

# World Experts at OAG 2020

VIRTUAL  
GASTROENTEROLOGY  
CONFERENCE



November 14-15  
2020

# WELCOME MESSAGE

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Member,

I would like to invite you to our inaugural Virtual Annual Conference. The last six months have been a real test for all of us. Who knew that a virus could cause such worldwide suffering and disarray? I would like to commend those physicians who stepped up to be involved in frontline care during this pandemic. That said, we have all made sacrifices and because of these actions our Province/Country is in a somewhat better situation than most around the world.

The OAG has provided guidance and worked within the framework of our Provincial leadership. I admit there are uncertain times ahead in terms of the practice of Gastroenterology in Ontario, however it is important that we all stay focussed on what is optimal care for our patients while keeping ourselves healthy and well.

This Fall I will be completing my term as your President; it has been a great honour to lead the organization over the past three years. I have found the experience invaluable and gained much experience in dealing with the various provincial bodies. Unfortunately, we will not be able to meet in person this Fall at our annual Conference but we look forward to future in-person gatherings. I hope that everyone enjoys the terrific group of international expert speakers that we have secured for our virtual meeting. Our interaction with our sponsors will look different this year, so take some time to visit with them in our virtual exhibit hall.

Stay safe and please continue your support of the OAG.

Warm regards,

## ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

*Imran Rasul*

Imran Rasul, MD, HBSc., FRCP(C)  
President

# GENERAL INFORMATION

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Ontario Association of Gastroenterology (OAG) will be held on November 14 – 15, 2020 and will be held virtually. Our Annual Conference is a forum that offers an exceptional learning and networking environment for our delegates. It is dynamic and brings together a range of experts providing one of the best fora to enhance your knowledge and learn about the emerging trends in gastroenterology. As always, the goal is to allow delegates to take what they have learned back to their respective clinics/practices. Due to COVID-19, we have had to move from an in-person conference to a virtual conference. We have compiled a wide array of international experts over two days to bring what promises to be riveting, thought-provoking presentations that will have you fixated on your computer screens.

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# WELCOME MESSAGE

## MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIR



Dear Member,

I am excited to announce our very first virtual annual conference this Fall. For the first time in the history of the OAG, we are bringing a full complement of internationally renowned speakers from around the world to your doorstep. There will be six speakers, from three continents, speaking on a variety of GI topics including IBD, therapeutic endoscopy, hepatology, and GI motility.

We want you to get the best education out of this conference and so this will also be our first Section 1, CME accredited conference to add extra value to our membership. Registration to our virtual Conference is complimentary to members, so please come join us and learn from the best of the best speakers.

Since we cannot meet in person to enjoy that camaraderie among colleagues and sponsors, we have included a Virtual Exhibit Hall so you can engage with our sponsors over a virtual lunch and coffee breaks – watch your mail for your lunch coupon. Also, for the first time, we have included the option to register for mini GI symposia, to provide an opportunity to further engage with our sponsors. Of note, these are concurrent sessions so advanced registration will be required.

We look forward to this new and exciting format this Fall!

Sincerely,

**ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY**

*Emily Ching*

Emily Ching, MD, FRCPC  
Conference Chair/Treasurer

# *Celebrating a Gastroenterology Icon:*

## **DR. NORMAN MARCON**



In June of this year, Dr. Marcon hung up his endoscope for the last time. The Ontario Association of Gastroenterology wishes to salute Dr. Marcon for his contribution to science and medicine. As all icons, in the correct context all you need to say is Norm, and our colleagues locally and afar know that you are referring to Dr. Norman Marcon.

When the Wellesley Hospital moved to St. Michael's Hospital now over two decades ago, most of its staff were just pleased to just retain their jobs. But Norm had a better plan.

He demanded that the top of the hospital be designated the endoscopy unit, placed strategically to facilitate moving referred patients from helicopter to endoscopy. The unit would include Pathology, Radiology and Anesthesia hubs to help the Gastroenterologists manage the patients. This was typical Norm: big unreasonable plans focused on endoscopy. It was also typical that he didn't get what he requested, but by asking for so much, he persuaded St. Michael's to build Canada's largest and best equipped endoscopy unit.

After half a century of championing interventional gastroenterology, Norm is the undisputed father of endoscopy in Canada, Officer of the Order of Canada, Professor of Medicine, recipient of at least one achievement award from virtually every GI organization, including the Distinguished Service Award, OAG, 2001. As a researcher, he focused on harnessing technology to endoscopy, culminating in 157 articles and book chapters together with countless lectures and demonstrations. In recognition, the needle used to inject mucosa has been labelled as the Marcon-Haber injector and the tube to decompress dilated colons the Marcon catheter. He was the chief of the Division of Gastroenterology at the Wellesley Hospital for an unprecedented 28 years, and uninterrupted head of the Annual International Course on Therapeutic Endoscopy since 1982. The secret to its success was Norm's unique recognition of the educational value of live endoscopic demonstrations. About 100 fellows from across the globe have trained in endoscopy with him, 23 now professors, in a post-graduate endoscopy program that he developed independently clinical problems, known to invariably help with patients when asked, no matter how scare his resources or sick the patient. He was relentless in moving endoscopy forward from an apparently undignified, frowned-upon, laughed-at activity unbecoming of scholarly internists, to a respectable field in its own right, arguably the means by which Gastroenterologists now contribute the most to medical care. All this he pioneered himself, stimulating, pushing and cajoling skeptic funders, administrators and colleagues to solve problems in clinical gastroenterology with endoscopic techniques. At the same time he fostered within his Division an unmistakable culture of collegiality and passion for endoscopy, consistently prioritizing the sickest patients requiring creative thinking for care rather than clinical guideline adherence. It is a rare vintage Ontario Gastroenterologist who has not asked Norm for help at one time or another: there is no physician who has ever been refused.

St. Michael's has built on the reputation of the former Wellesley Hospital to become synonymous with therapeutic endoscopy. The global recognition of St. Michael's Hospital as a center of excellence for therapeutic endoscopy is credited to the vision and determination of Norm. All of us are committed to maintaining his legacy during the decades ahead.

# PROGRAM

## DOCTORS' PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

### TIMES AND DATES

**Registration Includes:** Scientific Sessions, Concurrent Sessions, Virtual Exhibit Hall, Lunch, Annual General Meeting and Delegate Nutrition Break package.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020

8:00 am - 8:10 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> Speakers: Dr. Imran Rasul, MD, HBSc., FRCP(C) Mississauga, ON Dr. Emily Ching, MD, FRCP(C) Burlington, ON
8:10 am - 8:40 am	<b>Pregnancy and IBD</b> Speaker: Dr. Uma Mahadevan, MD San Francisco, CA, USA
8:40 am - 8:50 am	<b>Question Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Keith McIntosh, MD, FRCP(C) London, ON
8:50 am - 9:20 am	<b>Future Therapies in IBD</b> Speaker: Dr. Séverine Vermeire, MD, PhD Leuven, Belgium
9:20 am - 9:30 am	<b>Question Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Keith McIntosh, MD, FRCP(C)
9:30 am - 10:00 am	<b>Virtual Coffee Break/Virtual Exhibit Hall</b>
9:45 am - 10:00 am	<b>Pilates Stretch Session</b> Instructor: Ms. Alexandra Morgan
10:00 am - 10:30 am	<b>The Newest Hot Topics in Hepatology</b> Speaker: Dr. Robert Brown, MD, MPH New York, NY, USA
10:30 am - 10:40 am	<b>Question Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Morven Cunningham, MBBS, MRCP(UK), PhD Toronto, ON
10:40 am - 11:10 am	<b>The Newest Therapy for IBS</b> Speaker: Dr. Nicolas Talley, MBBS (Hons.), MD, PhD, FRACP Newcastle, Australia
11:10 am - 11:20 am	<b>Question Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Morven Cunningham, MBBS, MRCP(UK), PhD
11:20 am - 11:25 am	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Emily Ching, MD, FRCP(C) Burlington, ON
11:25 am - 12:25 pm	<b>Virtual Exhibit Hall</b>

# PROGRAM

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020 (CONTINUED)**

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

*These sessions are industry sponsored symposia being offered to our members outside our accredited Conference program.*

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

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### Residents' Roundtable Part 2:

#### Scott's Secret to Success:

#### A Guide to GI Residents' Transition to Practice

- Financial Planning
- Billing
- Contracts

Speaker: Dr. Scott Shulman, MD, FRCP(C)  
North Bay, ON

12:30 pm - 12:50 pm

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### Concurrent Session #1:

#### Is it possible to predict or prevent IBD?

Speaker: Dr. Jean-Frederic Colombel, MD  
New York, NY

12:50 pm - 1:00 pm

### Question Period

Moderator: TBA

12:30 pm - 12:50 pm

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### Concurrent Session #2:

#### Shared Decision-making in the Management of IBD

Speaker: Dr. Talia Zenlea, MD, FRCP(C)  
Toronto, ON

12:50 pm - 1:00 pm

### Question Period

Moderator: TBA

12:30 pm - 12:50 pm

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### Concurrent Session #3:

#### What can we learn about biologics from long-term data?

Speaker: Dr. Brian Feagan, MD, FRCP(C)  
London, ON

12:50 pm - 1:00 pm

### Question Period

Moderator: TBA

12:30 pm - 12:50 pm

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### Concurrent Session #4:

#### Biosimilar Switch: What Does it Mean to a Gastroenterologist

Speaker: Dr. Yvette Leung, MD, FRCP(C)  
Vancouver, BC

12:50 pm - 1:00 pm

### Question Period

Moderator: TBA

# PROGRAM

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

8:00 am - 8:05 am	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Emily Ching, MD, FRCP(C) Burlington, ON
8:05 am - 8:35 am	<b>Advances in Tissue Resection and Polypectomy</b> Speaker: Dr. Michael Bourke, MBBS, FRACP New South Wales, Australia
8:35 am - 8:45 am	<b>Question Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Daniel Green, MD, FRCP(C) Oshawa, ON
8:45 am - 9:15 am	<b>Head-to-Head Trials and Dual Biologics</b> Speaker: Dr. Laurent Peyrin-Biroulet, MD, PhD Vandoeuvre-Les-Nancy, FRANCE
9:15 am - 9:25 am	<b>Question Period</b> Moderator: Dr. Daniel Green, MD, FRCP(C)
9:30 am - 10:00 am	<b>Virtual Coffee Break/Virtual Exhibit Hall</b>
10:00 am - 11:25 am	<b>OAG Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b>
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	<b>OMA Section on GI AGM</b>
12:00 pm - 12:05 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. David Morgan, MD, MSc., FRCP(C) Hamilton, ON

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

This event is an accredited group learning activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of the Royal College, 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.



# VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL

## Virtual Exhibit Hall



*We're betting this will be your first time visiting a Virtual Exhibit Hall – not to worry, it's easier than you think.*

To make the best of your experience, we recommend turning on your web camera to interact with sponsors and take advantage of reviewing the materials that are posted by each sponsor within their “booth” before joining their group Video Chat. Most sponsors will have PDF versions of their materials, and some may post Raffles/Contests within their Booth, so be sure to visit all of them. Make an appointment in advance to meet with sponsors independently or within a group session during their “Open Hours”. Grab your beverage of choice (see delegate package) and join in on the networking! The Virtual Exhibit Hall will open on Friday, November 13, 2020. See Conference website for operating hours.



## TIME TO GET SOCIAL!

### Join OAG on social media!

Share your experience with us this year during the OAG Annual Conference and Business Meeting 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 [#OAG2020](https://twitter.com/hashtag/OAG2020).

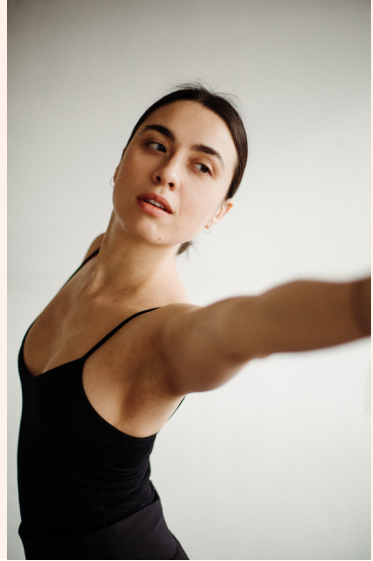
Make sure you include this hashtag in your posts to stay connected!

## Pilates Stretch Session with Alexandra Morgan

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*We don't want you to sit too long! Let's get our blood flowing with a basic stretch session. This 15-minute session will stretch your limbs, clear your mind, and gear you up for more great content of the day!*

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Alexandra Morgan is a movement facilitator with a performance background, and is currently a STOTT PILATES® Instructor Trainer based in Toronto. Her background includes Musical Theatre, and a BA (HON) in Theatre Performance from Acadia University. She completed the full STOTT PILATES® instructor program in 2013, and the Instructor Trainer course shortly after. Alex currently divides her time between training new instructors, and private clients of all ages and abilities.

Contemporary Pilates is informed by our current understanding of physiology, neurology, and biomechanics. **It's an exploration of movement that is both powerful and adaptable**, even in fifteen minute increments. This short stretch and mobility break is designed to **refresh your mind and body**, regardless of your virtual set-up. It is designed as an accessible series of easy exercises, all targeting areas of the body and muscle groups often neglected during prolonged sitting. **No experience necessary!**

**SATURDAY  
NOV 14**

## Virtual Coffee Breaks and Lunch



Your Conference Committee will be mailing out the delegate package to registrants about a week before the Conference – **yes, snail mail!** So be sure the address you input on your registration form is where you want your delegate package shipped to.



Inside the package will be a few yummy **snacks and surprises.** And in addition, a **lunch voucher** for either Uber Eats, Door Dash or Skip the Dishes will be e-mailed to you. This is for you to use on Saturday, November 14, 2020 to order your own lunch. Don't worry, we will give the "Order Your Lunch Now" reminder! Voucher valid on Saturday only.

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*We hope these goodies will add to a great experience as you navigate the Virtual Exhibit Hall. Plan to spend some time with our sponsors to learn more about their products in our Exhibit Hall.*

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**SATURDAY  
NOV 14**

## Residents' Rountable



### **Scott's Secret to Success: A Guide to GI Residents' Transition to Practice**

#### **PART 2**

**12:30 p.m. ET**

**Financial Planning | Billing | Contracts**



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*Are you ready to learn the tricks of the trade to transition to practice? Then you must attend Scott's Secret to Success! "Part one was fantastic!" said our residents who attended. We had great attendance, an engaged audience with lots of questions and requests for new topics to cover.*

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*Dr. Scott Shulman was born and raised in North Bay, Ontario. He did his undergraduate degree in Biochemistry at McMaster University. He completed his Medical Degree in 1999 at the University of Western Ontario. Scott went on to complete his Internal Medicine residency at Michigan State University and Western University. He also completed a fellowship in IBD and Therapeutic Endoscopy at Western.*

As a GI resident, we encourage you to join us during our Virtual Annual Conference for an hour with Dr. Scott Shulman, a dynamic speaker with real life, practical perspectives to help you transition to practice. Plan to attend and engage in an interactive session to learn how to plan for your career and finding a job. Part two will not disappoint! Become a member today and be sure to invite your GI resident colleagues to tag along with you! Pre-registration required. [\*\*REGISTER NOW!\*\*](#)

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## 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 virtually on Sunday, November 15, 2020 @ 10:00 am ET.

The following matters will come before the membership:

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting - November 3, 2019
- 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.

## 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, November 15, 2020 @ 10:00 am ET virtually.

The following matters will be discussed:

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes of Meeting – November 3, 2019
- 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.

# Helpful Hints and Information



### VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL

The Virtual Exhibit Hall will be open from Friday, November 13, 2020 to Sunday, November 15, 2020. Sponsors will post their virtual office hours so you can make appointments. Be sure to check out our sponsors on our website.



### LUNCH VOUCHER

You will receive a lunch voucher, via e-mail, from the OAG office for you to use to purchase lunch through Uber Eats, Skip the Dishes or Door Dash. The coupon is valid on Saturday, November 14, 2020 only.



### COFFEE BREAK

You will receive goodies from the OAG office to facilitate your virtual Coffee Breaks. Be sure to participate and join your colleagues in the Virtual Exhibit Hall during these times. Watch your mail for your package.





## UPCOMING OAG EVENTS

### Mark Your Calendar For These OAG Events



#### **International Symposium on Liver and IBD Review (Virtual Meeting)**

January 23 -24, 2021

#### **Review of DDW and Key GI Liver Meetings**

June 12, 2021

Hyatt Regency Toronto  
Toronto, ON



#### **Annual Conference**

November 12-14, 2021

Ritz-Carlton Toronto  
Toronto, ON

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