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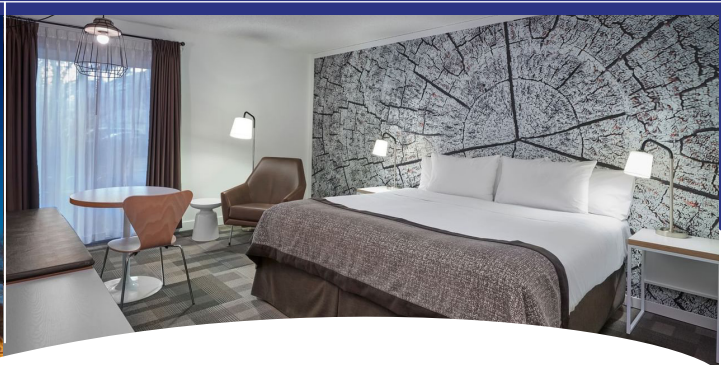
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## 14TH ANNUAL ENDOSCOPY SKILLS DAY FOR PRACTICING ENDOSCOPISTS AND THEIR TEAMS

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JANUARY 23 - 25, 2026

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## COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course aims to advance the cognitive and technical skills of physicians and nurses who routinely participate in endoscopy procedures. Faculty (gastroenterologists, general surgeons, family physicians and nurses) will use lectures and small group sessions to facilitate interactive discussions on topics relevant to gastrointestinal medicine and endoscopy.

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# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

| TIME  | AGENDA ITEM                                | PRESENTER(S) |
|-------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 18:00 | Registration, Networking & Exhibits        |              |
| 19:30 | Keynote: "Tales of a Regional Endoscopist" | Westra       |
| 20:30 | Networking & Exhibits                      |              |

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

| TIME  | AGENDA ITEM                                                    | PRESENTER(S)     |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 07:00 | Breakfast                                                      |                  |
| 08:00 | Opening Remarks                                                | Kolber<br>Wong   |
| 08:15 | Plenary #1: Case Based Decision Making                         | Bishay<br>Kolber |
| 08:45 | Plenary #2: Barretts Review                                    | Gupta            |
| 09:05 | Plenary #3: Effective Communication in the Endo Suite          | Drouin<br>Wong   |
| 09:25 | Q & A                                                          |                  |
| 09:45 | Refreshment Break                                              |                  |
| 10:10 | Plenary #4: Enhanced Optical Diagnosis: Gastroscopy            | Bechara          |
| 10:30 | Plenary #5: Rare Endoscopic Findings                           | Sultanian        |
| 10:50 | Q & A                                                          |                  |
| 11:20 | Combined Small Groups #1: Tools to Make Your Job Easier        | See next page    |
| 12:20 | Lunch & Networking                                             |                  |
| 13:20 | Plenary #6: How to Prepare your Endoscopy Patients for Surgery | Mok              |
| 13:40 | Plenary #: 7: Adverse Events in Endoscopy                      | Borgaonkar       |
| 14:00 | Q & A                                                          |                  |

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 (continued)

| TIME  | AGENDA ITEM                                  | PRESENTER(S)  |
|-------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 14:20 | Refreshment Break                            |               |
| 14:40 | Combined small Groups #2: Polypectomy Pearls | See next page |
| 15:50 | Separated MD/Nurse Small groups #1           | See next page |
| 16:40 | Day One Wrap-up                              | Kolber        |
| 16:45 | Speakers Thank You                           |               |
| 17:00 | Networking                                   |               |
| 17:30 | Enjoy Canmore!                               |               |

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

| TIME  | AGENDA ITEM                                                    | PRESENTER(S)   |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 07:30 | Breakfast                                                      |                |
| 08:30 | Chairs Welcome                                                 | Kolber         |
| 08:45 | Plenary #8: Case Based Decision Making                         | Wong<br>Kolber |
| 09:15 | Separated Small Group #2 (Nurses and MDs separate)             | See next page  |
| 10:00 | Refreshment Break                                              |                |
| 10:20 | Separated Small Groups #3 (Nurses and MDs separate)            | See next page  |
| 11:10 | Plenary #9 Polyp Review: What they might not teach you in EPIC | Mosko          |
| 11:50 | Wrap-up, Evaluations, Speakers' Thank You                      | Kolber<br>Wong |

## COMBINED SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

1. Tools to Make Your Job Easier (Stations)
  - Snares: Mohamed
  - Caps & Cuffs: Durant
  - Cautery Settings: Forbes
  - Imagers: Hookey  
(12 min each, rotate through all stations)
2. Polypectomy Pearls - Mosko, Borgaonkar, Sultanian, Bishay, Forbes, Mohamed (one 60 min session)

## PHYSICIAN SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

(45 min sessions repeated)

1. Barrett's esophagus cases and principles: Gupta
2. Surgeons tips for your endoscopy patients: Mok
3. Optical Diagnosis Cases: Bechara

## NURSE SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

(45 min sessions repeated)

1. Teamwork in the Endoscopy Suite: Drouin
2. Mini SEE course for Nurses: Hookey
3. Barrett's Esophagus, Nursing Focus: Durant



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## REGISTRATION FEE

**EARLY BIRD - Before December 15, 2025**

\$560 (CAD) + GST - Physician

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**REGULAR - After December 15, 2025**

\$695 (CAD) + GST - Physician

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**Registration closes January 14th, 2026**

## CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION

Electronic confirmations are sent automatically through the online registration system to the email provided.

The planning committee also reserves the right to limit registrations from one community and/or hospital.

## CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

Cancellations must be received in writing on or before January 14th, 2025 for a refund less \$100.

Alberta Society of Endoscopic Practice reserves the right to cancel or postpone the program due to insufficient registration or circumstances beyond its control.

## REGISTRATION CONTACT

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