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**29TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BUSINESS MEETING**



# WELCOME MESSAGE

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleague,

I am delighted to invite you, our members, and corporate sponsors to the 29th Annual Conference and Business Meeting of the Ontario Association of Gastroenterology (OAG). This year, we are excited to host the event at the newly renovated Marriott Downtown Toronto Eaton Centre Hotel, located in the vibrant heart of downtown Toronto.

The Marriott offers excellent amenities and is conveniently situated near the famous Toronto Eaton Centre and many of the city's top attractions, making it an ideal location for our Conference delegates.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our sponsors for their unwavering support, enabling us to continue offering exceptional educational events to our members.

This year, we have an exciting lineup of scientific and clinically relevant GI topics presented by outstanding speakers, both local and national experts. Additionally, Sunday's agenda includes an update from the OMA Section on Gastroenterology and the Annual General Meeting of the OAG. We strongly encourage all members to participate in this important event.

Finally, please join us at the Gala and Awards Presentation on Saturday evening, where we will celebrate and honor Dr. David Baron with the OAG Distinguished Service Award for his enormous contributions to the OAG and gastroenterology over the years.

I look forward to seeing everyone this October!

Warm regards,

**ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY**

*Daniel Green*

Daniel Green, MD, FRCPC  
President

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## GET READY TO SOCIALIZE AND LEARN!

We are so excited! We look forward to seeing each of you on the weekend of October 24-26, 2025 for an opportunity to gather at the newly renovated Marriott Downtown Toronto Eaton Centre, where we can learn about the emerging trends, contribute, and share with our friends and colleagues! Our new conference space will offer us an alternate atmosphere to what we have become accustomed to, but a pleasant change. Register today and get ready to socialize and learn! We can't wait to welcome you and your family back to our annual Conference!



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# WELCOME MESSAGE

## MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIR



Dear Colleague,

We would like to invite you to join us for our Annual Conference and Business Meeting at the newly renovated Marriott Downtown Toronto Eaton Centre Hotel.

The Conference Committee has organized a great array of experts to help enhance your continuing medical education. I hope you find the educational aspect of our event useful and take pearls back to your practice of gastroenterology, as well

as get a chance to interact with our faculty and colleagues.

Our Welcome Dinner is an event for colleagues to gather and catch up with one another and engage with our sponsors. We will also have the privilege of honouring fellow gastroenterologist, Dr. David Baron, with the OAG Distinguished Service Award. Please be sure to attend this very inclusive and memorable occasion.

We really appreciate your commitment to the Ontario Association of Gastroenterology, as without you it would not exist. We would also like to thank our sponsors who support our educational initiatives.

Looking forward to celebrating with you soon.

Sincerely,

**ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY**

*Lee Roth*

Lee Roth, MD, FRCPC  
Treasurer/Conference Chair

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Did you know that as an OAG member, if you register for the Conference, and do not attend, your non-attendance costs the OAG approximately \$1,300 (hotel accommodation, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, nutrition breaks and administration.)? The OAG office is required to give guarantees to the venue at least seven (7) business days prior to the start of any Conference. Therefore, if you do not cancel by the seven-day prior deadline, you are included in the hotel room count and meal numbers for the entire Conference. It is the fiduciary duty of the Board of Directors to ensure that the OAG's monies are spent wisely.

The OAG has implemented a policy for Conference delegates – it is mandatory that you provide a valid credit card number to register for the Conference 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 - both online and in print.) The amount that will be charged to your credit card is the fee for one night's hotel accommodation, administration and your meals – approximately \$1,300.

If you need to cancel your hotel reservation, Conference or event registration, please refer to the registration form and contact the OAG office - you will receive a cancellation number as your validation.

**Please help us help the OAG – we are a  
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## WELCOME TO TORONTO



Immerse yourself in one of the world's most multicultural cities! Situated 566 feet above sea level on the northern shore of Lake Ontario, Toronto is one of the southern most cities in Canada. In fact, it has nearly the same latitude as northern California.

Home to more than 100 cultures, Toronto is the world within a city. With a population of 4.2 million, Toronto is Canada's largest city and is the fifth largest city in North America. It possesses the best features of the world in one clean, safe, and friendly place.

Consider this, Toronto is rivalled only by London and New York in the theatre scene. It boasts attractions from high art to lovely family fun. It offers polished service for the business traveler and a shopping mecca with international flair. It offers some of the best dining in the world and features year-round festivals of film, music, and culture with miles of waterfront, beaches, boardwalks, and trails. Visit [Toronto.com](https://toronto.com) for more information on events, attractions, shopping and restaurants!



# HOTEL & CONFERENCE VENUE

## MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN TORONTO EATON CENTRE



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525 Bay Street, Toronto, ON M5G 2L2

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Located in Toronto's vibrant downtown district, the **newly renovated Marriott Downtown Toronto Eaton Centre hotel** is within an easy walk to the CN Tower, Rogers Centre, Ripley's Aquarium, the Scotiabank Centre, University of Toronto, and shopping at the CF Toronto Eaton Centre. Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport is less than four kilometers away. It's about you. **It's about you. It's about the view!** Visit the OAG **website** to make reservations for the Conference.

## GETTING THERE



### BY TRAIN

Travelling by train is a convenient and fascinating way to get to Toronto. You may be eligible for discounts via your OMA member benefits option. **To book, call 1-888 VIA-RAIL (1-888-842-7245) or [www.viarail.ca](http://www.viarail.ca)**



### BY AIR

Most Canadian airlines offer direct flights to Pearson International Airport or Billy Bishop Airport, year-round. If you can fly into Billy Bishop, please consider that option as it is the closest airport to the venue.



### BY CAR

Visit our website for driving and parking information.





## MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN TORONTO EATON CENTRE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025 | 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

All aboard! Join us for an **Around the World Adventure** and savour the sumptuous foods of the world. Let's hop from continent to continent to learn more about the people, foods, drinks and culture. Bring a tag for our giant map and tell us where you have been or where your family is from. This evening promises to be fun and interactive! You don't want to miss this!

**DRESS CODE:**  
Smart Casual

# DOCTORS' PROGRAM

## DOCTORS' PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

### TIMES AND DATES

**Registration Includes:** President's Welcome Dinner, Scientific Sessions, Breakfasts, Lunch, Nutrition Breaks and Annual General Meeting.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	<b>President's Welcome</b>

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

7:00 am - 4:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>
7:00 am - 9:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b>
7:30 am - 8:30 am	<b>Industry Sponsored Short Snapper Sessions - Part 1</b>
8:15 am - 8:30 am	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Harry Wu
8:40 am - 8:50 am	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> Speakers: Dr. Daniel Green & Dr. Lee Roth
8:50 am - 9:10 am	<b>Achalasia/POEM/Pneumatic Balloon Dilation</b> Speaker: CAG—Dr. Adriana Lazarescu
9:10 am - 9:30 am	<b>Does this patient need ERCP?</b> Speakers: Dr. Elaine Yong
9:30 am - 9:50 am	<b>Endoscopic Scoring Systems in IBD</b> Speaker: Dr. Neeraj Narula
9:50 am - 10:10 am	<b>Question &amp; Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Brian Chan
10:10 am - 10:40 am	<b>Nutrition Break</b>
10:40 am - 11:05 am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Acute Severe Colitis</b> Speaker: Dr. Ed Loftus, Jr.
11:05 am - 11:15 am	<b>Question &amp; Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Parul Tandon
11:15 am - 11:35 am	<b>Liver Transplantation, Non-Candidates and Palliation</b> Speaker: Dr. Tamoor Afzaal

# DOCTORS' PROGRAM

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025 CONTINUED

11:35 am - 11:55 am	<b>Practice Management How AI is going to change GI Practice</b> Speaker: Dr. Sam Elfassy
11:55 am - 12:15 pm	<b>Neuroendocrine Tumours Workup/Management</b> Speaker: Dr. Calvin Law
12:15 pm - 12:30 pm	<b>Question &amp; Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Melanie Beaton
12:30 pm - 12:35 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Lee Roth
12:35 pm - 1:35 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	<b>Residents' Roundtable</b> Speaker: Dr. Scott Shulman

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

7:00 am - 12:30 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>
7:00 am - 9:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b>
7:30 am - 8:30 am	<b>Industry Sponsored Short Snapper Sessions - Part 2</b>
8:15 am - 8:30 am	<b>Question and Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Navjot Deol
8:40 am - 8:45 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Lee Roth
8:45 am - 9:45 am	<b>St. Mike's Endoscopy Course</b> Speakers: Dr. Jeffrey Mosko & Dr. Natalia Calo
9:45 am - 10:05 am	<b>Advanced Percutaneous Techniques</b> Speaker: Dr. Eran Shlmovitz
10:05 am - 10:25 am	<b>Biologics for Other Diseases (EoE, Microscopic Colitis, Checkpoint Inhibitors Sequelae)</b> Speaker: Dr. James Gregor
10:25 am - 10:45 am	<b>Question &amp; Answer Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Kyle Fortinsky
10:45 am - 11:15 am	<b>Nutrition Break</b>

# DOCTORS' PROGRAM

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025 CONTINUED

11:15 am - 11:45 am	<b>OMA Section on Gastroenterology AGM</b> Speaker: Dr. Daniel Green
11:45 pm - 12:45 pm	<b>OAG Annual General Meeting</b> Speaker: Dr. Daniel Green
12:45 pm - 1:00 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Daniel Green

## INDUSTRY SPONSORED SHORT SNAPPER SESSIONS



**Plan to attend our industry sponsored sessions on  
October 25-26, 2025 over breakfast.**

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### CONFERENCE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. To review the latest advances in the field of gastroenterology with a focus on: inflammatory bowel disease, motility of the gastroenterology tract, therapeutic endoscopy, hepatology, medical education.
2. To focus on evidence based practical applications to a gastroenterology practice
3. To encourage professional collaborations and networking to advance the field of gastroenterology.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

This event is a Section 2 Self-Learning activity as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Each hour is equal to two [2] Section 2 credits. Each project must be documented, and records kept for credit validation.

**SECTION 2  
CREDITS  
APPLY**

### CANMEDS ROLES

Through this program the CanMEDS roles of medical expert, communicator, collaborator, leader, scholar and professional will be covered.



## TIME TO GET SOCIAL!

### Join OAG on social media!

Share your experience with us this year during the OAG 29th Annual Conference by following us on Twitter [@ontario\\_gastros](#). We will be posting all that is happening for and at the Conference using the hashtag [#OAG25](#).

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



## Navigating Career Decisions in GI – A Panel Discussion

### OVERVIEW

As a GI Resident, we encourage you to join us for a session that will help you better navigate your career decisions in gastroenterology. Come and hear from various leaders and learn from their experiences. Tell your GI resident colleague about it and become a member of the OAG to benefit!



#### **MODERATOR**

Dr. Scott Shulman, MD, FRCP(C)

**Saturday, October 25, 2025**

**12:00 pm – 1:30 pm**

**Marriott Downtown Toronto  
Eaton Centre**



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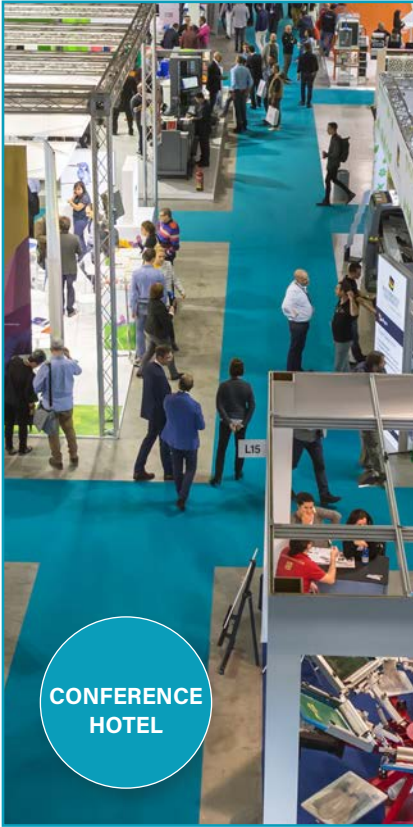


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(Free to GI Residents with proof of enrollment  
from your Program Director.)



# EXHIBIT HALL



## 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, OCTOBER 24, 2025

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ET

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

7:00 am – 9:30 am ET

10:10 am - 10:40 am ET

12:35 pm - 1:50 pm ET

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

7:00 am – 9:30 am ET

10:45 am - 11:15 am ET

## MOBILE APP

### Watch your inbox for the launch of our Conference Mobile App!

Organizing and enjoying your time at the OAG 29th Annual Conference and Business Meeting has just become more convenient with our Conference Mobile App. The App is your resource for all the information pertaining to the Conference scheduled for October 24-26, 2025 at the Marriott Downtown Toronto Eaton Centre. View the program, bookmark sessions, make notes for your personal schedule, and learn about the speakers and sponsors.

**Watch your inbox for the launch of our Conference Mobile App.  
You will need it as we are paperless.**



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Section on Gastroenterology will hold its ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 11:15 am ET at the Marriott Downtown Toronto Eaton Centre, 525 Bay Street Toronto, Ontario.

The following matters will be discussed:

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes of Meeting – October 20, 2024
- 3.0 Section Chair's Report
- 4.0 Delegates to OMA Council
- 5.0 New Business
- 6.0 Adjournment

The meeting is open to ALL members of the OMA Section on Gastroenterology.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) of the Ontario Association of Gastroenterology (OAG) will be held at the BMarrriott Downtown Toronto Eaton Centre, 525 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 11:45 a.m. ET

The following matters will come before the membership:

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting - October 20, 2024
- 3.0 Reports of Officers and Directors
- 4.0 Approval of Action Items of the Board of Directors
- 5.0 Election of Directors
- 6.0 New Business
- 7.0 Adjournment

The meeting is open to ALL member gastroenterologists and gastroenterology residents/fellows.

# OAG HONOURS

## THE OAG DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished Service Award is given in recognition of a fellow gastroenterologist who has made an outstanding contribution in Gastroenterology.



**DR. DAVID LYON WEINER-BARON, MD, FRCPC**

**Join us as we honour, the incomparable, Dr. David Lyon Weiner-Baron with the OAG Distinguished Service Award.**

Dr. David Baron is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. He is currently a staff gastroenterologist at North York General Hospital. He is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Dr. Baron holds memberships in the Ontario Association of Gastroenterology, Canadian Association of Gastroenterology and American Gastroenterology Association.

Dr. Baron is a former staff gastroenterologist and clinician teacher at Mount Sinai Hospital from 1990 until 2000. He was extensively involved in the education of medical students, internal medical residents, and gastroenterology Fellows. He served as the Medical Director of Endoscopy from 1997 until 2000. He was the President of the Medical Staff Association in 1996 and 1997. He had received several teaching awards while at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Dr. Baron has been a staff gastroenterologist at North York General Hospital since the year 2000. He was Chief of Medicine from 2000 until 2012, and vice chairman of the MAC from 2008 until 2012. He was Chief of Gastroenterology from 2012 until 2017. He is currently heavily involved in education of GI residents, surgical residents, and pediatric GI residents. He was the Course Director of the Update on Digestive Diseases from 1992 until 2012. He has served on the GI examination board for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada since 2007.

Dr. Baron has been an integral part of the Ontario Association of Gastroenterology (OAG) since its inception and has served as the Association's President from 2009 until 2012. He has been on the OAG Board of Directors for over 20 years serving as its Secretary, Conference Chair, Treasurer and Vice President. He has also served as the GI Tarif Chair at the Ontario Medical Association from 1999-2007. He is a former GI Section Chair for the OMA from 2009 until 2016. Dr. Baron has been instrumental in the development of Quality Endoscopy in the province of Ontario and has served as the Central LHIN Endoscopy Lead from 2014 to 2023. He is a former Chair of the FIT Implementation Group for the Central LHIN and has been involved in numerous committees including the PBC Colonoscopy Quality Assurance Committee and Working Group. Dr. Baron has served on the Ontario Colonoscopy Expert Panel.

Dr. Baron is supported by his amazing wife Rachel. He is the proud father of Matthew and Zoe and father-in-law to Jon and Kelly.

## **BABYSITTING SERVICES**



The Concierge at the Marriott Downtown Toronto Eaton Centre will work with its guests who need in-room babysitting services. To make arrangements, please review their terms and rates and complete the Child Care profile that is required prior to service. They require notice in advance.

**Visit their website for additional information and booking details:**

**[www.imaginetthatcare.ca](http://www.imaginetthatcare.ca)**

**416.243.3285**

## **THINGS TO DO AROUND TOWN**



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**Visit the OAG website at [gastro.on.ca](http://gastro.on.ca) for things to do while in Toronto or go directly to the Tourism Toronto website at [www.destinationtoronto.com](http://www.destinationtoronto.com)**