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Saturday 4 September

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Liver Incorporating Paediatric Talks

08:30-10:00 (AEST)	Session 1		Chairs: Jacob George & Marno Ryan
	08:30	State-of-the-Art Lecture: NASH	Zobair Younossi
	09:00	Management of NASH with Metabolic Drugs	Leon Adams
	09:15	Same Fat, Different Decades	Jason Yap
	09:30	Free Paper Exploring the Therapeutic Potential of Liver-Targeted Interleukin-22 in Fatty Liver Disease	Hareshh Sajiir
	09:40	Free Paper Impact of Metabolic-Associated Fatty Liver Disease Positive Criteria Reclassification on the Distribution of Fatty Liver Severity in Clinical Practice at a Tertiary Centre	Sophia Ling
	09:50	Free Paper Does Zinc Deficiency Contribute to the Pathogenesis of Alcoholic Liver Disease? Identifying a Conserved Zinc-Responsive Gene Set to Ascertain Hepatic Zinc Status	Scott Read
Morning Tea 10:00-10:30			
10:30-12:45 (AEST)	Session 2		Chairs: Jacinta Holmes & Avik Majumdar
	10:30	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Course of Decompensated Cirrhosis: from Acute Decompensation to Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure	Jonel Trebicka
	11:00	Non-invasive Evaluation and Prognosis in Liver Disease	Emmanuel Tsochatzis
	11:30	Macrophage Colony Stimulating Factor (CSF1): A Potential Multi-Mechanism-of-Action Therapy for Liver Disease	Kate Irvine
	11:45	PSC – A Whistlestop Tour of Current and Future Therapies	Kate Lynch
	12:00	How to bat with iBAT	Winita Hardikar
	12:15	Free Paper Standards of Liver Cirrhosis Care in Central Australia	Sreecanth Raja
	12:25	Free Paper Differences in the Pattern and Cost of Hospital Care Between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians with Cirrhosis	Samath Amarasena
	12:35	Free Paper Machine Learning Algorithms Can Accurately Detect Advanced Liver Fibrosis in Patients with Viral Hepatitis	Danny Con
Lunch 12:45-13:40			
13:40-15:30 (AEST)	Session 3		Chairs: Thomas Tu & Amanda Nicoll
	13:40	State-of-the-Art Lecture: HBV Consensus Update	John Lubel
	14:00	Viral Hepatitis Elimination	Margaret Hellard
	14:20	Hepatitis B Cure - Fantasy or Emerging Reality?	Jacinta Holmes
	14:35	Viral hepatitis in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples	Jess Howell
	14:50	Free Paper Baseline Predictors of Post-Partum Hepatitis B e antigen Seroconversion	Cynthuja Thilakanathan
	15:00	Free Paper Final Results of the HBV-STOP Study – Low Baseline HBsAg Levels Predict Disease Remission and HBsAg Loss After Stopping Nucleot(s)ide Analogues in Chronic Hepatitis B e-antigen Negative Patients	Samuel Hall
	15:10	Free Paper Breastmilk Pharmacokinetics of Tenofovir Alafenamide (Vemlidy®) in the Setting of Chronic Hepatitis B Infection	Tahrima Kayes
Afternoon Tea 15:30-16:00			
16:00-17:30 (AEST)	Session 4 (Concurrent session)		Chairs: Jessica Howell & Nina Tirnitz-Parker
	16:00	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Microbiome and HCC	Amany Zekry
	16:30	HCC immunotherapy	Simone Strasser
	16:45	Future Perspectives on HCC Systemic Therapies	Ken Liu
	17:00	Free Paper Increased CD8 T-Cell Abundance and Intrahepatic Inflammasome Activation in a Murine Model of Hepatocellular Carcinoma Under Specific Protease Inhibition	Hui Emma Zhang
	17:10	Free Paper The HepatoCare Model of Multi-Disciplinary Supportive and Palliative Care in Advanced Cirrhosis: A Study of Post-Pilot Real World Performance	Neha Tiwari
	17:20	Free Paper N-acetylcysteine for Non-Paracetamol Acute Liver Failure: A Systematic Review of Randomised Controlled Trials	Christopher Li Wai Suen
16:00-17:30 (AEST)	IBD Intestinal Ultrasound (Concurrent session)		Chairs: Rob Bryant
	16:00	Welcome	Rob Bryant
	16:05	Pioneering IUS in Australia/Benefits of Point-of-Care IUS	Antony Friedman
	16:15	Current Australian IUS Research Studies	Yoon-Kyo An
	16:20	International Speaker The Metric Trial- What We Found and What We Learnt	Stuart Taylor
	16:45	Development of a Validated Crohn's Disease Intestinal Ultrasound Activity Score: IBUS Research Project Update	Britt Christensen
16:00-17:30 (AEST)	17:00	Launch of GENIUS Training Program 2022 and Beyond	Lauren White & Rob Bryant



Sunday 5 September

IBD Incorporating Paediatric Talks

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08:00-18:30 (AEST)	Session 1 – IBD: State of the Art		Chairs: Jake Begun & Georgia Hume
	08:00	Introduction	Jake Begun
	08:05	Plenary: What's New in Medical Management of IBD: 2021 and Beyond	James Lindsay
	08:40	Free paper: Food as a Risk Factor for the Development and Perpetuation of Crohn's Disease. The International ENIGMA Cohort Study	Gina Trakman
	08:50	Free Paper: A Member of the Gut Microbiota Associated with Failure of Therapy in Ulcerative Colitis Produces an Immunoglobulin A Degrading Protease	Nadeem Kaakoush
	09:00	State-of-the-Art Lecture: At the Cutting Edge	Astrid-Jane Williams & Andrew Gilmore
	09:30	Free Paper: Prevalence and Risk Factors for Early Medical and Surgical Complications Following an Admission for Acute Severe Ulcerative Colitis	Angel Li
	09:40	State-of-the-Art Lecture: IBD in the Era of COVID	Britt Christensen
	Morning Tea 10:00-10:30		
10:30-12:40 (AEST)	Session 2 – IBD: Targets, Monitoring and Therapies in 2021		Chairs: Susan Connor & Peter De Cruz
	10:30	State-of-the-Art Lecture: STRIDE 2 and Endpoints in 2021	John Nik Ding
	10:45	Free Paper: Predicting Response to Dose Escalation in IBD Patients with Secondary Loss of Response to Biologic Therapy	George Tambakis
	10:55	Free Paper: The Clinical Utility of Reactive Vedolizumab Drug Levels: An Australian Tertiary Hospital Experience	Saumaeswar Yogakanthi
	11:05	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Remote Monitoring of Patients - Using PRO's and Non-invasively	Michael Schultz
	11:25	Free Paper: NUDT15 Genotype Distributions in an Australian Inflammatory Bowel Disease Population	Sadia Afrin
	11:35	Free Paper: Accuracy of Gastrointestinal Ultrasound and Calprotectin in the Assessment of Inflammation and its Location in Patients with an Ileoanal Pouch	Zaid Ardalan
	11:45	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Positioning Biologics and Small Molecules in 2021	Miles Sparrow
	12:07	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Practical Aspects of Using SC IFX, SC VDZ JAKs and Ozanimod	Lena Thin
	12:27	Presentation of GESA-AIBDA Patient Handouts	Mayur Garg
	Lunch 12:40-13:30		
13:30-15:30 (AEST)	Session 3 – IBD: Microbiome, Diet and Orphans		Chairs: Kate Lynch & Emma Halmos
	13:30	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Dietary Therapy Across the Ages	Ed Giles & Alice Day
	13:55	Free Paper: Nutritional Adequacy of the Crohn's Disease Exclusion Diet Compared to Australian Adult Reference Ranges	Erin Russell
	14:05	Free Paper: Is Frequency of Dietitian Support Associated with Greater Clinical Improvements in Adults with Crohn's Disease Undertaking Exclusive Enteral Nutrition	Liz Purcell
	14:15	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Microbiota Manipulation – How Close Are We	Craig Haifer
	14:35	Free Paper: Adult Experience of Crohn's Disease Exclusion Diet Plus Partial Enteral Nutrition in Crohn's Disease – Hope for a New Beginning, End to an Era of Steroids	Abdul Shaik
	14:45	State-of-the-Art Lecture: PSC and Vancomycin	Fariha Balouch
	15:00	State-of-the-Art Lecture: IBD Orphans: Refractory Pouchitis, Proctitis and Microscopic Colitis	Michael Kamm
	Afternoon Tea 15:30-15:55		
16:00-17:35 (AEST)	Session 4 – IBD: Towards a Happy Ending		Chairs: Mark Ward & Reme Mountfield
	16:00	Plenary: Minimising the Risk of Medical Therapy in IBD	James Lindsay
	16:25	Free Paper: Ustekinumab Levels in Pregnant Women with Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Infants Exposed In-utero	Ralley Prentice
	16:35	Free Paper: A Prospective Evaluation of Pelvic Floor Behavioural Treatment for Faecal Incontinence and Constipation in Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease	Angela Khera
	16:45	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Pregnancy Update	Emma Flanagan
	16:55	Free paper: "Inflammatory Bowel Disease "GP Aware Project" - Identifying Resources for Practitioners and Barriers to Their Use	Jane Andrews
	17:05	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Immunomodulators – You Have Your Way. I Have My Way.	Moderator: Greg Moore
		Speakers: Raphael Luber, Avi Lemberg & Jane Andrews	
	17:35	Closing remarks	Mark Ward
17:35-18:20 (AEST)	IBD in Private Practice session		Chairs: Simon Jakobovits & Anil Asthana
	17:35	Topic 1: Dealing with Biologic Paperwork in Private Practice	Panellists: Jake Begun & Britt Christensen
		Which Biologics to Choose in Private Practice	
		Topic 2: Increasing Collaboration for IBD Care Between Public and Private Sectors	
		TDM in Private Practice	
		IBD Patient Tool	John Ding
		Q&As	Simon Jakobovits & Anil Asthana



Saturday 11 September

Each Free Paper Presentation is allocated 9 minutes; 7 mins presentation & 2 mins of Q&A

08:30-10:00 (AEST)

Endoscopy Session 1		Chair: Vipul Aggarwal & Michael Swan
08:30	Welcome and Introduction	Vipul Aggarwal and Arthur Kaffes
		SOA Chairs: Patrick Walsh & Adrian Sartoretto
08:35	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Endoscopic Weight Loss and Metabolic Therapies - Current and Future Techniques	Vivek Kumbhari
09:10	Update on Nonvariceal UGI Bleeding	Philip Craig
09:35	Oesophageal Strictures - from Routine to Refractory	Matthew Remedios

Morning Tea 10:00-10:30

10:30-12:30 (AEST)

Endoscopy Session 2		Chairs: Gregor Brown, Arthur Kaffes & Raj Singh
10:30	Enteroscopy in 2021 - Advances and Challenges	Sneha John
10:55	Optimising Colonoscopy Techniques and Polyp Detection	Cameron Bell
11:15	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Polypectomy 2021: Best Practice	Michael Bourke
11:55	AI in UGI Endoscopy	Krish Ragunath

Lunch 12:30-13:30

13:30-15:30 (AEST)

Endoscopy Session 3		Chairs: Saurabh Gupta & Bronte Holt
13:30	Update on the Management of Achalasia	(Chair: Peter Wu) Payal Saxena
13:50	GORD - Therapies Beyond PPIs - Emerging Endoscopic Therapies	Patrick Walsh
14:10	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Advances in Interventional EUS	Anthony Teoh
14:50	Free Paper: Hot Avulsion Versus Argon Plasma Coagulation for the Management of the Non-lifting Polyp: a Multicentre, Randomised Controlled Trial	Chloe Attree
15:00	Free Paper: Comparison of Tissue Quantity and Diagnostic Yield Between Two Different Core Biopsy Needles for EUS Guided Tissue Acquisition: 22-Gauge Reverse Bevel Versus 22-Gauge Franseen Needles	Jeevinesh Naidu
15:10	Free Paper: Digital Single Operator Cholangioscopy Allows Accurate Diagnosis of Most Indeterminate Biliary Strictures	Benhur Reynauld

Afternoon Tea 15:30-15:50

15:50-17:35 (AEST)

Endoscopy Session 4		Chairs: Benedict Devereaux, Matthew Remedios & Christine Welch
15:50	Endoscopic Management of Pancreatic Neoplasms	Stephen Philcox
16:10	Free Paper: The Effect of Guselkumab Induction Therapy on Endoscopic Outcome Measures in Patients with Moderately to Severely Active Crohn's Disease: Week 12 Results from the Phase-2 GALAXI 1 Study	Rupert Leong
16:20	Free Paper: Bowel Preparation Before Capsule Endoscopy Does Not Improve Visualisation or Diagnostic Yield: A Multicentre, Blinded, Randomised Control Trial	Mehul Lamba
16:30	Free Paper: An eHealth Tool Safely Streamlines the Pathway from Referral to Procedure for Routine Endoscopic Procedures	Jane Andrews
16:40	Free Paper: Quality of Colonoscopy in Teaching Hospitals in Australia: Key Metrics and Sources of Variation	Tsai-wing Ow
16:50	Rural Endoscopy SIG	Julian Rong
17:10	Infection Control	Benedict Devereaux
17:30	Closing remarks	Matthew Remedios

17:40-19:00 (AEST)

Endoscopy in Private Practice Session		Chairs: Adam Gordon & Stephen Pianko
17:40	Welcome	
17:45	Learning New Endoscopic Skills in Private Practice	Payal Saxena
18:00	Update on Prostheses List Reform	Megan Keaney
	Billing for Day of Procedure Consultations	
18:30	Update on the Colonoscopy Recertification Program	Mark Schoeman
18:45	Panel Discussion	Chairs, Speakers and Simone Strasser

17:40-18:40 (AEST)

GENCA AGW Wrap Up		Chair: Robyn Foulds
17:40	Q&As: Infection Prevention & Control in Endoscopy - What's New in the Zoo	Di Jones & Beth Wardle
18:10	IBD Wrap up and Implications for Practice	Daniel Lightowler
18:25	Wrap up Endoscopy and Implications for Practice	Debra Whittaker, Sharon Gillespie & Lea Wiggins



Sunday 12 September

10:00-11:45 (AEST)

Plenary		Chair: Simone Strasser
10:00	Welcome	Simone Strasser
10:05	Bushell Lecture: Pathophysiology and Therapeutic Approaches in Portal Hypertension	Jonel Trebicka
10:30	Distinguished Researcher Prize Lecture: On the Journey to the Prevention of Bowel Cancer: Networking, Mentors and Mentees	Finlay Macrae
10:55	Outstanding Clinician Award Lecture: Observations Over 40 Years of Paediatric Gastroenterology	Ted O'Loughlin
11:15	Trans-Tasman Lecture: Equity: Why it Matters to Gastroenterology in Aotearoa/NZ	Zoë Raos
11:35	Close of Plenary	

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Young Investigator Awards (YIA) - Finalists Presentations		Chairs: Minoti Apte and Kim Bridle
14:00	Welcome and Introduction YIA	Minoti Apte and Kim Bridle
14:02	Basic Science: Braf Mutation Induces Rapid Neoplastic Transformation in the Aged and Aberrantly Methylated Intestinal Epithelium	Lochlan Fennell
14:14	Clinical Research: Impact of Prophylactic Endoscopic Clip Placement on Clinically Significant Post Endoscopic Mucosal Resection Bleeding in the Right Colon - A Randomized Controlled Trial	Sunil Gupta
14:26	Basic Science: Exome Sequencing of a Family with a Severe Colitis Phenotype Identifies a Rare Missense Mutation in a Novel IBD Gene	Rabina Giri
14:38	Clinical Research: BEAT-ROSE - Endoscopic Ultrasound-Guided Fine Needle Biopsy Alone Versus Fine Needle Aspiration with Rapid on Site Evaluation (ROSE) for Solid Pancreatic Lesions: A Randomised Multicentre Study	Jeevinesh Naidu
14:50	Basic Science: The Secretion of miR-192-5p by Hepatocytes Promotes Autophagy via ATG2A, ATG7, and XIAP	Nathan Main
15:02	Clinical Research: Crohn's Disease Strictures are Responsive to Drug Treatment. Randomised Controlled Trial (STRIDENT) Comparing Standard Anti-TNF with Intense Combination Therapy	Julien Schulberg
15:14	Basic Science: Hepatocyte Growth Factor/c-Met inhibition Plus Chemotherapy Improves Tumour Immunity and Eliminates Metastasis in Pancreatic Cancer	Alpha Mekapogu
15:26	Clinical Research: Predictive Value of Early Gastrointestinal Ultrasound after Initiation of New Therapy for Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease	Rebecca Smith
15:40	Talk by former YIA recipient for aspiring clinician-scientists.... PhD×Clinician: to be or not to be	Tony Pang
15:55	GESA YIA Awards Announced	Minoti Apte and Kim Bridle



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18:45-19:45 (AEST)

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Panel: James Lindsay, Miles Sparrow, Britt Christensen, John Nik Ding

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Panel discussion: Key learnings and insights from the IBD day

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Chair: A/Prof Michael Swan

Speaker: A/Prof Payal Saxena

Speaker: Prof. Rajvinder Singh

Speaker: Dr Matthew Remedios

Speaker: Dr Spiro Raftopoulos

Presents:

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Speaker: Cristina Moldovan (Hobart)

Speaker: James O'Beirne (Gold Coast)

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Introduction: Yoann Holbrook

Speaker: Professor Krish Ragunath

Presents: Endoscopic Imaging in 2021: a technology update

Q&A with Prof Ragunath and Dr Sneha John

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