

SEMINAR REPORT

PEDIATRIC
GASTROENTEROLOGY
OMI MEX CHOP SEMINAR

June 12-14, 2023

Medical Education Beyond Borders







32 fellows from Mexico,
Columbia, and Honduras



21 fellows' case presentations



4 faculty members from the USA and Mexico



2 excellent case presentations



12 didactic lectures



2 fellows' case presentation sessions

GROUP PHOTO







OMI MEX CHOP Seminar in Pediatric Gastroenterology Monday, June 12 – Wednesday, June 14, 2023



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	June 12	June 13	June 14
08:00 - 09:00	REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST	REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST	REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST
09:00 – 10:00	Introductions	Eosinophilic Esophagitis	Advanced Endoscopy Techniques
	Pre-Seminar Test	Chris A. Liacouras, MD	Petar Mamula, MD
10:00 – 11:00	Foreign Body Ingestion Management	Viral Hepatitis	Liver Failure
	Petar Mamula, MD	David A. Piccoli, MD	David A. Piccoli, MD
11:00 – 11:30	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK
11:30 – 12:30	Gastrointestinal Emergencies	GI Surgical Procedures	Upper GI Tract Disorders/EGID
	Pablo Laje, MD	Pablo Laje, MD	Chris A. Liacouras, MD
12:30 – 13:30	Allergic Colitis/FPIES/Celiac Disease	Inflammatory Bowel Disease	Post-Seminar Test
	Chris A. Liacouras, MD	Petar Mamula, MD	Evaluation & Discussion
13:30 – 14:30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH CLOSING CEREMONY & AWARDS
14:30 – 15:30	Neonatal Cholestasis David A. Piccoli, MD	Pancreatitis Disease/Surgery Pablo Laje, MD	
15:30 – 17:00	Workshop Fellows' Case Presentations David A. Piccoli, MD Chris A. Liacouras, MD Salvador Villalpando-Carrión, MD, MSc	Workshop Fellows' Case Presentations Petar Mamula, MD Pablo Laje, MD Salvador Villalpando-Carrión, MD, MSc	

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 of pediatric gastrointestinal and pancreatic condition requiring surgical therapy
- 5. Recognize the histologic features of pediatric intestinal and liver diseases.

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to expand research for eosinophilic GI diseases. He has produced several documentaries and newspaper articles for the national media including two 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.



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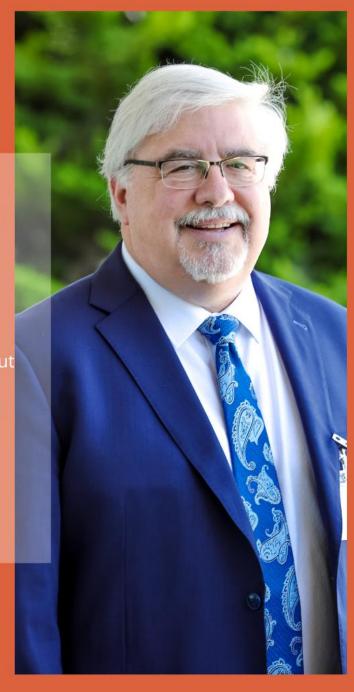
Faculty Feedback

"The OMI seminars in Mexico City were developed to help improve the knowledge of healthcare among young Mexican and Latin American physicians. The greatest benefit of these seminars is derived not only from experienced physicians and professors who are eager to teach but also from the ability to encourage young physicians to learn collegiality and collaborative learning with each other and their teachers."

Chris A. Liacouras, MD

Pediatric Gastroenterology





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Faculty Feedback

"The group of young physicians was incredibly enthusiastic and reminded me why I love teaching so much. While they already had a remarkable level of basic pediatric gastroenterology and hepatology knowledge, they also showed an ability to quickly expand on that with an impressive and steep learning curve, and made a series of very sophisticated clinical case presentations. There was an abondance of questions, but also exchange of experiences which is the true value of OMI seminars. They give us a unique opportunity to share and learn about each other.

Petar Mamula, MD

Pediatric Gastroenterology





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I was very happy when Dr. Mamula told me that I had won the academic excellence award for the best exam since I did not expect it. This was a real motivation booster!

Alejandro Méndez Contreras, ME OMI MEX fellow from Mexico



During lunch, I had the chance to talk to Dr. Liacouras. I was wondering why in Mexico there are few cases of eosinophilic esophagitis, while in my country, Colombia, we see more cases. I discussed with him the probability of a protective effect of capsaicin, one of the principal components of spicy food.

Carolina Alexandra Zambrano Perez, MI





During coffee break, I was able to give Dr. Piccoli a tour of the pediatric ward and the emergency department. Over lunch, we continued our conversation, and he shared anecdotes about his career and how he became a renowned Alagille syndrome expert. His dedication and passion are truly inspiring.

Fernanda Monge Urrea, MD





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