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28TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BUSINESS MEETING

WELCOME MESSAGE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleague,

I want to invite you, our members, and corporate sponsors to the 28th Annual Conference and Business Meeting of the Ontario Association of Gastroenterology (OAG). We are returning to the Beanfield Centre as we had great feedback and turn out last year. The Hotel X Toronto was a convenient conference hotel to the Beanfield Centre connecting via the SkyBridge. Once again, I want to thank all the sponsors for their support in allowing our association to continue to offer outstanding educational events to our members.

We will cover a wide range of scientific and clinically relevant GI topics from fantastic speakers – local and national experts. Dr. Brian Feagan will be the keynote speaker on Sunday. In addition, the Sunday portion of the meeting will involve an update from the OMA Section on Gastroenterology and the Annual General Meeting of the OAG. The OAG encourages all its members to participate in this event.

Lastly, please don't forget to join us at the Gala and Awards Presentation on Saturday evening when we honour and celebrate Dr. Brian Feagan, with the OAG Distinguished Service Award.

I am excited to see everyone this October.

Warm regards,

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

Emily Ching

Emily Ching, MD, FRCPC, CAGF
President

GENERAL INFORMATION

GET READY TO SOCIALIZE AND LEARN!

We are so excited and look forward to seeing each of you on the weekend of October 18-20, 2024 for an opportunity to gather at the Beanfield Centre and Hotel X Toronto, where we can learn about the emerging trends, contribute, and share with our friends and colleagues! Our conference space at the Beanfield Centre will offer us an alternate atmosphere to what we have become accustomed to, but a pleasant change. Members will be housed at Hotel X Toronto which is connected to the Beanfield Centre by a temperature-controlled SkyBridge. 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 Member,

It's once again time for our Annual Conference and Business Meeting!

This year's speakers and topics are designed to bring you the latest advances in the field of gastroenterology with a focus on practical application to your everyday gastroenterology practice. We are excited to have our distinguished faculty on site to not only present, but to engage with you during the conference and during our Gala and Awards Presentation.

This year we have a fun and spirited Halloween themed gala event planned. Children and companions are encouraged to attend, and we promise it will be a night of delicious food, rousing entertainment, and a welcome opportunity for us to continue to gather and celebrate as a community.

Thank you again for your time and commitment to our organization.

As always, thank you to our generous sponsors for their continued support of the OAG and its educational initiatives.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Best regards,

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

Natasha Bollegala

Natasha Bollegala, BSc. Hons., MD, MSc., FRCPC
Treasurer/Conference Chair

NON-ATTENDANCE WILL COST YOU...

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 \$1,000 (hotel accommodation, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, nutrition breaks and administration.)? The OAG office is required to give guarantees to the venue at least five (5) 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.) The amount that will be charged to your credit card is the fee for one night's hotel accommodation, administration and your meals – approximately \$1,000.

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
not-for-profit organization.**

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://www.toronto.com) for more information on events, attractions, shopping and restaurants!

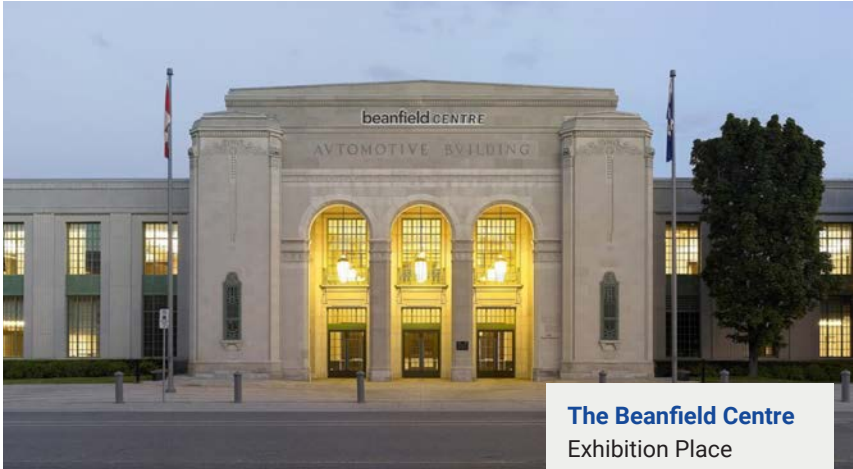
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The **Hotel X Toronto** by Library Hotel Collection is more than just your ordinary hotel in Toronto. With their innovative offerings in entertainment, accommodations, athletics, and dining, their urban oasis is the only hotel of its kind in Downtown Toronto. It is the epitome of inviting hospitality, with a focus on sustainability and the greater Toronto community. **It's about you. It's about the view!** Visit the OAG [website](#) to make reservations for the Conference.

BEANFIELD CENTRE



The Beanfield Centre

Exhibition Place
105 Princes' Boulevard
Toronto, ON M6K 3C3
Tel: 416.263.3000

This year our conference will be held at the **Beanfield Centre** which is one of **Canada's Greenest Conference Centres!** The facility incorporates today's most advanced technological innovations while remaining respectful of the historical aspects of the former Automotive building. The Beanfield Centre combines history and state-of-the-art technology. Located in the former Automotive Building at Exhibition Place, this Art Deco masterpiece offers spectacular lakeside views.

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**



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.



PRESIDENT'S WELCOME & NETWORKING DINNER

Join us for an evening with
sumptuous food and drinks!

BEANFIELD CENTRE
105 PRINCES' BOULEVARD
TORONTO, ONTARIO

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

DRESS CODE:
Smart Casual

DOCTORS' PROGRAM

DOCTORS' PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

TIMES AND DATES

Registration Includes: President's Welcome & Networking Dinner, Scientific Sessions, Breakfasts, Lunch, Nutrition Breaks, Cocktail Reception, Gala & Awards Presentation and Annual General Meeting.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Registration Open**

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Mingle at the Bar**

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm **President's Welcome & Networking Dinner** [Beanfield Centre]


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024


7:00 am - 12:00 pm **Registration Open**

7:00 am - 9:30 am **Breakfast**

7:00 am - 8:00 am **Industry Sponsored Short Snapper Sessions #1**

7:00 am - 7:15 am **Session #1-A**
Sponsored by:
 **The SEQUENCE trial - FACT or FICTION? - Evidence from the H2H trial SEQUENCE**
Speaker: Dr. Neeraj Narula

7:15 am - 7:30 am **Session #1-B**
Sponsored by:
 **What Could be Disease Clearance in Ulcerative Colitis? Evolution of Treatment Goals in UC**
Speaker: Dr. Natasha Bollegala

7:30 am - 7:45 am **Session #1-C**
Sponsored by:
 **Interactive IBD Trivia Session**
Speaker: Dr. Daniel Green

7:45 am - 7:55 am **Question and Answer Period**
Moderator: Dr. Elaine Yeung

8:00 am - 8:15 am **Opening Remarks**
Speakers: Drs. Emily Ching & Natasha Bollegala

8:15 am - 8:55 am **FEATURED SPEAKER: Advances in UGIB and Managing Anti-Thrombotic Agents Peri-Endoscopy**
Feature Speaker: Dr. Alan Barkun

DOCTORS' PROGRAM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024 CONTINUED

8:55 am - 9:15 am	GERD & pH Testing Speaker: Dr. David Rodrigues
9:15 am - 9:35 am	Acute Liver Failure Speaker: Dr. Joanna Dionne
9:35 am - 9:55 am	Portal Hypertension Speaker: Dr. Florence Wong
9:55 am - 10:10 am	Question & Answer Period Moderator: Dr. Suraj Sharma
10:10 am - 10:40 am	Nutrition Break/Exhibits
10:40 am - 11:00 am	An Approach to Ileal Pouch-Related Disorders in Patients Inflammatory Bowel Disease Speaker: Dr. Jeff McCurdy
11:00 am - 11:40 am	FEATURED SPEAKER: Simplifying the Complicated: Where do new therapies fit in 2024? Feature Speaker: Dr. Remo Panaccione
11:40 am - 12:00 pm	Question & Answer Period Moderator: Dr. Nitasha Anand
12:00 pm - 12:05 pm	Closing Remarks Speaker: Dr. Natasha Bollegala
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch [Beanfield Centre]
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Residents' Roundtable
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Cocktail Reception [Hotel X Toronto]
7:00 pm - 12:00 am	Gala & Awards Presentation [Hotel X Toronto]

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

7:00 am - 11:00 am	Registration Open
7:00 am - 9:30 am	Breakfast
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Industry Sponsored Short Snapper Sessions #2
8:15 am - 8:30 am	Discussion Moderator: Dr. Maria Cino

DOCTORS' PROGRAM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024 CONTINUED

8:35 am - 8:40 am	Opening Remarks Speaker: Dr. Natasha Bollegala
8:40 am - 9:40 am	Advances in Therapeutic Endoscopy Speaker: Drs. Jeff Mosko & Christopher Teshima
9:40 am - 10:00 am	Medical Education in the Endoscopy Suite Speaker: Dr. Samir Grover
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Question & Answer Period Moderator: Dr. Brian Chan
10:15 am - 10:40 am	Nutrition Break/Exhibits
10:40 am - 11:15 am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: How the principles behind clinical trials inform practice in IBD; Some observations from four decades of experience as a clinical investigator Speaker: Dr. Brian Feagan
11:15 am - 11:30 am	Question & Answer Period Moderator: Dr. Laura Targownik
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	OMA Section on Gastroenterology AGM Speaker: Dr. Daniel Green
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	OAG Annual General Meeting (AGM) Speaker: Dr. Emily Ching
12:30 pm - 12:35 pm	Closing Remarks Speaker: Dr. Emily Ching

INDUSTRY SPONSORED SHORT SNAPPER SESSIONS



Plan to attend our industry sponsored sessions on
October 19-20, 2024 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.



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 28th 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 [#OAG24](#).

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



RESIDENTS' ROUNDTABLE



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)

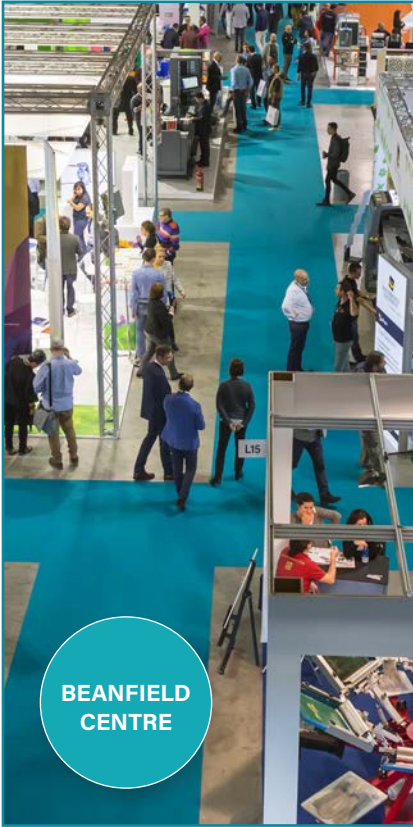
Saturday, October 19, 2024
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Beanfield Centre

PANELISTS

Dr. Nitasha Anand Dr. Smita Halder
Dr. Lindsay Crabbe Dr. Youstina Hanna
Dr. Zane Gallinger



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 18, 2024

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ET

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

7:00 am – 9:30 am ET

9:55 am – 10:20 am ET

12:05 pm – 1:30 pm ET

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

7:00 am – 9:30 am ET

10:45 am - 11:05 am ET

MOBILE APP

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

Organizing and enjoying your time at the OAG 28th 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 18-20, 2024 at the Hotel X Toronto. 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 20, 2024 at 11:40 am ET at the Beanfield Centre, 105 Princes' Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario.

The following matters will be discussed:

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes of Meeting – November 19, 2023
- 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 Beanfield Centre, 105 Princes' Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario on Sunday, October 24, 2024 at 11:50 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 - November 19, 2023
- 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.

GALA & AWARDS
PRESENTATION

OAG Halloween Gala



GALA AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

Hotel X Toronto

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Cocktail Reception | 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Gala and Awards | 7:00 pm – 12:00 am

Dress Code:
COSTUMES
ENCOURAGED!

Ghosts and Witches and Creatures of Fright **join us if you dare for a spooktacular Halloween Party.** Come dressed in your favourite costume and get bonus points and bragging rights! A prize for the best dressed might just be looming!!

And while we are enjoying the boos and brews of this spooktacular evening, plan to celebrate, the legendary **Brian Feagan** as we honour him with the OAG Distinguished Service Award.

You don't want to miss the sounds of the ever-popular Magan Boys as they plan to have you dancing all night long! **Let the ghoulish times roll! We are dying to see you there!**

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. BRAIN FEAGAN, MD, FRCPC

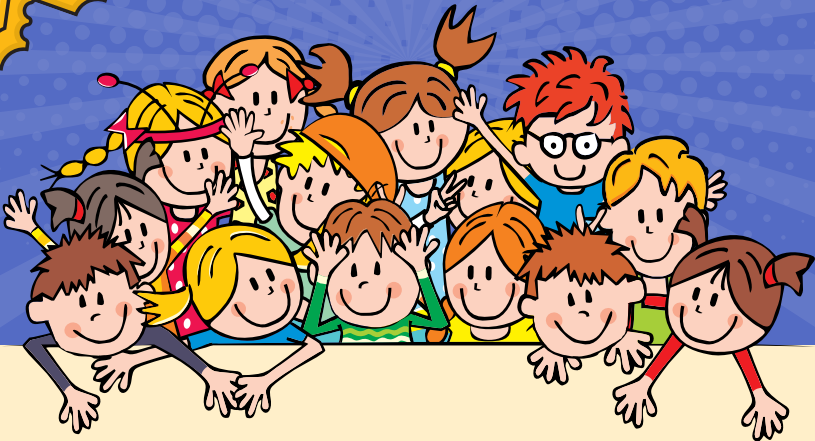
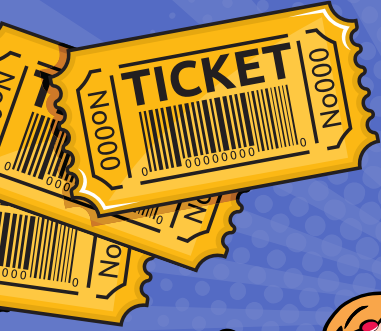
Join us as we honour Dr. Brain Feagan with the OAG Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Brian G. Feagan is Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Division of General Internal Medicine at Western University (Formerly The University of Western Ontario), London, Ontario, Canada. He became the Director of Robarts Clinical Trials at the Robarts Research Institute in 1997 and in 2020, the Senior Scientific Director of Alimentiv Inc. (formerly Robarts Clinical Trials). He completed his medical degree at Western University. His postdoctoral training included a residency in internal medicine and a clinical fellowship in gastroenterology in the Department of Medicine at Western University, and postgraduate training in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

Dr. Feagan's research efforts focus on the design and implementation of randomized controlled trials of therapy for IBD. He has authored more than 500 articles and book chapters and has given over 1000 invited presentations at local, national, and international scientific meetings. He has also been the principal investigator on numerous large-scale randomized clinical trials.

A Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, Dr. Feagan holds membership in the Canadian and American Association of Gastroenterology, the American College of Gastroenterology, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, Crohn's and Colitis Canada (CCC), and the European Crohn's and Colitis Organization (ECCO).

RAFFLE FOR THE “RAFFLES” CROWD!



Purchase a raffle ticket during the OAG Conference for an opportunity to win wonderful prizes!

Investing in a child's future is an easy task with many rewards. Not only are you helping to fight hunger in our own backyard but you will be helping to free children and their families from poverty. Your small investment in a child's life has a powerful impact. Participate in our raffle for a chance to win a prize, to be drawn at the Gala. Proceeds from this raffle will be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank.



Draw will be held at the Gala.



2025 EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



International Symposium on Liver and IBD Review Post DDW Course

 In-person Event

Queen's Landing Hotel
Niagara-on-the Lake

May 23 - 25, 2025

Annual Conference and Business Meeting

 In-person Event

Marriott Downtown at
Toronto Eaton Centre
Toronto, ON

October 24-26, 2025



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