

23RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BUSINESS MEETING



GI MALIGNANCIES AND NON-TRADITIONAL TREATMENT AND THERAPIES



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

**NOVEMBER 1-3, 2019
MARRIOTT ON THE FALLS,
NIAGARA FALLS, ON**

Ontario Association of Gastroenterology



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues,

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you, our members, and our corporate partners/sponsors to attend the upcoming 23rd annual Conference and Business Meeting. This year the Conference will be held in beautiful Niagara Falls at the Marriott on the Falls Hotel on November 1 – 3, 2019. We look forward to having yet another successful educational and informative weekend.

The theme of the scientific talks will be Gastrointestinal Malignancies and Non-Traditional Therapies in Gastroenterology. We have secured excellent speakers to enlighten us on these various topics. In addition, we will have an internationally renowned gastroenterologist speaking on Colorectal Cancer Screening. I am very excited about the content of this upcoming Conference and I am confident that you will find it very educational.

The Sunday portion of the Conference will involve an update from the OMA Section on Gastroenterology and the Annual General meeting for the OAG.

As for the social aspects of the conference, we will provide you with the opportunity to enjoy some of the highlights of Niagara Falls. We will ensure a fun and enjoyable Gala and Awards Presentation on Saturday night that will not disappoint. This year we will honour the first female recipient of the OAG Distinguished Service Award, Dr. Johane Allard – a formidable force within our community.

As your President, I look forward to interacting with you all at this wonderful weekend we have planned. Look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

Imran Rasul

Imran Rasul, MD, HBSc., FRCPC
President

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 23rd Annual Conference of the Ontario Association of Gastroenterology (OAG) will be held on November 1-3, 2019 at the Marriott on the Falls Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Our Annual Conference is a forum that offers an exceptional learning and networking environment. It's dynamic and brings together a range of experts providing one of the best fora to enhance your knowledge and learn about the emerging trends in gastroenterology. As always, the ultimate goal is to allow delegates to take what they have learned back to their respective clinics/practices.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIR



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Ontario Association of Gastroenterology (OAG) Annual Conference Committee, we invite you to join us for our 23rd annual Conference and Business Meeting scheduled for November 1-3, 2019. This year we elected to host our Conference at the recently renovated Marriott on the Falls Hotel in beautiful Niagara Falls, Ontario. We managed to reserve all guest rooms with a view of the majestic falls so you can enjoy the beautiful scenery during your stay.

We will be bringing some clinically relevant programs surrounding **GI Malignancies and Non-Traditional Treatment and Therapies in Digestive Diseases** to you. On Saturday, we plan to bring you up to speed on various non-traditional therapies from food allergies to microbiome and alternate therapy in GI disorders. As gastroenterologists in Ontario, we have been facing many uphill challenges with the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), and provincial government. We hope to bring some updates to you, and we look forward to hearing your valuable input and suggestions. Not only do we want to provide diagnostic and therapeutic guidance on various GI malignancies in various parts of the digestive tract, hepatobiliary and pancreatic systems from well-respected experts, but we have also invited Dr. Tinmouth from Cancer Care Ontario (CCO) and world-renowned gastroenterologist Dr. Doug Rex to give us their perspectives on the hot topic of Average Risk Colon Cancer Screening and Surveillance as the new FIT Program was implemented in Ontario this June. Hopefully, this session will generate passionate discussions during the question and answer period during our program on Sunday. The morning educational section will be followed by the OMA Section on Gastroenterology Annual General Meeting as well as the OAG Annual General Meeting.

We will carry on our OAG traditions to make the Conference a networking opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and friends while meeting some new faces during our social events. We will kick off the Conference with the President's Welcome Dinner with a sumptuous Italian Feast in a relaxed, yet refined, atmosphere. Lunch on Saturday will be held right across the street, at the ever-popular Morton's Steak House – which overlooks the Falls. Following lunch, you and your family will have some free time to enjoy the sights and sounds of Niagara Falls. The theme of our Gala and Awards Presentation this year is Havana Nights. We hope to bring some warmth, vibrant colours and lively music to heat up the dance floor while you enjoy the delectable Spanish cuisine we have planned. We will once again offer the Children's Program of a Dinner, Popcorn and a Movie on Saturday evening so our members with young families can enjoy the Gala worry free.

We will be presenting the OAG Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Johane Allard during the Gala Dinner and Awards Presentation on Saturday evening.

This Conference can only happen with the unrestricted financial support from our industry partners and sponsors. We would like to thank them immensely for their generosity and we encourage you to interact with them during the Conference.

The Organizing Committee looks forward to seeing you at the Conference!

Best regards,

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

Emily Ching

Emily Ching, MD, FRCP(C)
Conference Chair and Treasurer

THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

WELCOME TO NIAGARA FALLS – A PLACE TO DISCOVER!



Niagara Falls is one of Canada's perfect gems and a wonder of the world! It has incredible power and beauty and is rich with fascinating history and cultural heritage – a perfect place for a meeting of the minds. Plan to spend some time enjoying the many attractions, fun-filled activities, food and culture available here. We invite you to bring your family to enjoy a bit of our Canadian heritage and culture. Check out the OAG website for “Things To Do Around Town” and see what Niagara Falls has to offer!

THINGS TO DO AROUND TOWN

Visit the OAG website at gastro.on.ca for a link to Tourism Niagara website that outlines all the attractions, activities and shopping in Niagara Falls <niagarafallstourism.com>.



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Saturday, November 2, 2019

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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HOTEL INFORMATION

MARRIOTT ON THE FALLS



6755 Fallsview Boulevard
Niagara Falls, ON
Tel: (905) 374-1077
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The newly renovated Marriott on the Falls is the closest hotel to Niagara Falls and overlooks the brink of the incredible Horseshoe Falls, the gorge and the upper Niagara River. One of the defining features of this 32-storey hotel is its signature falls-view guest rooms which offers incomparable views of Niagara Falls. This stylish hotel features an open concept lobby, 24-hour gym, pool, restaurants and internet access throughout the entire property. Its commitment to customer service and advanced technology has led to recognition from guests and some of the travel industry's top awards, including TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence. The hotel is ranked as the number one Green Leader among Niagara Falls hotels.

MOBILE APP

Watch your inbox for the launch of our Conference Mobile App!

Organizing and enjoying your time at the OAG 23rd Annual Conference and Business Meeting has just become more convenient with our Conference Mobile App. The App is your resource for all the information pertaining to the Conference scheduled for November 1 - 3, 2019 at the Marriott on the Falls. View the program, bookmark sessions, make notes for your personal schedule, and learn about the speakers and sponsors. Log in to the app and take notes from your tablet/laptop, access your CME Certificate and participate in our Conference survey.

Watch your inbox for the launch of our Mobile App. You will need it as we are now officially paperless.



President's Welcome Dinner

Italian Feast



Marriott on the Falls
Niagara Falls, Ontario
Friday, November 1, 2019
6:00 pm - 10:30 pm



Dress Code:
Smart Casual

DOCTORS' PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

TIMES AND DATES

Registration Includes: President's Welcome Dinner, Scientific Sessions, Breakfasts, Lunch, Nutrition Breaks, Cocktail Reception, Gala & Awards Presentation and Annual General Meeting.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Registration Open
6:00 pm - 10:30 pm	President's Welcome Dinner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019

7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Registration Open
7:00 am - 9:30 am	Breakfast
8:00 am - 8:15 am	Welcome & Opening Remarks Speakers: Drs. Imran Rasul & Emily Ching
8:15 am - 8:35 am	Barrett's Esophagus: Esophageal Lesions and Therapeutic Options for Dysplasia Speaker: Dr. Mohammad Yaghoobi
8:35 am - 8:55 am	Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Surgical Options and Treatment Criteria Speaker: Dr. Gonzalo Sapisochin
8:55 am - 9:15 am	Pancreatic Cystic Lesions Speaker: Dr. Paul James
9:15 am - 9:35 am	Genetic Associated Gastrointestinal Malignancies Speaker: Dr. Rob Gryfe
9:35 am - 9:55 am	Panel Discussion Moderator: Dr. Daniel Green
9:55 am - 10:20 am	Nutrition Break/Exhibits
10:20 am - 10:40 am	Food Allergies, Elimination and Testing Speaker: Dr. Julia Upton

DOCTORS' PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019 (CONTINUED)

10:40 am - 11:00 am	IBD and Associated Malignancies Speaker: Dr. Sanjay Murthy
11:00 am - 11:20 am	The Role of Microbiome in the Treatment of IBD and IBS Speaker: Dr. Premysl Bercik
11:20 am - 11:40 pm	Alternative Therapies in IBD Speaker: Dr. Neeraj Narula
11:40 pm - 12:00 pm	Panel Discussion Moderator: Dr. Keith McIntosh
12:00 pm - 12:05 pm	Closing Remarks Speaker: Dr. Emily Ching

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch (<i>Morton's Steakhouse</i>)
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Social Activity/Tour Option #2: Butterfly Conservatory
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Cocktail Reception
7:30 pm - 12:30 am	Gala and Awards Presentation (<i>Theme: Havana Nights</i>)



TIME TO GET SOCIAL!

Join OAG on social media!

Share your experience with us this year during the OAG Annual Conference and Business Meeting by following us on Twitter [@ontario_gastros](#). We will be posting all that is happening for and at the Conference using the hashtag [#OAG2019](#).

Make sure you include this hashtag in your posts to stay connected!

DOCTORS' PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

7:00 am - 11:00 am	Registration Open
7:00 am - 9:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 am - 8:50 am	Average Risk and Surveillance for Colon Cancer Speaker: Dr. Jill Tinmouth
8:50 am - 9:10 am	Therapeutic Interventions for Polypectomy Speaker: Dr. Gary May
9:10 am - 9:50 am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Colon Cancer Screening and Surveillance - Best Evidence for Colonoscopy Speaker: Dr. Doug Rex
9:50 am - 10:10 am	Panel Discussion Moderator: Dr. Maria Cino
10:10 am - 10:45 am	Working Nutrition Break
10:10 am - 10:40 am	OMA SECTION ON GI AGM Speaker: Dr. Iain Murray
10:40 am - 11:55 am	OAG Annual General Meeting (Closed Meeting - Members' Only)
11:55 am - 12:00 pm	Closing Remarks Speaker: Dr. Imran Rasul

CONTINUING EDUCATION

This event is a Section 2 Self-Learning activity as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Each hour is equal to two (2) Section 2 credits. Each project must be documented and records kept for credit validation.



**SECTION 2
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APPLY**

CANMEDS ROLES

Through this program the CanMEDS roles of medical expert, communicator, collaborator, leader, scholar and professional will be covered.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

TOUR OPTION #1 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019



Discover the ancient story of Niagara Falls in 4D and re-live the exciting experience in this 360-degree multi-sensory theatre.

Water will bubble and spray as you travel down river, while snow falls all around, simulating the last Ice Age. The moving platform beneath your feet will help you understand the power of nature as you're surrounded by stunning visuals of the mighty Niagara River. This family-friendly attraction provides a great introduction to your Niagara Falls adventure.



To stand at the heart of Niagara, you'll first need to descend 125 feet and explore 130-year-old tunnels through the bedrock, but you'll feel the thunderous vibration of the Horseshoe Falls long before you see them.

The observation deck at the foot of this 13-storey-tall wonder will leave you breathless (and maybe a little bit wet), but don't forget the viewing portals cut straight through the rock, offering a once-in-a-lifetime view of one-fifth of the world's fresh water crashing down in front of you.

Includes: Tour Guide, biodegradable ponchos (so you can stay dry), and return private WEGO transportation from the Marriott on the Falls Hotel. It also includes an informative and entertaining interpretation of the natural wonder of Niagara Falls.

Time: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Price Adult: \$78.41 per person + HST

Price Child: \$66.08 per person + HST (6 - 12 y/o) • 5 Yrs & Under - Free

TOUR OPTION #2 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019



Located in the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens, visitors to the Butterfly Conservatory are transported to a tropical paradise full of lush vegetation, trickling waterfalls and thousands of vibrantly coloured butterflies. Over 2,000 butterflies, made up of 45 different species, call this beautiful space home. This self-guided walking tour of the Butterfly Conservatory begins with a short, informative video presentation.

Includes: Self-Guided tour and return private WEGO transportation from the Marriott on the Falls Hotel. Guest may also enjoy the Botanical Garden.

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Price Adult: \$14.40 per person + HST

Price Child: \$9.23 + HST (6 - 12 y/o) • 5 Yrs & Under - Free

COMPANION PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

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7:00 am - 9:30 am	Breakfast

SOCIAL ACTIVITY/TOUR OPTION #1

9:00 am - 11:30 am	Niagara's Fury & Journey Behind the Falls
10:35 am - 11:00 am	Nutrition Break

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch (<i>Morton's Steakhouse</i>)
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Social Activity/Tour Option #2: Butterfly Conservatory
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CALM YOR SENSES - SPA DETAILS

Immerse yourself in the lap of luxury and delight your senses while enjoying the rejuvenating treatments offered at Serenity Spa by the Falls. Relax your body, refresh your mind and revive your spirit for the ultimate in relaxation and tranquility.

The Serenity Spa is in the Marriott Fallsview Hotel and Spa, which is across the street from the main conference hotel.

To make an appointment please call 1-888-209-1001 or visit their website at www.serenityspabythefalls.com



DINNER, POPCORN *and a* MOVIE

Marriott on the Falls Hotel

Saturday, November 2, 2019

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm: Registration

6:30 pm - 10:30 pm: Dinner/Activities



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



Pre-registration is required. Open to children ages 4 - 14.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

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6:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Dinner, Popcorn and a Movie

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GALA AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

Havana NIGHTS

MARRIOTT ON THE FALLS HOTEL • SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019
COCKTAILS: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM • DINNER & AWARDS: 7:30 PM – 12:30 AM



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Havana, ooh na-na!

Dare to wear something that embodies the essence of a steamy colour-vibrant city! Capture the spirit of Havana by cranking up the mambo, salsa and merengue. Grab your cigars and fedoras and join us for a hot Havana night filled with plenty of rum, lime and sugar because it's mojito time!

Come and celebrate with us as we honour Dr. Johane Allard, fellow gastroenterologist, with the OAG Distinguished Service Award.

Join us at this year's Gala and Awards Presentation for an evening of elegance, sophistication and delectable Spanish cuisine as we enjoy the dulcet tones of Sandy Vine and the Midnight Band.

It will be a beautiful night, in a beautiful city with the most mesmerizing thunderous falls.

THE OAG AWARD



Join us as we honour our 2019 award recipient, Dr. Johane P. Allard, with the OAG Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Johane P. Allard is Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto and is crossed-appointed at the Department of Nutritional Sciences and Institute of Medical Sciences. She is also a Senior Scientist at the Toronto General Research Institute and a member of the School of Graduate Studies at University of Toronto. She trained in gastroenterology at McGill University before completing a research fellowship funded by the National Institute of Nutrition at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Allard is a clinician-investigator, with a research focus on nutrition and gastrointestinal disorders. She is currently conducting several studies funded by peer-reviewed agencies in patients requiring nutrition support, people with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and patients with morbid obesity undergoing bariatric surgery. She is also conducting research on malnutrition in Canadian hospitals and has developed a research program on the intestinal microbiome related to Metabolic Syndrome. She is the recipient of several CIHR grants looking at the association between the intestinal microbiome and obesity/metabolic syndrome which include assessing the effect of fecal microbiota transplant on the outcomes of these patients. Her publications are primarily in the area of micronutrients, oxidative stress, malnutrition, nutrition support and NAFLD that includes non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). For NAFLD, she has published on nutrition, gene expression, intestinal microbiota, metabolic syndrome, morbid obesity and bariatric surgery.

Dr. Allard is the Director of the Nutrition Support Program at the University Health Network (UHN). She works with a multidisciplinary nutrition support team and is the Chair of the Nutrition Review Committee. She was the vice-chair and then the chair of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons' Examining Board in Gastroenterology from 2008 to 2012 and co-founder of the Canadian Nutrition Society and member of its Advisory Board. She has been the chair/co-chair of the Canadian Malnutrition Task Force. She was the Department Division Director of Gastroenterology at the University of Toronto from 2006 to 2018 as well as the Division Head of the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center from 2009 to 2014.

This award is given in recognition of a fellow gastroenterologist who has made an outstanding contribution in gastroenterology.



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Draw will be held at the Gala.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Association of Gastroenterology will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at the Marriott on the Falls, 6755 Fallsview Boulevard, Niagara Falls, Ontario at 10:40 a.m. ET.

The following matters will come before the membership:

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting - November 11, 2018
- 3.0 Reports of Officers and Directors
 - 3.1 President's Report
 - 3.2 Vice President's Report
 - 3.3 Treasurer's Report
 - 3.3.1 2018-2019 Audited Year-End Financial Statements
 - 3.3.2 Appointment of Public Accountant
- 4.0 Approval of Actions of the Board of Directors
- 5.0 Election of Directors
 - 5.1 Announcement of the Election of Section Delegates to OMA Council
- 6.0 New Business
- 7.0 Adjournment

The meeting is open to ALL member gastroenterologists and gastroenterology residents/fellows.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Section on Gastroenterology will hold its ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at the Marriott on the Falls, 6755 Fallsview Boulevard, Niagara Falls, Ontario at 10:10 am.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting – November 11, 2018
3. Section Chair's Report
4. Delegates to OMA Council
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

The meeting is open to ALL members of the OMA Section on Gastroenterology. You may participate by phone or in person.

HELPFUL HINTS AND INFORMATION



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

You may register online at the conference website gastro.on.ca/events/annual-conference/news or download the registration form and send it to the Conference office by fax or e-mail.



CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Continuing Education Certificates will be available to delegates via the Conference Mobile App at the end of the Conference.



HOTEL

The special hotel rates will be in effect three days pre- and post-conference. The hotel has a lobby bar that offers cocktails and light fare, a Starbucks Café with Free wi-fi and a casual dining restaurant that overlooks the falls. It also features a 24-hour gym and pool.

If you are interested in booking a spa appointment at The Serenity spa, contact them at 1-888-209-209-1001 or visit their website at www.serenityspabythefalls.com



CONFERENCE DRESS CODE

For all conference activities, the acceptable dress code will be business casual. The dress code for the Gala is semi-formal.



VISIT OUR SPONSORS

Delegates are encouraged to visit our sponsors in the Exhibit Hall and view the latest developments in the field.

Non-Cancellation Will Cost You...

Did you know that as an OAG member, if you register for the Conference and do not attend, your non-attendance costs the OAG approximately \$1,000 (hotel accommodation, breakfasts, lunch, dinners, nutrition breaks and administration.)? The OAG office is required to give guarantees to the venue at least four (4) business days prior to the start of any Conference. Therefore, if you do not cancel by the deadline, you are included in the hotel room count and meal numbers for the entire Conference. It is the fiduciary responsibility of the Board of Directors to ensure that the OAG's monies are spent wisely.

The OAG has implemented a policy for Conference delegates – it is mandatory that you provide a valid credit card number to register for the Conference and specific events. Your credit card will not be charged unless you do not attend and neglect to notify the OAG office by the cancellation deadline (as indicated on the registration form.) The amount that will be charged to your credit card is the fee for one night's hotel accommodation, administration and your meals – approximately \$1,000.

If you need to cancel your hotel reservation, conference or event registration, please refer to the registration form and contact the OAG office - you will receive a cancellation number as your validation.

**Please help us help the OAG – we are a
not-for-profit organization.**

UPCOMING OAG EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE EVENTS



International Symposium on Liver & IBD Review

January 17 – 19, 2020

Westin Trillium House - Blue Mountain
Collingwood, ON



Review of DDW and Key GI & Liver Meetings

June 13, 2020

Hyatt Regency Toronto
Toronto, ON



Annual Conference

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