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JANUARY 22 - 24, 2027

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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 22

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)
18:00	Registration, Networking & Exhibits	
19:30	Keynote: CSI: Past, Present, and Future	Rostom
20:30	Networking & Exhibits	

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)
07:00	Breakfast	
08:00	Opening Remarks	Kolber Wong
08:20	Plenary #1: Case-Based Decision Making	Kolber Wong
08:40	Plenary #2: Eosinophilic Esophagitis	Gupta
09:00	Plenary #3: Gastric cancer prevention	Bechara
09:20	Q & A	
09:40	Refreshment Break	
10:10	Plenary #4: Lower GI Bleeding	Forbes
10:30	Plenary #5: Post-Bariatric Surgery	Switzer
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: IBD Review	Halloran
13:40	Q & A	
14:00	Combined Small Groups #2: Polypectomy Pearls	See next page

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 (continued)

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)
15:00	Refreshment Break	
15:20	Separated MD/Nurse Small groups #1	See next page
16:25	Plenary #7: Polyp Surveillance	Belletrutti
16:45	Q & A	
16:55	Closing Remarks Speakers Thank You	Kolber
17:00	Networking/Enjoy Banff	

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)
07:30	Breakfast	
08:25	Emerging Trends	Wong
08:40	Plenary #8: Case-Based Decision Making	Kolber Wong Bishay
09:00	Plenary #9: Ergonomics for the Endoscopy Suite	Kroeker
09:20	Q & A	
09:45	Separated Small Group #2 (Nurses and MDs separate)	See next page
10:30	Refreshment Break	
10:50	Separated Small Groups #3 (Nurses and MDs separate)	See next page
11:35	Plenary #10: Tips & Tricks: Hot Snares	Lam
11:55	Q & A	
12:05	Wrap-up, Evaluations	Wong Kolber

COMBINED SMALL GROUP SESSIONS
(60 min sessions)

1. Tools to Make Your Job Easier (Stations)
   - Hemostasis Tools: Durant
   - Snares: Lam
   - Scopes/Imagers: Bechara
   - Electrocautery: Mohamed

   (15 min each, rotate through all stations)

2. Polypectomy Pearls - Belletrutti, Bishay, Mohamed, Rostom

PHYSICIAN SMALL GROUP SESSIONS
(45 min sessions repeated)

1. Post-bariatric cases: Switzer
2. Lower GI Bleeding: Forbes
3. IBD cases: Halloran

NURSE SMALL GROUP SESSIONS
(45 min sessions repeated)

1. Complications Debrief: Drouin
2. Approach to Dysphagia Cases: Gupta
3. IBD Review/Surveillance: Kroeker

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Alberta's Rural Health Professions Action Plan

Rural RNs and LPNs: $367.50 RhPAP Bursaries for Endoscopy Conference Registration

To support rural registered and licensed practical nurses to attend the Endoscopy Conference in person, the Rural Health Professions Action Plan is offering 20 bursaries of up to $367.50 for eligible rural Alberta nurses who apply and provide proof of in-person conference registration before January 1, 2027 or before bursary spots are filled.

For more information on eligibility criteria and to apply, visit rhpap.ca/bursaries. Questions can be directed to lindsay.laforet@rhpap.ca.

REGISTRATION FEE

EARLY BIRD - Up unitil December 20, 2026
$620 (CAD) + GST - Physician
$350 (CAD) + GST - Other Healthcare Professionals
REGULAR - After December 20, 2026
$795 (CAD) + GST - Physician
$395 (CAD) + GST - Other Healthcare Professionals

Registration closes January 10, 2027

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 12, 2027 for a refund less $100 for processing. The 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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