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April 17-23, 2022

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Learning Objectives for Participants
At the conclusion of this seminar, the participant should be better able to:

1. Discuss the pathophysiology, signs and symptoms, diagnostic testing, and treatment for pediatric gastrointestinal diseases.
2. Discuss the pathophysiology, signs and symptoms, diagnostic testing, and treatment for pediatric liver diseases.
3. Discuss pediatric gastrointestinal endoscopic therapeutic techniques.
4. Discuss the management, and outcome, both short-term and long-term, of pediatric liver transplantation and pediatric short gut syndrome.
5. Recognize the histologic features of pediatric intestinal and liver diseases.

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newspaper articles for the national media including 2 television interviews about EoE. Finally, he is on the medical advisory board of an independent organization known as the American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders (APFED). He was a lead author for Guidelines on Eosinophilic Esophagitis that were published in 2007 and were updated in 2011. He was also a lead author for the AGREE manuscript published in 2017 and a co-author for recent international guidelines for EoE severity and Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorders.
Almuthe Christine Hauer, MD, PhD is Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University Hospital for Pediatrics and Adolescence Medicine (Medical University of Graz, "MUG", Austria) and Attending Pediatric Gastroenterologist at the Dept. of General Pediatrics. Dr. Hauer received her medical degree from the University of Vienna and subsequently trained as a General Practitioner. She started her residency in Pediatrics at the Graz University Hospital for Pediatrics and received her degree as a Specialist in Pediatrics in 1991 when she also became a Senior Registrar. In 1993, Dr. Hauer won the most prestigious Austrian scholarship, the "Erwin-Schrödinger-Stipendium", and was accepted at the Medical School of St. Bartholomew’s Hospital in London (UK) where she stayed until 1996. During these years she was enrolled in a specific theoretical and clinical training program for Pediatric Gastroenterology at the Dept. of Pediatric Gastroenterology (Head: Prof. John Walker-Smith) and certified as a Pediatric Gastroenterologist by the Royal Society of Medicine in 1994. In parallel she worked in the Laboratory of Gut Immunology (Head: Prof. Thomas MacDonald) where she received her main research training which also formed an important part of her Ph.D. Thesis. After her return to Austria in 1996, Dr. Hauer resumed her clinical work at the Graz University Hospital for Pediatrics, for the first time in the function of a Pediatric Gastroenterologist. Due to her pregnancy and birth of her first son, Dr. Hauer interrupted her clinical work from December 1996 until September 1998, but continued her research and defended her Ph.D. Thesis. Thus, she was promoted to Associate Professor in 1998. Between November 1999 and December 2001, she was again at home, now because of the birth of her second son, but completed her training in Pediatric Gastroscopy and Colonoscopy (Acad. Dept. of Pediatrics of Maribor, Slovenia) during this period. Regardless her maternity leave of four years in total, Dr. Hauer continued to implement a variety of diagnostic procedures at the MUG Department of Pediatrics, e.g. coeliac serology, C13- and H2 breath tests, and - most importantly - established Pediatric Endoscopy of the upper and lower GI tract: Dr. Hauer was the first pediatrician in South-East Austria performing these procedures and has meanwhile trained an entire group of pediatric endoscopists. In consequence, she was appointed head of the MUG unit of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (PGHN), with appr. 2500 in- and outpatients and 200 endoscopies per year. Since 2003, the unit is an accredited “Educational Centre” of the Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition of the German speaking countries (“GPGE”), led by Dr. Hauer. Because a GPGE Educational Centre has to fulfill specific training requirements for a specialization in PGHN in keeping with the European Syllabus, this was the basis of the unit’s governmental recognition as a newly established Austrian Educational Center for PGHN, the first at an Austrian Medical University. Dr. Hauer has taken central roles in a number of MUG committees (i.e. secretary in various Selection Committees for internationally advertised Head of Department positions etc.) and is member
of several national and international societies: In 1998 she was accepted as an ESPGHAN ("European Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition") member and in 2006 elected as the Austrian representative of the ESPGHAN National GI Presidents' committee. In 2013 she was chosen as one of then only 25 members into the ESPGHAN “Porto”-IBD working group, based on a highly competitive selection process, and was re-elected in October 2019. In May 2017, Dr Hauer was honored with her then highest position: She was elected by the ESPGHAN members into the Council Position of “ESPGHAN International Affairs Representative”, to represent all National Societies within ESPGHAN. In June 2021, Dr. Hauer served as Congress President of the 6th World Congress of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, organized as a virtual event by ESPGHAN, with 4500 participants worldwide. In addition, she was elected Chair of the Local Organizing Committee of the ESPGHAN Annual Meeting 2023, again planned in Vienna. Within the German speaking countries’ society “GPGE”, she served as a Council member from 2007-2015. Since 2003 she is member of the Committee on Nutrition of the Austrian Pediatric Society and elected chairperson of the “PGHN Working Group” of this society since June 2016. She also serves as a consultant for advisory boards regarding immunomodulators and biologics. Academically, Dr. Hauer’s basic research has been mainly influenced by the work of Prof. MacDonald’s group, with a particular focus on the gut mucosa under physiological conditions and in disease states: She has published the first description on functional properties of duodenal lymphocytes of children with cow’s milk sensitive enteropathy and was the first to characterize Human Peyer’s Patches functionally. Since 1998, she has a personal grant from the International “Rudolf Chaudoire” Foundation. This grant enabled her to further cooperate with Prof. MacDonald’s Group, to participate in multicenter studies (i.e. PedIBD registry “CEDATA”, the EU project “CD skills” etc.), to establish own clinical studies (i.e. on serology in coeliac disease) and finance other colleagues’ trainings abroad. In addition, she obtains grants from other sources (i.e. Janssen International). Dr. Hauer has authored > 230 publications (incl. German papers) and 35 chapters, e.g. for the first textbook on PGHN in German. Aside of her continuous responsibility for MUG undergraduates, Dr Hauer is particularly involved in postgraduate teaching on a national and international level (i.e. ESPGHAN Eastern European Summer Schools 2010-22), often as the organizer, and has been an (AAF) visiting professor at universities in Russia, Armenia, Bulgaria and in Jerusalem. At present, she gives ~ 40 invited lectures/ year and organizes the Annual Training Courses of GPGE and Austrian Pediatric Society. Dr. Hauer was always interested in “feasibility” of Medicine under circumstances that are more complicated and mutual “knowledge transfer”: She is a mentor of many AAF Fellows and enabled i.e. an Armenian Colleague to join the MUG faculty for good. Since 1990, Dr Hauer has worked regularly as a general pediatrician in “developing” countries: She spent several months in refugee camps in Algeria as well as in the slums of Dhaka (Bangladesh), Cali (Columbia) and Calcutta (India). From 1992-1993 she lived and worked in a Missionary Hospital in Abeokuta (Nigeria). Dr. Hauer is married to the head of the Neurosurgical Department (Graz Medical School). The couple has 2 sons (24 and 21 years).
Christina Bales, MD is an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, Attending Gastroenterologist in the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition and Medical Director of the Intestinal Rehabilitation Program at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Bales received her medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 2002. She completed 3 years of surgical training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, followed by a pediatric residency and fellowship in pediatric gastroenterology and advanced hepatology at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. As the Medical Director of the Intestinal Rehabilitation Program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Dr. Bales oversees a multidisciplinary team that provides integrated inpatient and outpatient care to children with intestinal failure due to a wide array of etiologies, including both congenital and acquired forms of short bowel syndrome. The program has followed nearly 400 children at various stages of intestinal failure, ranging from full parenteral nutrition support through enteral independence. Dr. Bales is the recipient of numerous awards, including the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) Fellow Research Award (2011) and Nutrition Research Award (2015), more than 10 faculty teaching awards, and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Alan R. Cohen Master Clinician Award (2016). She resides in Philadelphia with her husband, Fred.
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Usually, I am someone who gets lucky when traveling abroad, be it getting an empty seat next to me or making a seamless connection if I have one. But on my way here, it was a different story. My flight to Istanbul was 10 hours and was pretty packed, and I could not sleep at all, which was exhausting. Once I landed in Salzburg, people helped me catch the bus to Schloss Arenberg. It was my first time in Austria, and I was really impressed by how kind and friendly the people are. Once we settled into the beautiful Schloss Arenberg, our hosts briefed us on what to expect for the coming week. During dinner, I was able to meet many young, up and coming pediatricians from different countries. It felt great to make friends and connect with other physicians that are just like me.

Monday, April 18, 2022

We started our day with a pre-seminar test that covered the different areas that we were going to be discussing throughout the lecture series. Dr. Liacouras then kicked off our first day of the seminar with an interesting overview on Pathology of the GI Tract, which was educational for me since I am going through my first year of a pediatric gastroenterology fellowship. Then, we were able to interact with the faculty members during a coffee break, which gave us a much-needed opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, and network with one another. It was a great opportunity to learn from their wealth of experience and see how far the science and art of medicine has come over the years. Dr. Mamula then gave a very informative lecture on foreign
bodies, which included action-packed cases from his clinical practice. Dr. Piccoli wrapped up our morning lectures with a presentation on cholestatic liver disease. After our lunch break, Dr. Bales gave a thought-provoking lecture on cystic fibrosis, which I found very enlightening. We spent the rest of the afternoon getting very good insight from Dr. Liacouras on how to prepare cases presentations.

**Tuesday, April 19, 2022**

Our second day of lectures started with a lecture from Dr. Liacouras on Eosinophilic Esophagitis, which took me back to Ethiopia and all my patients with dysphagia, which may very well rather be suffering from Eosinophilic Esophagitis. Next, our lecture series continued with food allergies and FPIES and inflammatory bowel disease by Prof. Hauer and Dr. Mamula respectively. I was able to have a better insight into current practices and possible future management modalities in IBD cases. The afternoon was dedicated for the fellows to present their own cases, and I was one of the presenters today. Needless to say, it was intimidating to present a case in front of world renowned Pediatric GI specialists and other accomplished fellows, but I was able to shake my nerves as I progressed in my presentation. We wrapped up the day with some drinks and games.

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

Dr. Liacouras started the third day of presentations with cases on Dysphagia and Cyclic Vomiting, which was followed by another engaging presentation by Dr. Mamula on GI bleeds. We were able to discuss different techniques, including advanced ones in the management of GI bleeds. Dr. Piccoli had a very educational presentation on metabolic and autoimmune liver disease in a very simplistic but yet informative way. Then, Dr. Bales finalized our morning sessions with a discussion on short gut syndrome. I was particularly impressed with how all the presentations were prepared in such a way that was easy to comprehend, even to physicians that do not have a lot of experience in the specific topics. The afternoon of our third day was one we were all looking forward to since it was the only day we had a free afternoon, to socialize and discover the beautiful city of Salzburg. There were two groups that went out to two different locations. I personally visited Fuschlsee with a group of other fellows. We enjoyed the breath-taking landscape and view by the lake. We had fun playing music from our respective countries over coffee and tea. It was great to spend the time learning about other seminar participants.

**Thursday, April 21, 2022**

In the morning, Dr. Bales was able to finish her lecture on short gut syndrome, which was followed by a lecture on functional constipation by Prof. Hauer. We then had a good revision on major “dos and don'ts” in the management of diarrheal diseases. I found her lecture very instrumental, as I deal with diarrheal disease patients on a day-to-day basis in my home country. Dr. Piccoli had a presentation on liver failure to conclude the lectures. In the afternoon, there was a continuation of fellows’ case presentations. I was fascinated by some of the rare cases that were presented.
Friday, April 22, 2022

I woke up in the morning with mixed feelings, excited to go home soon and share what I learned, but also sad to say goodbye to all my new friends and to leave Salzburg. The seminar lectures of the day touched on a mosaic of topics such as pancreatitis, hepatitis, and polyps. We finished the day with a big celebration. If I had to describe the past seven days in a few words, I would say adventurous, fun, and enlightening. It was a memorable week. Thank you, OMI, for granting me the opportunity of a lifetime to be a part of an incredible cohort. Danke!
Sunday, April 17, 2022

Waking up in Belgrade felt different that morning, since I had a bit of “reisefieber” (travel fever). In the blink of an eye, I was already on the plane to Vienna, and soon after I took a train to Salzburg. From the busy railway station in Salzburg, I caught a taxi to Schloss Arenberg. As I approached the venue, my memories came flooding back. After filling out some formal paperwork, I got the keys to my room, which was nicely furnished, clean, spacious, and warm. At 7:00 pm, we met the faculty, organizers, and participants from other countries in the lobby. The welcome drink and speech of Dr. Wolfgang Aulitzky along with Dr. Liacouras were very encouraging and inspiring. Getting to know each other started over the dinner, and it continued until late in the evening.

Monday, April 18, 2022

At 8:00 am, Dr. Liacouras welcomed us and informed us that we would take the pre-seminar test. After the test, Dr. Liacouras introduced us to the pathology of the GI tract through various examples of the most frequent conditions. I was very pleased that most of the interactive question and answers were well known to me and the other colleagues. It seems we were off to a good start! A pleasant coffee break was followed by a lecture from Dr. Mamula on foreign bodies of GI, which was something I was very eager to hear about, especially because it was also the topic of my case presentation. Cholestatic liver disease by Dr. Piccoli left us with such a precious summary on the topic. During the lunch break, we discussed how we were overwhelmed with so much information already. Cystic fibrosis was another great lecture given by Dr. Bales, after which attended a workshop on how to present a case, which included...
various case presentation examples by faculty. During the evening, we visited one of the famous pubs in Salzburg’s city center.

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Today started with a lecture on eosinophilic esophagitis presented by Dr. Liacouras, again one of my favorites, from which I adopted very precious suggestions and resolved some dilemmas on therapeutic management for my patients. The next lecture was given by Prof. Hauer on food allergy and a clinically challenging entity - FPIES. Later in the afternoon, we went through the most important aspects of coeliac disease. Dr. Mamula gave us another amazing up-to-date lecture on IBD. After the lunch break, 16 participants, including myself, presented their case presentations. It was a great experience, through which we all, yet again, learned so much from one another. The evening was very eventful, as we played Pictionary and charades, in which some of the faculty members even spontaneously joined.

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

I started the morning with another pleasant breakfast with my colleagues. The opening lecture was held by Dr. Liacouras on Dysphagia, vomiting and GERD, followed by Dr. Mamula, who told us about the most urgent pathology of GI tract and therapy options for a lot of different conditions which we already or will encounter in our clinical practice. Both lectures were very valuable for my work practice. After the coffee break, another impressive lecture was given by Dr. Piccoli about metabolic and autoimmune liver disease. I was impressed how clearly he explained such a complex and wide topic. Prof. Bales then gave us an amazing lecture on short gut syndrome. The afternoon was free. We used it for exploring Fuschl am See, which I personally would recommend to anyone visiting Salzburg. After coming back to the city, we took a brisk walk through the magnificent Mirabell Gardens.

Thursday, April 21, 2022

One motivating day after another. The first lecture was a sequel to short gut syndrome with an emphasis on always challenging the therapeutic approach and long term follow up of these patients. We continued the day with another excellent lectures by Prof. Hauer on functional constipation, diarrhea and malabsorption, and liver failure given by the always inspiring Dr. Piccoli. After the lunch break, another 16 fellows presented their cases, of which we enjoyed the information and the creativity. In the evening, a wonderful chamber concert took place in the grand hall.

Friday, April 22, 2022

Looking back at the week, I was full of impressions. We learned so much about how to obtain a precise diagnosis and how to give patients specific treatments. I was honored to share my experience with colleagues from so many other countries, which I can now call my friends. I have learned a lot from extraordinary faculty members who have many years of experience, who selflessly shared their knowledge with us. I want to express my great gratitude to everyone included in the organization of this seminar. I was given the opportunity to gain new knowledge, new friends, extend my network, and enjoy the beautiful city of Salzburg. What more can I ask?