

Virginia Mason Franciscan Health

Digestive Health Symposium

Presented by the Center for Digestive Health

November 15, 2025 | Meydenbauer Center | Bellevue, Washington



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Conference Schedule

Saturday, November 15, 2025 | 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

7 a.m. Registration, Breakfast, and Networking

8:15 a.m. Opening Remarks

Misho Hubka, MD, Executive Division Director, CDH

8:30 a.m. **Session 1: Esophageal Disease**

Peter Blais, MD

Advances in the Diagnosis and Management of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)

Michal Hubka, MD

Management of Esophageal Cancer: From Diagnosis to Treatment

TJ Templin, MD

Minimally Invasive Paraesophageal Hernia Repair

Case Review

Case 1: Complex GERD case with failed medical therapy.

Case 2: Advanced esophageal cancer with metastatic disease.

Case 3: Paraesophageal hernia repair and post-operative complications.

10 a.m. Break and Exhibitor Demos

10:20 a.m. **Session 2: Colorectal Disease**

Gautam Mankaney, MD

Updates in Colon Cancer Screening and High-Risk Genetic Syndromes

James Lord, MD

Contemporary Management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD): What Do I Treat and What Do I Send?

Val Simianu, MD

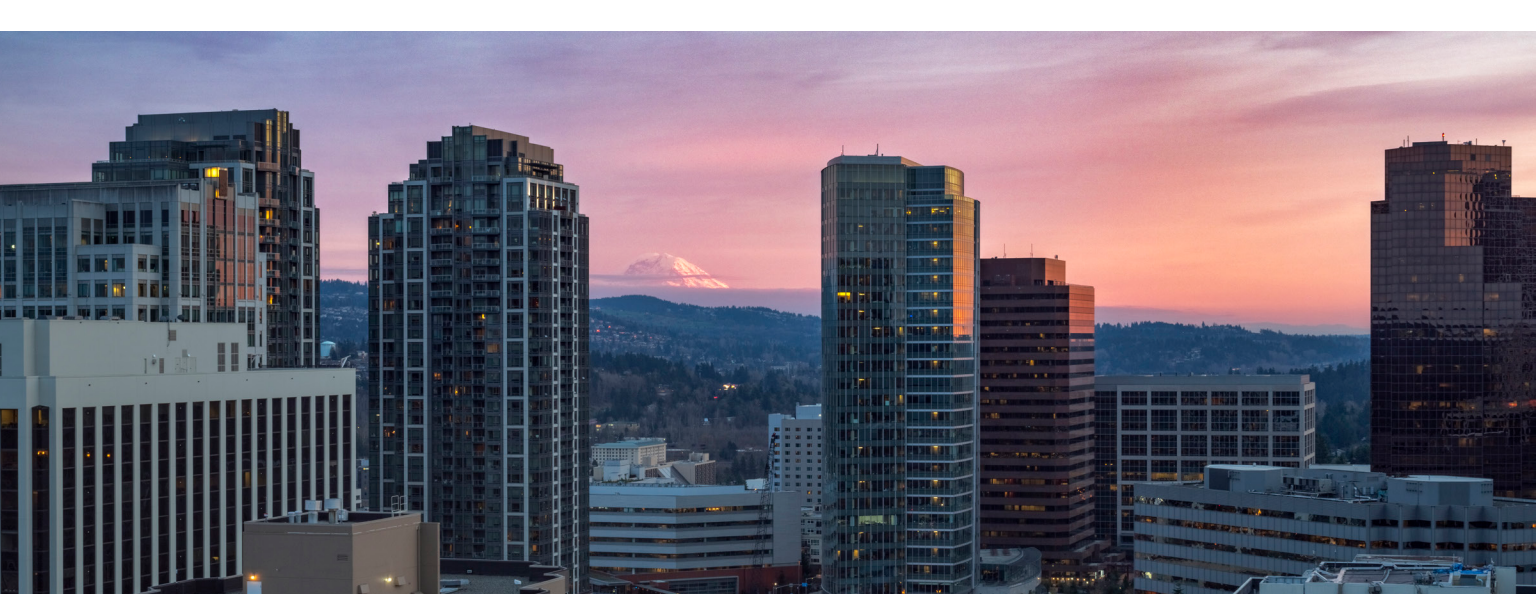
Doing Better for Our Patients: Taking Robotic-Assisted Surgery for Colorectal Diseases to the Next Level

Case Review

Case 1: Screening and early detection of colorectal cancer in a high-risk patient.

Case 2: Severe colitis flare requiring decision making between medical surgical intervention.

Case 3: Post-operative complications after robotic-assisted colectomy.



12 p.m. Lunch and Exhibitor Demos

1 p.m. Session 3: Hepatopancreatobiliary Disease

Randeep Kaur, MD

How Do I Manage MASH?

Clancy J. Clark, MD

Surgical Management of Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Liver Resection

Shayan Irani, MD

LAMS in GI: Not Just for Pancreatic Fluid Collections

Case Review

Case 1: Hepatitis C with cirrhosis and liver transplantation.

Case 2: Pancreatic adenocarcinoma with involvement of adjacent vasculature.

Case 3: Biliary obstruction with large ampullary adenocarcinoma.

2:50 p.m. Session 4: Obesity

Haroon Anwar, MD

Bariatric Robotic Surgery: Indications, Techniques, and Long-Term Outcomes

Mahmuda Tasneem, MD

Medical Management of Obesity: Pharmacologic Interventions and Lifestyle Modifications

Case Review

Case 1: Obesity with severe comorbidities requiring bariatric surgery.

Case 2: Failed conservative management of obesity and decision-making for surgical intervention.

Case 3: Post-bariatric surgery complications and patient management.

4 p.m. Cocktail Reception and Exhibitor Demos

5:30 p.m. Symposium Concludes

Virginia Mason Franciscan Health Faculty Speakers

Michal Hubka, MD (Chair)

Thoracic Surgery

Gautam Mankaney, MD

Gastroenterology

Randeep Kaur, MD

Gastroenterology

Haroon Anwar, MD

Bariatric Surgery

Peter Blais, MD

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Cardiothoracic Surgery

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Colorectal Surgery

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Gastroenterology

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6 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

6 MOC points for the ABIM MOC Program

2 NP Pharmacology CE hours



Event Location

Meydenbauer Center

11100 Northeast 6th Street, Bellevue, WA 98004

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Hotel Information

Seattle Marriott Bellevue

200 110th Avenue Northeast, Bellevue, WA 98004

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Marriott has extended a discounted room block rate of \$189 per night from November 14-16, 2025 for this event. Bookings can be made by calling the hotel or booking online under the "Virginia Mason Franciscan Health" room block for these dates.

Have Questions?

Contact **Jessica Roman** at jessica.roman@commonspirit.org

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Visit vmfh.org/digestive-health-symposium
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