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Emerging Trends and Innovations in Gastroenterology and Hepatology

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Welcome Message

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Puerto Rican Gastroenterology Association, it is my great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all of you attending the 2024 Digestive Diseases of the Caribbean meeting. As the President of our esteemed association, I am honored to have the opportunity to address such a distinguished group of professionals in the field of gastroenterology.

This year's meeting promises to be a true display of excellence, with a lineup of nationally and globally renowned speakers who will cover major areas in gastroenterology. We have carefully curated a program that encompasses a wide range of topics, ensuring that each attendee will have access to the latest information in our rapidly evolving field.

The scientific committee and the organizing committee deserve our sincerest gratitude for their tireless efforts in putting together this exceptional event. Their hard work and dedication have resulted in a meeting of the highest caliber, where delegates can expect to be exposed to cutting-edge research, state-of-the-art techniques, and innovative clinical approaches.

I am brimming with enthusiasm and excitement as we approach this gathering of gastroenterology experts in the beautiful Caribbean setting. The exchange of knowledge and ideas that will take place during our time together has the potential to shape the future of our field and improve patient care islandwide.

Once again, a heartfelt thank you to the scientific committee and the organizing committee for their dedication and unwavering commitment to excellence. Let us together embrace this opportunity to further our knowledge, celebrate our achievements, and contribute to the advancement of gastroenterology.

I eagerly anticipate meeting and interacting with each one of you at the 2024 Digestive Diseases of the Caribbean meeting. Let us make this an unforgettable experience filled with knowledge, camaraderie, and inspiration.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kermit Richiez, MD'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large initial 'K' and 'R'.

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PROGRAM: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

- 6:00 PM Registration & Welcome Reception
7:00 PM **The Impact of Obesity on GI Disease** - Dr. Octavia Pickett-Blakely
8:00 PM Welcome Dinner

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

- 7:00 AM Registration and Breakfast
8:00 AM **Welcome Message** - Dr. Kermit Richiez
MODERATOR: DR. MARCIA CRUZ CORREA
8:05 AM **Medical Management of Eosinophilic Esophagitis - What's New** - Dr. Evan Dellon
8:30 AM **Targeted Population Screening for Gastric Cancer** - Dr. Chin Hur
9:00 AM **Endoscopic Management of Esophageal Strictures** - Dr. Evan Dellon
9:30 AM **Management of Incidental GI Subepithelial Lesions** - Dr. Mouen Khashab
10:00 AM Break / Exhibit Hall

MODERATOR: DR. JAVIER CERRA

- 10:30 AM **Prevention and Treatment of Post-ERCP Complications - An Update** -
Dr. Andres Gelrud
11:00 AM **Non-Surgical Management of Gallbladder Diseases in High-risk Patients** -
Dr. Roberto Simmons Linares
11:30 AM **Idiopathic Acute Recurrent Pancreatitis** - Dr. Andres Gelrud
12:00 PM Lunch / Exhibit Hall

MODERATOR: DR. SUZETTE RIVERA

- 1:00 PM **Biologic and Targeted Therapies in IBD 2024** - Dr. Oriana Damas
1:25 PM **Imaging Techniques for Stomach and Colonic Dysplasia Using AI** - Dr. Chin Hur
1:50 PM **AI and digital applications in GI pathology** - Dr. Benjamin J. Swanson
2:15 PM **The Role of Microbiome in IBD** - Dr. Oriana Damas
2:40 PM **Pelvic Floor Dysfunction and Fecal Incontinence** - Dr. Johanna Iturrino
3:05 PM **Third Space Endoscopy- To Infinity and Beyond** - Dr. Mouen Khashab
3:30 PM Break / Exhibit Hall

MODERATOR: DR. CARLOS MICAMES

- 4:00 PM **Pancreas and Pancreas Cyst Histopathology** - Dr. Benjamin J. Swanson
4:25 PM **Update in Therapies for IBS** - Dr. Johanna Iturrino
4:50 PM **Advances in Bariatric and Metabolic Endoscopy** - Dr. Roberto Simmons Linares
5:15 PM Meeting Adjourn
5:30 PM DDC' 24 Wine Experience



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

7:00 AM Breakfast

MODERATOR: DR. BÁRBARA ROSADO

8:00 AM **Eradication of Hepatitis C in Puerto Rico: Challenges and Opportunities** -
Dr. Iris Cardona

8:30 AM **New Nomenclature on Steatotic Liver Diseases and New Therapies** - Dr. José Rivera

9:00 AM **Obesity Management for the Gastroenterologist/Hepatologist** -
Dr. Octavia Pickett-Blakely

9:30 AM **MASLD-related HCC: Controversies and Challenges** - Dr. Patricia Jones

10:00 AM Break / Exhibit Hall

MODERATOR: DR. JOSÉ RIVERA

10:35 AM **Cancer Screening Quality** - Dr. Aasma Shaukat

11:05 AM **Imaging in Patients for Liver Diseases** - Dr. Gory Ballester

11:35 PM **HCC in Minorities** - Dr. Patricia Jones

12:05 PM **Innovation for CRC/GI screening (ctDNA/Stool based testing etc)** -
Dr. Aasma Shaukat

12:35 PM Lunch / Exhibit Hall

1:35 PM Poster Presentation

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

8:00 AM Breakfast

MODERATORS: DR. LOSCAR SANTIAGO & DR. KARLA AMARAL

9:00 AM **Oral Research Presentations**

9:45 AM **Dr. Juan Tomasini Clinical Research Awards**

10:00 AM Break / Exhibit Hall

10:30 AM **Case Presentations Featuring ARS**

Javier Cerra, MD

Elizabeth Pérez-Román, MD

Aliana Bofill, MD

11:45 AM Closing Remarks



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