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25th LSGE MEETING

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Program

13–14 November 2026

Le Royal Hotel, Dbayeh

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Welcome Letter

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Conference Organizing Committee, it is our great pleasure to invite you to the *25th Meeting of the Lebanese Society of Gastroenterology (LSGE),* which will be held *on November 13-14, 2026, at Le Royal Hotel, Dbayeh.*

This meeting is dedicated to gastroenterologists, fellows, and invited colleagues with an interest in digestive and liver diseases. Over two days, the program brings together presentations, debates, case discussions, and symposia, covering state-of-the-art knowledge as well as the most exciting developments and latest updates in the field.

The scientific program is organized in seven sessions: esophageal and upper gastrointestinal disorders; colon and lower gastrointestinal disorders; inflammatory bowel disease; endoscopy, with a focus on quality, innovation, and advanced intervention; hepatology, metabolic health, and obesity; digestive oncology and pancreatic diseases; and research fellows' presentations. Among the topics to be discussed are GERD, Barrett's esophagus, and eosinophilic esophagitis; colorectal cancer screening and complex colon polyps; advanced therapies in IBD; third-space and EUS-guided endoscopy; MASLD/MASH, GLP-1 therapies, and HCC surveillance; and early detection of GI cancers and pancreatic cysts.

We encourage you to share your latest research with fellow colleagues and leading experts. This meeting will provide an outstanding opportunity, especially for young researchers attending for the first time, and a great chance to reconnect with friends, renew old acquaintances, and build new professional networks.

We look forward to welcoming you in Dbayeh for two days of learning, exchange, and networking.

Best Regards,

Charbel Yazbeck, MD
President of LSGE

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Day 1 - Friday, November 13, 2026

08:00	Registration	
Session 1	**Esophageal and Upper Gastrointestinal Disorders** *Moderators: Nadim Zalaket, MD - Mona Osman, MD - Abdlallah Alomari, MD*	
09:00 - 09:15	GERD: Beyond Acid Suppression	Joseph Amara, MD
09:15 - 09:30	Barrett's Esophagus: Surveillance, Ablation and Long-Term Outcomes	Ihab El Hajj, MD
09:30 - 09:45	Eosinophilic Esophagitis: From Recognition to Precision Therapy	Abbas Bahr, MD
09:45 - 10:00	The Difficult Dyspeptic Patient: What Are We Missing?	Amani Khatib, MD
10:00 - 10:10	Q&A	
10:10 - 10:40	Symposium ***Supported by Holmed AbbVie*** ***Beyond the Trials; Bringing Upadacitinib Evidence into IBD Practice*** *Moderator: Fady Daniel, MD*	Philippe Saniour, MD
10:40 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 11:15	Opening Ceremony	

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Session 2 — Colon and Lower Gastrointestinal Disorders

Moderators: Fouad Zaarour, MD - Jamil Mrad, MD - Samer Khalife, MD

11:15 - 11:30	Colorectal Cancer Screening: Are We Reaching the Right Patients?	Ali Khalil, MD
11:30 - 11:45	Management of Complex Colon Polyps: Refer, Resect or Refer for Surgery?	Riad Azar, MD
11:45 - 12:05	Diverticular Disease: Myths, Facts and New Evidence (Debate)	Alaa Awdeh, MD & Michael Osseis, MD
12:05 - 12:25	Microscopic Colitis and Chronic Diarrhea: Commonly Missed Diagnoses	Antoine Abou Rached, MD Christine El Gemayel, MD
12:25 - 12:35	Q&A	
12:35 - 13:05	***Symposium Sponsored by Sandoz*** ***Anti-TNF in IBD in 2026***	Antoine Geagea, MD
13:05 - 14:15	Lunch Break	

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Session 3 — Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Moderators: Nada Abdel Malak, MD - Yara Yazbeck, MD - Hussein Omeiri, MD

14:15 - 14:30	IBD Treatment Positioning in 2027: Choosing the Right Drug for the Right Patient	Charbel Yazbeck, MD
14:30 - 14:45	Dual and Sequential Targeted Therapy: Ready for Prime Time?	Jean Paul Nammour, MD
14:45 - 15:00	When and How Should We De-escalate Therapy?	Fady Daniel, MD
15:00 - 15:20	The Difficult IBD Patient (2 Cases Discussion)	Faten Hijazi, MD
15:20 - 15:30	Q&A	
15:30 - 16:00	***Symposium Supported by J&J*** ***Fusing Science into Practice : The New Chapter in IBD Care*** *Moderator: Joseph Amara, MD*	Cesar Yaghi, MD
16:00 - 16:15	Q&A	

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16:15 - 16:35	Coffee Break	
Session 4	**Endoscopy: Quality, Innovation and Advanced Intervention** *Moderators: Anthony Zaarour, MD - Lara Younan, MD - Bilal Ajami, MD*	
16:35 - 16:50	The High-Quality Colonoscopy: Are We Measuring What Matters?	Dany Touma, MD
16:50 - 17:05	Third-Space Endoscopy — POEM and Beyond: Expanding Therapeutic Frontiers	Malak Noureddine, MD
17:05 - 17:20	EUS-Guided Interventions: From Drainage to Anastomosis	Eid Mahfouz, MD
17:20 - 17:35	Complications in Endoscopy: Recognition, Prevention and Management	Mahmoud Hallal, MD
17:35 - 17:45	Q&A	

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08:30	Registration	
Session 5	**Hepatology, Metabolic Health and Obesity** *Moderators: Rajaa Chatila, MD - Ahmad Moussawi, MD - Paul Rassam, MD*	
09:00 - 09:15	MASLD/MASH: The New Epidemic Facing Gastroenterologists	Cesar Yaghi, MD
09:15 - 09:30	Should Every Patient with Type 2 Diabetes Be Screened for Advanced Fibrosis?	Bilal Hoteit, MD
09:30 - 09:45	GLP-1 agonist: An update for Use in Gastroenterology	Youssef Hazimeh, MD
09:45 - 10:00	Obesity as a Chronic Disease: The Expanding Role of the Gastroenterologist / Endoscopic Bariatric Therapies: Where Do They Fit in 2027?	Asaad Soueid, MD
10:00 - 10:15	HCC Surveillance in the Era of Metabolic Liver Disease	Remi Lakkis, MD
10:15 - 10:25	Q&A	
10:25 - 11:00	***Symposium Supported by Novo Nordisk*** ***A Transformative STEP in Weight Management***	Rita Maria Chidiac, MD
11:00 - 11:20	Coffee Break	
11:20 - 11:50	***Symposium Supported by AMJ*** ***From the Lebanese Plate to the Gut:*** ***Aflatoxin B1 Exposure and Emerging Evidence on Intestinal Health***	Bilal Hoteit, MD Maha Hoteit, MD

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11:50 - 12:20	***Symposium Sponsored by Abbott*** ***Functional Dyspepsia/Indigestion and Overlap with Upper GI Disorders***	Ihab El Hajj, MD
Session 6	**Digestive Oncology and Pancreatic Diseases** *Moderators: Marwan Ghazzaoui, MD - Pierre Hani, MD - Youssef Daher, MD*	
12:20 - 12:35	Liquid Biopsies and Molecular Biomarkers in Digestive Oncology	Hampig Kourie, MD
12:35 - 12:50	Early Detection of GI Cancers: Are We Entering a New Era?	Mahmoud Othman, MD
12:50 - 13:05	Incidental Pancreatic Cysts: Who Needs Follow-Up and Who Needs Surgery?	Hani Hafez, MD
13:05 - 13:20	The Role of the Gastroenterologist in Pancreatic Cancer: Beyond Diagnosis	Yasser Shaib, MD
13:20 - 13:30	Q&A	
Session 7	**Research Fellows' Presentations** *Moderators: Abbas Bahr, MD - Cesar Yaghi, MD - Charbel Yazbeck, MD - Majed Roustum, MD*	
13:30 - 14:30	Research Fellows' Presentations	Research Fellows
14:30	Closing	

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