

General Foregut Course — Newly Redesigned for 2026



A Half-Day, Case-Based Add-On to the AFS Annual Meeting

AFS is excited to unveil a completely reworked General Foregut Course — rebuilt from the ground up to deliver an even sharper, more practical experience for general gastroenterologists and foregut surgeons.

Why Attend?

Foregut disorders — from refractory GERD to achalasia — often present diagnostic and therapeutic dilemmas that don't fit neatly into a single specialty's toolkit. This course brings together expert faculty from gastroenterology and surgery to walk through real-world cases, covering:

- Current concepts in pathophysiology and diagnostic evaluation
- Appropriate use and interpretation of diagnostic modalities
- Medical, endoscopic, and surgical treatment selection

- Practical strategies for patient selection and aligning therapy with disease mechanism

Through interactive, case-based discussion, attendees will leave with a structured, clinically relevant approach they can apply directly in everyday practice.

Schedule At-a-Glance

Session I

- Course Welcome and Overview
- Heartburn That Won't Go Away: What's Next?
- Refractory GERD: Sorting Out Acid, Non-Acid, and Functional Disease
- Optimizing Medical Therapy: Getting the Most Out of PPIs and PCABs
- Barrett's in Practice: From Detection to Ablation
- Anti-Reflux Surgery: It's All About Patient Selection
- Beyond Medication and Surgery: Endoscopic and Device-Based Interventions
- Panel Discussion and Q&A

— Break —

Session II

- My Patient Cannot Swallow: Now What?
- Progressive Dysphagia: Where Do You Start?
- Eosinophilic Esophagitis: What Every GI and Surgeon Should Know
- Esophageal Motility Disorders: Making Sense of Manometry and CC4
- Achalasia and Beyond: When and How to Intervene
- My Patient Cannot Swallow After Anti-Reflux Surgery: Now What?
- Panel Discussion and Q&A
- Closing Remarks and Key Takeaways

Who Should Attend: General gastroenterologists and foregut surgeons

Seats are limited for this newly redesigned course.

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Foregut Friday Spotlight

JOIN THE DISCUSSION

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How would you manage this case?

Every Friday, the AFS CPC Committee brings real-world foregut cases and emerging

Join Digestive Health Leaders at the 2026 Hoag Digestive Health Symposium

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2026 Digestive Health Symposium

October 2 – 3, 2026
Hyatt Regency Irvine
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Registration is open for the 2026 Hoag Digestive Health Symposium, a two-day educational meeting bringing together nationally and internationally recognized experts in foregut disease, advanced endoscopy, hepatology, pancreaticobiliary disease, obesity medicine, inflammatory bowel disease, and colorectal care.

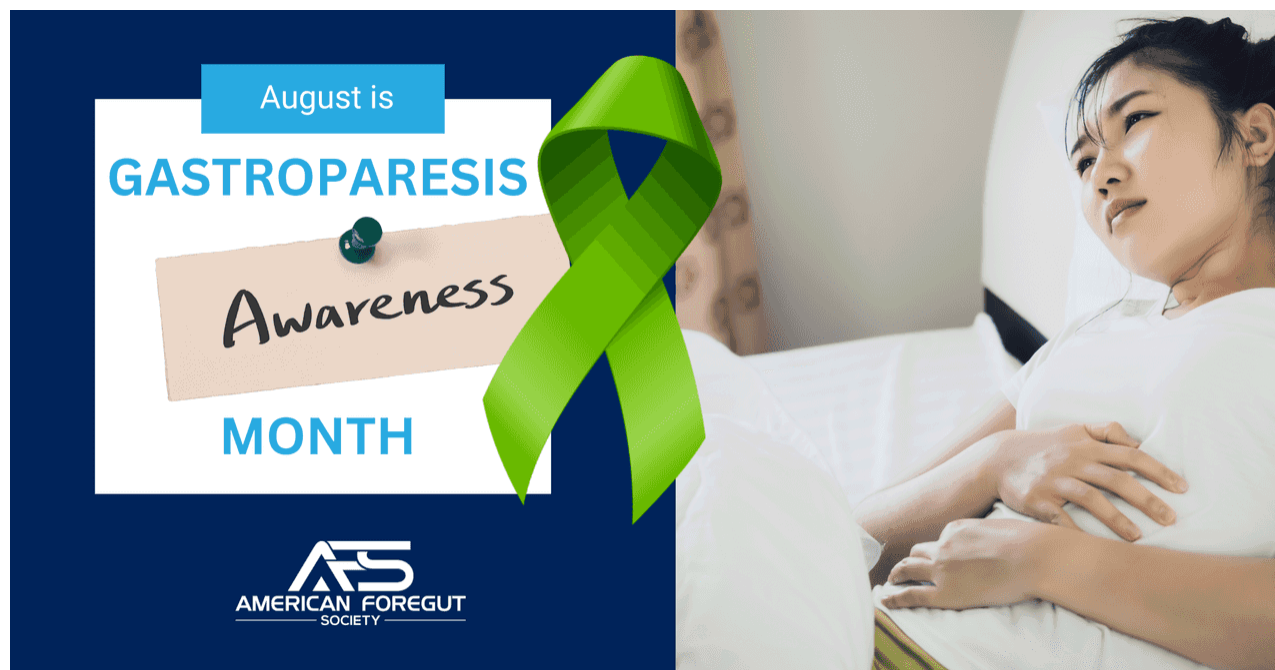
Directed by Dr. Christy Dunst, President-Elect of the American Foregut Society, the symposium features keynote speaker Dr. Lee Swanström, presentations by Dr. Kenneth Chang, Executive Medical Director of Hoag's Digestive Health Institute and American Foregut Society Board Member, and an outstanding faculty representing Hoag, Cedars-Sinai, Columbia University, Johns Hopkins, UTHealth, and other leading institutions.

Attendees will experience:

- Live clinical cases
- Evidence-based lectures
- Interactive panel discussions
- Multidisciplinary case conferences
- 13.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

Join colleagues from around the world for two days dedicated to advancing digestive health through innovation, collaboration and practical clinical education.

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