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Welcome

TO OUR VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Silver is Golden! Join us in celebrating 25 years of the OAG! In a virtual world, the Ontario Association of Gastroenterology (OAG), is pleased to celebrate a REAL milestone – our 25th anniversary! That's right, we've been providing leading-edge information to, and representing the interests of, GIs across the province for twenty-five years.

We have a lot to be proud of, and you do too. We are proud of our diversity, inclusiveness and how far we have come as an association. And, thanks to COVID (yes, even COVID has a silver lining), we will have two opportunities to celebrate – virtually, at our Annual Conference (April 2-3, 2022) and in person, at the Ritz-Carlton Toronto in November 2022!

We could talk about the issues we have faced – and we've faced issues that affected our practices and impacted our patients – but, while they're important, they're only part of the story. The REAL story of the OAG is people, and we'll be focusing on them: the people who've led us, and the people who have set examples for us and supported us as we learned. In short, the people who have exemplified why the OAG is the great organization it is – our Presidents, and the recipients of our Distinguished Service Award (DSA).

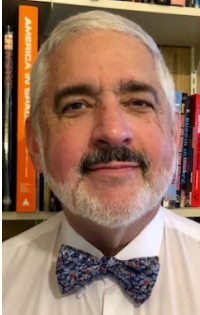
While all our members and volunteers (on committees, task forces, and the Board) have contributed to our success, we'd like to acknowledge again the special contributions made by our Presidents and DSA honourees.

And on top of that, we have a jam packed two-day scientific program that has been designed to offer thought-provoking talks given by international and Canadian experts providing you with the best fora to enhance your knowledge and learn about the emerging trends in our field. As always, the goal is to allow delegates to take what they have learned back to their respective clinics/practices.

Our Conference platform is interactive so plan to take some time to visit with our sponsors and have some fun while participating in our Mystery Box and Scavenger Hunt!!

WELCOME MESSAGE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleague,

Welcome to our 25th Annual Conference. I am sure everyone is disappointed that we will not be together as we had planned, but your organizers feel another virtual meeting is the safest and most acceptable option at this time. We will be able to meet again in person in what I hope is the near future.

The Conference Organizing Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Daniel Green, has once again developed an outstanding program which will stimulate and educate all attendees. The virtual platform has now proven itself to be a successful (albeit, less fun) alternative to our usual in-person format. In addition to the educational component, the ability to interact with our sponsors (with gamification) has been a great success.

I am sure you will again enjoy the content in our Conference but will look forward to seeing each other in person.

Thanks for your ongoing support and stay well in these uncertain times.

Cheers,

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

David Morgan

David Morgan, MD, MSc., FRCP(C), CAGF
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WELCOME MESSAGE

MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIR



Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the 25th Annual Conference of the Ontario Association of Gastroenterology (OAG); Celebrating the Past and Looking to the Future. The conference committee has developed a program that we hope you will find to be relevant and engaging. Experts in their fields will speak to timely clinical topics, with a view to considering future trends and developments.

While we are disappointed that we are not able to celebrate our organization's 25th anniversary milestone in person, we hope to be able to gather in person safely in the Fall.

As we navigate this pandemic, thank you for your patience and continued support of the OAG.

We look forward to seeing you albeit virtually!

Warm regards,

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

Daniel Green

Daniel Green, MD, FRCP(C)
Treasurer/Conference Chair

PROGRAM

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

TIMES AND DATES

Registration Includes: Scientific Sessions, Concurrent Sessions, Scavenger Hunt, Mystery Box Draw, Virtual Nutrition Breaks and Virtual Networking Hall.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022

	7:30 am - 8:00 am	Networking Session
LIVER	8:00 am - 8:05 am	Welcome & Opening Remarks Speaker: David Morgan, MD, MSc., FRCP(C), CAGF Hamilton, ON
	8:05 am - 8:25 am	A Look Back at Hepatitis C and Forward to Hepatitis B Speaker: Jordan Feld, MD, MPH Toronto, ON
	8:25 am - 8:45 am	NAFLD – The Path Ahead Speaker: Melanie Beaton, MD, FRCP(C) London, ON
	8:45 am - 9:05 am	Management of Portal Hypertension Speaker: Cynthia Tsien, MD, MPH, FRCP(C) Toronto, ON
	9:05 am - 9:25 am	Question Period Moderator: Hemant Shah, MD, MScCH, HPTE, FAASLD, FRCP(C) Toronto, ON
	9:25 am - 10:00 am	Virtual Nutrition Break/Networking Hall
	10:00 am – 10:15 am	OAG Honours Host: Hemant Shah, MD, MScCH, HPTE, FAASLD, FRCP(C) Toronto, ON
LUMINAL GI	10:15 am - 10:35 am	New Mechanisms in IBD Speaker: Vipul Jairath, MBChB (hons), DPhil, MRCP, FRCP(C) London, ON
	10:35 am - 10:55 am	Are Combination Biologics the Next Frontier in IBD? Speaker: Reena Khanna, MD, MSc., FRCP(C) London, ON
	10:55 am - 11:15 am	Update on Celiac Disease Speaker: Richa Chibbar, MD, FRCP(C) Oshawa, ON
	11:15 am - 11:35 am	Third Space Endoscopy: An Introduction Speaker: Robert Bechara, HonBSc, MD, FRCP(C) Kingston, ON
	11:35 - 12:00 pm	Question Period Moderator: Maria Cino, MD, FRCP(C) Toronto, ON

PROGRAM

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022

12:00 pm - 12:05 pm **Mystery Box Draw & Closing Remarks**

Speaker: Daniel Green, MD, FRCP(C)
Oshawa, ON

12:05 pm - 12:45 pm **GI GooseChase Viewing Party**

Host: Daniel Green, MD, FRCP(C)
Oshawa, ON

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Review management of treatment of viral hepatitis
- ▶ Develop understanding clinical care pathways of risk stratification and management in NAFLD.
- ▶ Review medical management of portal hypertension
- ▶ Review new mechanisms of actions of biologics and small molecules in the treatment of IBD and consider combination therapy.
- ▶ Describe the management of Celiac disease including future medical options beyond diet.
- ▶ Describe the role for G-POEMS for the management of Achalasia and Gastroparesis.
- ▶ Review emerging therapies for Eosinophilic Esophagitis.
- ▶ Update on virtual care of patients in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

CANMEDS ROLES

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

CONTINUING EDUCATION

This event is an accredited group learning activity (Section 1) 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.

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PROGRAM

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

8:30 am - 8:35 am	Opening Remarks Speaker: Daniel Green, MD, FRCP(C) Oshawa, ON
8:35 am - 9:35 am	Innovations in Therapeutic Endoscopy (Interactive Session) Speaker: Jeffrey Mosko, MD, MSc, FRCP(C) Toronto, ON
	Speaker: Christopher Teshima, MD, FRCP(C) Toronto, ON
9:35 am - 10:15 am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: EOE Maintenance Therapy Speaker: Prof. David Katzka, MD Rochester, MN
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Question Period Moderator: Keith McIntosh, MD, FRCP(C) London, ON
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Virtual Nutrition Break/Networking Session
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Virtual Care: How GI Care Has Evolved Speaker: Geoffrey Nguyen, MD, PhD., FRCP(C) Toronto, ON
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Optimizing Billing Speaker: David Baron, MD, FRCP(C) Toronto, ON
12:00 pm - 12:20 pm	Question Period Moderator: Adam Weizman, MD, FRCP(C) Toronto, ON
12:20 pm - 12:30 pm	Mystery Box Draw & Closing Remarks Speaker: David Morgan, MD, MSc., FRCP(C), CAGF Hamilton, ON

COVID-19 IN GI

SOME BENEFITS OF OAG MEMBERSHIP

NEWSLETTER & ADVOCACY

- ▶ GutReaction
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- ▶ Job Board
- ▶ Advocacy

EVENTS

- ▶ Post DDW Course
- ▶ Annual Conference
- ▶ Liver & IBD Symposium

RESIDENTS

- ▶ Mentorship Program
- ▶ Roundtable sessions
- ▶ Job Board

Celebrating a Founding Father DR. RICHARD ROSSMAN



How would you describe a gentle giant? Here are some of the things friends and colleagues say when talking about Dr. Richard Rossman, truly a beloved gentle giant in our community:

- Keen learner
- Master clinician
- Deeply committed to providing care for his patients
- A strong mentor
- Having a kind and gentle bedside manner

And, of course, he is one of the founding fathers of the OAG – that speaks to his commitment to our profession, his fellow

gastroenterologists, and the practice of GI in Ontario. Now, it is our privilege and pleasure to honour Dr. Rossman on the occasion of his retirement from active practice at the end of April.

Dr. Rossman began his medical path with his BSc at the University of Toronto in 1966. While at the U of T, he met Carol, the love of his life, and they were married just four days before he started medical school in Ottawa. They returned to Hamilton, Carol's hometown, and Richard chose GI as his specialty.

Dr. Rossman did his internship at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton, and his residency in GI in Hamilton and Toronto from 1971 to 1976. This may have sparked his interest in the concerns and working conditions of residents and interns and resulted in his involvement in PAIRO.

On completing his residency, Richard joined the medical staff of Chedoke Hospitals in Hamilton and served as their sole gastroenterologist for many years. With the merger of Chedoke and McMaster Hospitals, he joined McMaster University, where he contributed meaningfully to the education of both medical students and residents. It was here that he was notable for sharing his knowledge and skills with them; he was a very strong, positive influence on those he trained. He has maintained his involvement with McMaster throughout his working career, both in GI practice and through his teaching affiliation with McMaster University Medical Centre.

Richard was deeply committed to providing care for patients in rural Ontario. He worked to establish a strong gastroenterology and endoscopy practice at West Haldimand General Hospital. This program has provided care for patients of Haldimand and Norfolk counties, and Six Nations. It was here that Dr. William Thorogood, an anaesthetist, met Richard. He recalls Richard's influence on him as a mentor who has provided consistent advice and guidance, both for him and his patients. Dr. Thorogood also remembers that Dr. Rossman engaged staff, his patients, and their families, with competence, skill, kindness, compassion and, most importantly, respect. From being colleagues, they became friends – a pattern that has repeated itself throughout Richard's career. Our own Dr. Bruno Salena, OAG's first President, also remembers Richard's kind and gentle bedside manner and the encouragement and support he gave to patients, students, and medical staff.

As if building and maintaining his practice and influencing future doctors through his teaching isn't enough, Richard also gave generously of his time to our GI community. He is a former Chair of the OMA Section on Gastroenterology and is a founding father of the Ontario Association of Gastroenterology (OAG) and the Specialists Coalition of Ontario (SCO). In 2002, the OAG honoured him with the Axcan Pharma Award for his distinguished service to the OAG and our specialty.

Richard and Carol are enjoying a long and happy marriage. They have two children, Seth and Lianne, son-in-law, Ramanjot, and two grandchildren, Joshua and Avtej. Richard supports Carol's celebrated career as an artist. The couple enjoy travelling to the American Southwest, where they indulge their love of horseback riding and the ranch lifestyle.

Richard has indeed touched and enriched so many lives. He was, and continues to be, a gentle giant in our closely-knit GI community!

THANK YOU

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TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers are the backbone of our association! Thank you so much for the immeasurably valuable work you have done for our association! We cannot thank you enough and want to let you know that your dedication is essential to the work that we do. We could not do it without you! We would not want to do it without you. You bring ideas, positive energy, and a beautiful intensity. The OAG is grateful for your time, service, dedication, and commitment. **THANK YOU** for your hard work and amazing generosity!



OAG HONOURS

Honouring OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

Words cannot express the appreciation and gratitude we have for our Past Presidents! Without their commitment, hard work and leadership we, as an association, could not be the official voice of gastroenterology in this province. Their work has been integral to the important advances we have been able to facilitate and strides in gastroenterology. They have led our organization with zeal and fortitude, always working in the best interests of Ontario GIs. Their terms are done but their work goes on as they all continue to serve as advisors and mentors to the future leaders of this great organization. Let's tip our hat to each of them and say THANK YOU, Mr. Past President!



2017 – 2020
Dr. Imran Rasul



2014 – 2017
Dr. Iain Murray



2012 – 2014
Dr. James Gregor



2009 – 2012
Dr. David Baron



2006 – 2009
Dr. Jeffrey Axler



2004 – 2006
Dr. Theodore Ptak



2002 – 2004
Dr. Brian Murat



1998 – 2002
Dr. Michael Gould



1996 – 1998
Dr. Bruno Salena

OAG HONOURS

Honouring

OUR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The OAG established the Distinguished Service Award 25 years ago to honour fellow gastroenterologists who have made an outstanding contribution to gastroenterology research, education, or clinical practice. They are rock stars for a reason: they are healthcare trail blazers! These stalwarts of our GI community are leaders in research, training, and innovation, and most importantly they are beloved and respected by all those who cross their paths or aspire to touch the hem of their garments.



2019 – Niagara Falls
Dr. Johane Allard



2018 – Toronto
Dr. John Kempston



2017 – Ottawa
Dr. Jocelyn Deneault



2016 – Toronto
Dr. Theodore W. Ptak



2015 – Toronto
Dr. Earle P. Morgan



2014 – Niagara-on-the-Lake
Dr. Paul Kortan



2013 – Toronto
Dr. Trevor Seaton



2012 – Niagara-on-the-Lake
Dr. Alvin Newman



2011 – Toronto
Dr. R. Allan Hart

OAG HONOURS



2010 – Niagara-on-the-Lake
Dr. Terrence Moore



2009 – Toronto
Dr. Ivan Beck



2008 – Niagara-on-the-Lake
Dr. Richard (Dick) Gillies



2007 – Toronto
Dr. Donald Bondy



2006 – Niagara-on-the-Lake
Dr. Richard Hunt



2005 – Toronto
Dr. Alan Powell



2004 – Niagara Falls
Dr. Nicholas Diamant



2003 – Toronto
Dr. Saya Feinman



2002 – Niagara-on-the-Lake
Dr. Richard Rossman



2001 – Toronto
Dr. Norman Marcon



2000 – Niagara-on-the-Lake
Dr. Khursheed Jeejeebhoy



1999 – Toronto
Dr. Aubry Groll



1998 – Niagara-on-the-Lake
Dr. Grant Thompson



1997 – Toronto
Dr. Edward Prokipchuk

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RULES:

- ▶ Open to OAG member conference registrants only!
- ▶ **SECRET GAMIFICATION WORDS** will be scattered throughout the platform, within instructional e-mails, platform videos and sponsor booths. When you find a Gamification word, simply type the word into the Gamification section of the platform to earn points. **Top Point Leaders** from each day win a **Mystery Box**!
- ▶ Draw will take place at the **Closing Remarks** on each day. You must be present to win!
- ▶ There are **two prizes**. **Mystery Boxes** will be shipped to the recipient after the Conference.

Hmmm..what could be inside?

CANCELLATIONS AND NO-SHOW POLICY:

Registration to OAG events is complimentary to members in good standing. If you register for OAG events and do not attend, you will be responsible for a \$250 fee. To avoid this penalty, cancellations **MUST** be submitted to the OAG office, in writing, at least seven (7) business days prior to the event.

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Watch the OAG website for details on our Unaccredited Program presented by our industry partners.

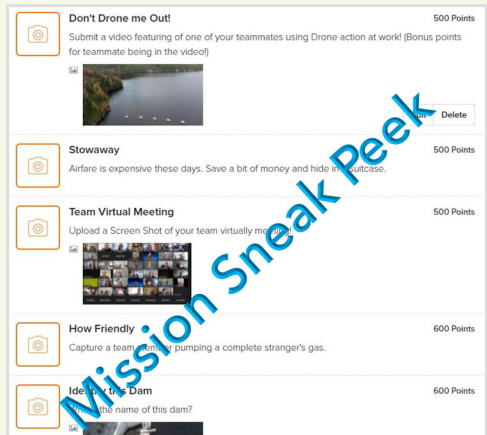
SCAVENGER HUNT



The deadline to register to be placed on a team is March 11

All Early Bird conference delegates will be placed on a virtual team. Your team will have 3 weeks to complete virtual missions and earn points to win team prizes. Each team member of a winning team will receive an e-gift card and bragging rights.

This is a great way to connect with conference delegates before the conference begins with a little friendly competition.



GI GooseChase Virtual Viewing Party



Watch Scavenger Hunt Submissions



All conference attendees are invited to the GI GooseChase Viewing Party 12:20 PM EDT April 2nd to see what teams submitted for their missions!

Helpful Hints and Information



VIRTUAL NETWORKING HALL

The Virtual Networking Hall will be open from Friday, April 1, 2022 to Sunday, April 3, 2022. Sponsors will post their virtual office hours so you can make appointments. Be sure to check out our sponsors on our website and in our Conference portal.



PREPARING FOR THE MEETING: PHEEDLOOP MEETING PLATFORM

Once registered, you will be provided with a personalized login a few days before the event. Be sure to login and test the platform at that time to avoid any issues on the day of.

- ▶ To guarantee you have a good experience communicating in the Virtual Hall during this Conference please ensure you have given permission for your browser to access your camera and microphone on the platform.
- ▶ Ensure you are using an up-to-date version in Chrome (recommended), Firefox, or Edge.
- ▶ Ensure that you do not have any corporate blocks, firewalls, or VPN open on your computer.
- ▶ Ensure that the settings in the video chat application are using your correct microphone and webcam. This will make it much easier to chat with your colleagues and sponsors.



TIME TO GET SOCIAL!

Join OAG on social media!

Share your experience with us this year during the OAG 25th Annual Conference by following us on Twitter [@ontario_gastros](https://twitter.com/ontario_gastros). We will be posting all that is happening for and at the Conference using the hashtag [#OAG25](https://twitter.com/ontario_gastros).

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

NETWORKING HALL

Networking Hall

Join



If you attended the last few virtual events, you may have done this before, so it will be easier this time around. If this is your first time visiting the Networking Hall, not to worry, it is easier than you think!

The Networking Hall is your opportunity to meet other attendees face-to-face albeit virtually, during the Virtual Networking Break. Inside the Conference platform there will be multiple Networking booth to choose from and once you join a booth, you'll be joining in on a Video Chat where you can meet delegates and sponsors. To make the best of your experience, we recommend turning on your web camera and ensuring you have a good microphone. Also take advantage of reviewing the materials that are posted by each sponsor in their respective booths. Most sponsors will have PDF versions of their materials. Make an appointment in advance to meet with sponsors independently or within a group session during their "Open Hours". Grab your beverage of choice and join in on the networking!

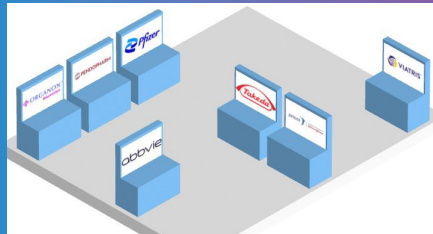
OPEN HOURS

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022

9:25 am - 10:00 am ET

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

10:30 am - 11:00 am ET





2022-2023 EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Review of DDW and Other Key GI & Liver Meetings

 In-person Event

Hyatt Regency Toronto
Toronto, ON

June 18, 2022

Annual Conference

 In-person Event

Ritz-Carlton Toronto
Toronto, ON

November 18 – 20, 2022



International Symposium on Liver and IBD Review

 In-person Event

Venue - TBA

January 20-22, 2023

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