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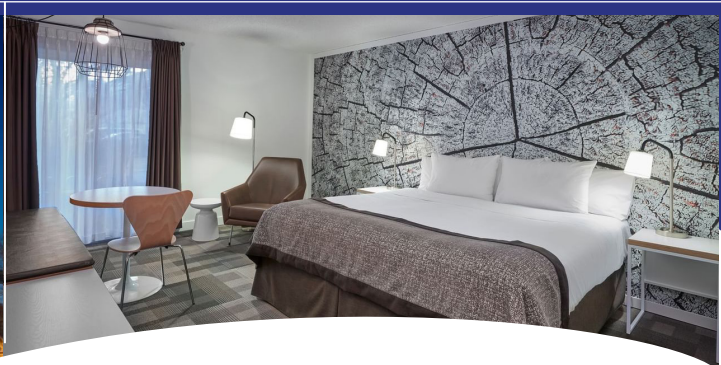
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14TH ANNUAL ENDOSCOPY SKILLS DAY FOR PRACTICING ENDOSCOPISTS AND THEIR TEAMS

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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 Wong
08:10	Plenary #1: Case Based Decision Making	Wong Kolber
08:40	Plenary #2: Barretts Review	Gupta
09:00	Plenary #3: Effective Communication in the Endo Suite	Drouin Wong
09:20	Q & A	
09:40	Refreshment Break	
10:00	Plenary #4: Enhanced Optical Diagnosis: Gastroscopy	Bechara
10:20	Plenary #5: Rare Endoscopic Findings	Sultanian
10:40	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)
14:25	Refreshment Break	
14:40	Combined small Groups #2: Polypectomy Pearls	See next page
15:45	Separated MD/Nurse Small groups #1	See next page
16:35	Day One Wrap-up	Kolber
16:40	Speakers Thank You	
17:00	Networking	
17:30	Enjoy Canmore!	

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)
07:30	Breakfast	
08:25	Emerging Trends	Wong
08:35	Plenary #8: Case Based Decision Making	Bishay Kolber
09:10	Separated Small Group #2 (Nurses and MDs separate)	See next page
10:00	Refreshment Break	
10:15	Separated Small Groups #3 (Nurses and MDs separate)	See next page
11:05	Plenary #9 Polyp Review: What they might not teach you in EPIC	Mosko
11:35	Q & A	
11:45	Wrap-up, Evaluations, Speakers' Thank You	Kolber Wong

COMBINED SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

1. Tools to Make Your Job Easier (Stations)
 - Snares: Mohamed
 - Clips, 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

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\$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.

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