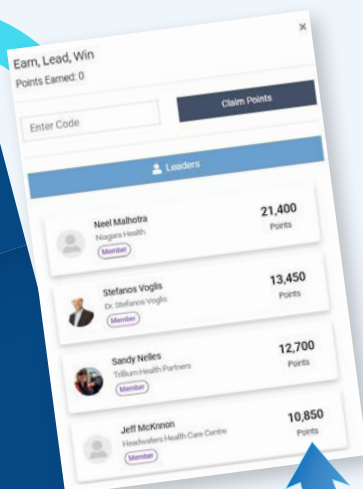
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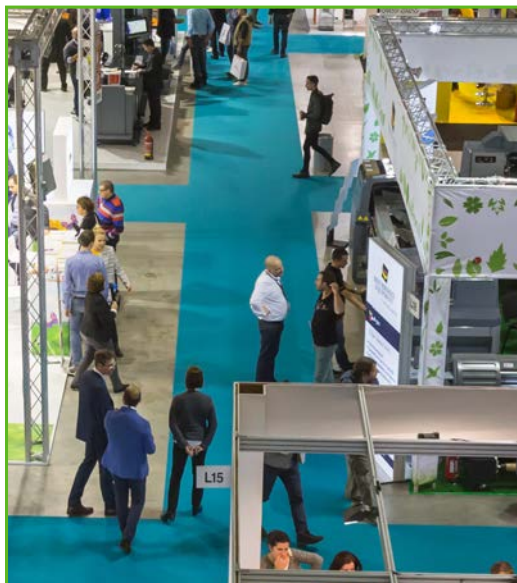
# OAG GAMIFICATION



## 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

#### FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm ET

#### SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

7:00 am - 9:30 am ET  
10:10 am - 10:40 am ET  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ET  
2:20 pm - 2:45 pm ET

#### SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

7:30 am - 8:30 am ET  
10:20 am - 10:40 am ET  
12:10 pm - 12:30 pm ET



# PRESIDENT'S PARTY GASTRO GROOVE

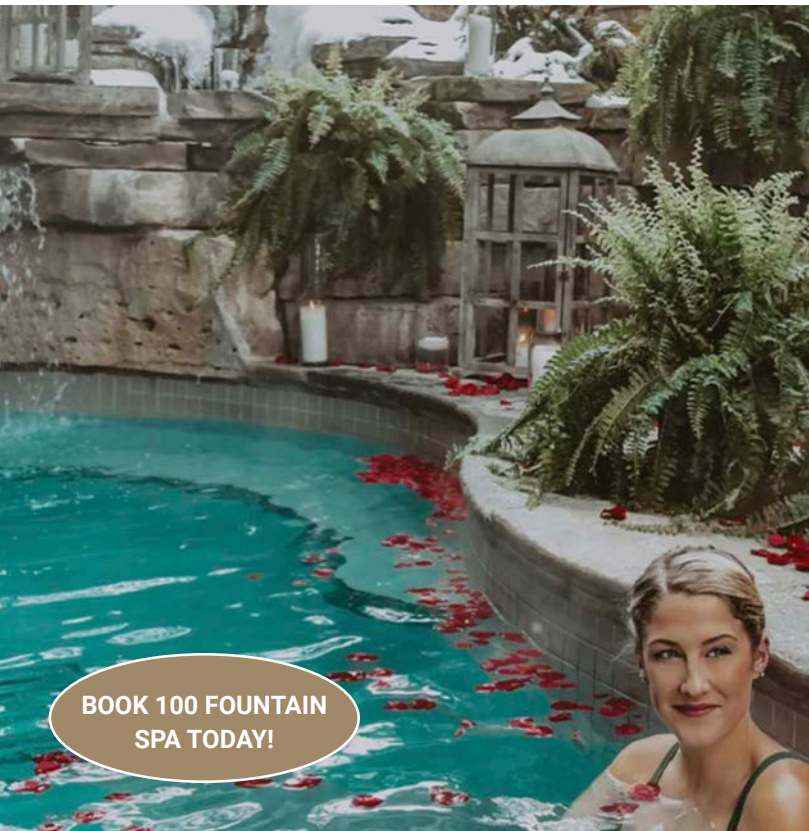
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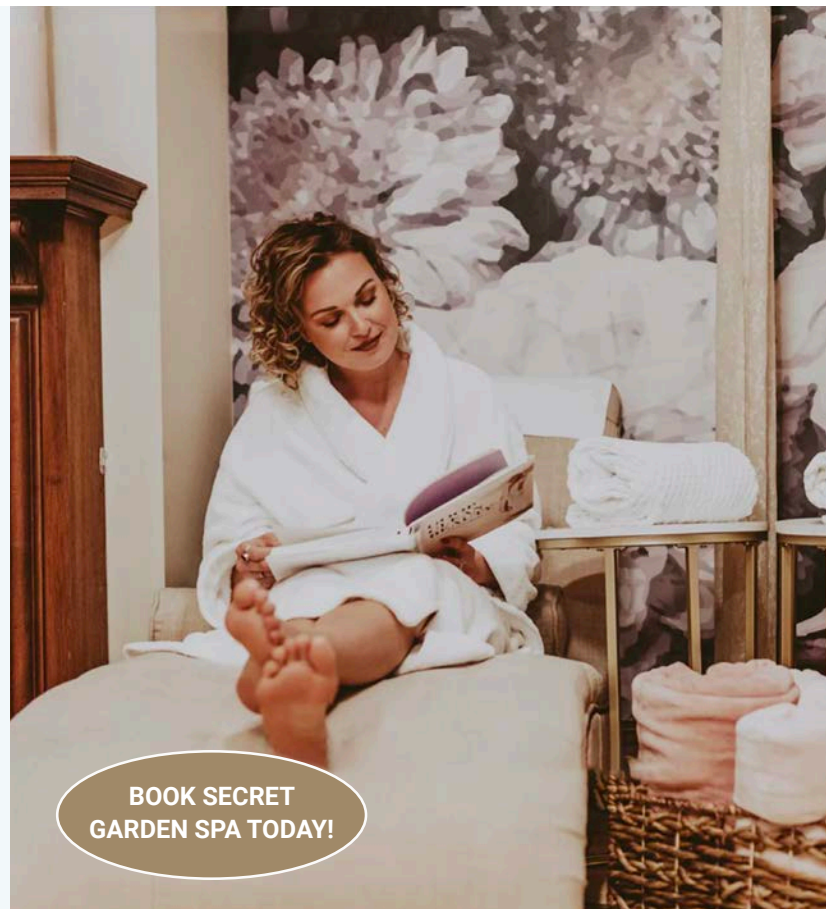
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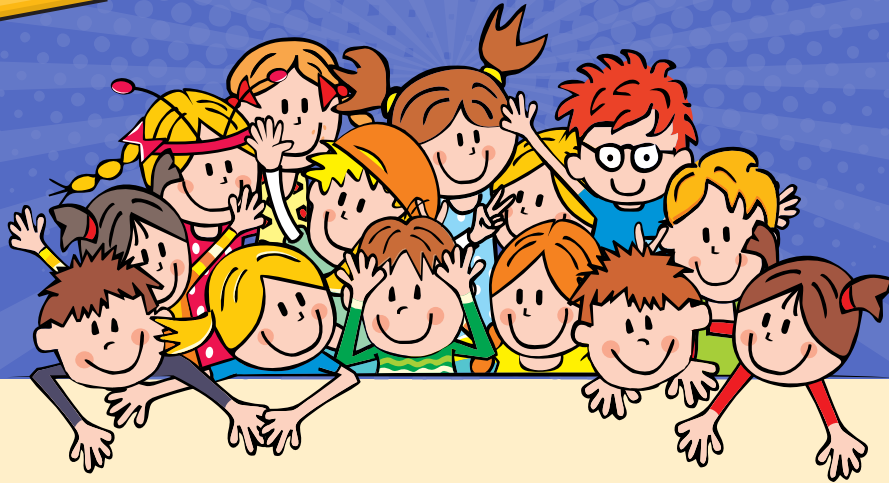


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**Draw will be held at the Closing Remarks on Sunday.  
[You must be present to win!]**



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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 #IBDLiver2025.

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



CHILDREN'S  
PROGRAM

# DINNER, POPCORN AND A MOVIE

Queen's Landing Hotel

Saturday, May 24, 2025

5:30 - 6:00 pm: Registration

6:00 - 10:00 pm: Program/Activities

## FEATURING

- Games
- Dance Party

TICKET

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



Pre-registration is required. Open to children ages 4 - 12.



## TEEN PROGRAM



# TEEN PROGRAM

Queen's Landing Hotel | Saturday, May 24, 2025

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm: Registration

6:00 pm - 10:30 pm: Program/Activities

Pre-registration is required. Open to teens ages 13 - 18.



# 2025-2026 EVENTS

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



### Annual Conference and Business Meeting

👤 In-person Event

Marriott Downtown  
at Toronto Eaton Centre

**October 24-26, 2025**

### International Symposium on Liver and IBD Review | Post DDW Course

👤 In-person Event

Queen's Landing Hotel  
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON

**May 29-31, 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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