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Inaugural Meeting!

Please join us for our first ever meeting! We are pleased to announce the MOGI will be holding an in person educational meeting at the Eric P. Newman Education Center. More details to follow.

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INAUGURAL MEETING



Agenda

- Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH (45min talk with 15min Q&A)
 - Topic: Non-invasive colorectal cancer screening tests and disparities in colorectal cancer screening
- Wissum Kiwan, MD
 - Topic: Approach to large polyps for the general gastroenterologist
- Judy Trieu, MD, MPH
 - Topic: Role of AI in Colorectal Cancer Screening

About

Missouri GI Society's inaugural Annual Meeting is an event featuring lectures and discussion around colorectal cancer screening. This is a CME event. This meeting is intended for Missouri gastroenterologists, gastroenterology trainees, advanced practice providers, GI associates, and other students and trainees interested in gastroenterology. It is relevant to both private practice, academic practice, and hybrid practices.

Details

Location: Eric P. Newman Education Center
320 S Euclid Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110

Date: September 13, 2025

Time: 8am – 12pm

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WISSAM KIWAN, MD



AASMA SHAUKAT, MD, MPH
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



JUDY TRIEU, MD, MPH

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The Missouri GI Society is an organization formed by Gastroenterologists from around the state, focusing on bringing us together to improve GI care throughout Missouri. As a growing and more robust organization, we will continue to focus on education and team building; as well as advocating for improved GI reimbursement, insurance and payer issues, as well as GI regulatory reforms state-wide.

We are very excited to have our first inaugural in person meeting for MOGI, with keynote speaker Dr Aasma Shaukat, Professor of Medicine at NYU; as well Dr Wissam Kiwan and Dr Judy Trieu from our very own state. The meeting at the Washington University Campus will host GI physicians from around the state, giving us a chance to interact and move GI forward as forces both inside and outside of medicine bring changes to our speciality.

To do this work in advocating for our specialty, we need the participation of all the GI physicians in the state. Impacts on GI can only be managed if we strive to work together and advocate for ourselves and our patients; so I urge you to come join us at MOGI and see what the future holds.

Sheetal Sharma, MD FACC
President, Missouri GI Society (MOGI)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

This quarter's legislative update is provided by Dr. Elizabeth Marsicano.

Missouri State Legislative Update: Close of Session 2025

The Missouri General Assembly's 2025 session concluded in May with limited healthcare-related legislative progress. The Missouri Legislature passed 39 bills this year. Of those, 16 were spending bills and 23 were related to policy.

Bills That Failed to Pass, Of Interest:

SB 230 represents a significant missed opportunity for prior authorization reform. This bill would have established a 90% approval threshold for prior authorization requirements, meaning health carriers could not require prior authorization from providers unless less than 90% of their previous requests were approved during the evaluation period, significantly reducing administrative burden and improving patient care. The bill would also have prohibited payment denials for services that had prior authorization approval, unless providers made knowing misrepresentations or failed to substantially perform the service.

SB 230 has been proposed in similar forms over multiple legislative sessions indicating sustained legislative interest in prior authorization reform that unfortunately did not succeed this year. Hopefully the next legislative session will see more success.

SB 383 represented another missed opportunity for physician employment mobility reform. This bill would have established reasonable limits on physician non-compete agreements, restricting them to no more than 365 days and a 50-mile radius from the physician's office. The bill specifically exempted nonprofit healthcare entities from these restrictions, focusing reform on for-profit employers.

The Missouri GI society partners with the Missouri Medical Association and continues monitoring these legislative developments as they affect practice operations, patient access, and provider reimbursement rates across all specialties, including gastroenterology.

Action Items: Contact your state legislators to advocate for reintroduction of both SB 230's prior authorization reforms and SB 383's physician non-compete protections in the next legislative session.

The Missouri Medical Association website provides tools to easily identify and contact your representatives as well as the opportunity to donate to the Missouri Medical Political Action Committee.
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CASE OF THE QUARTER

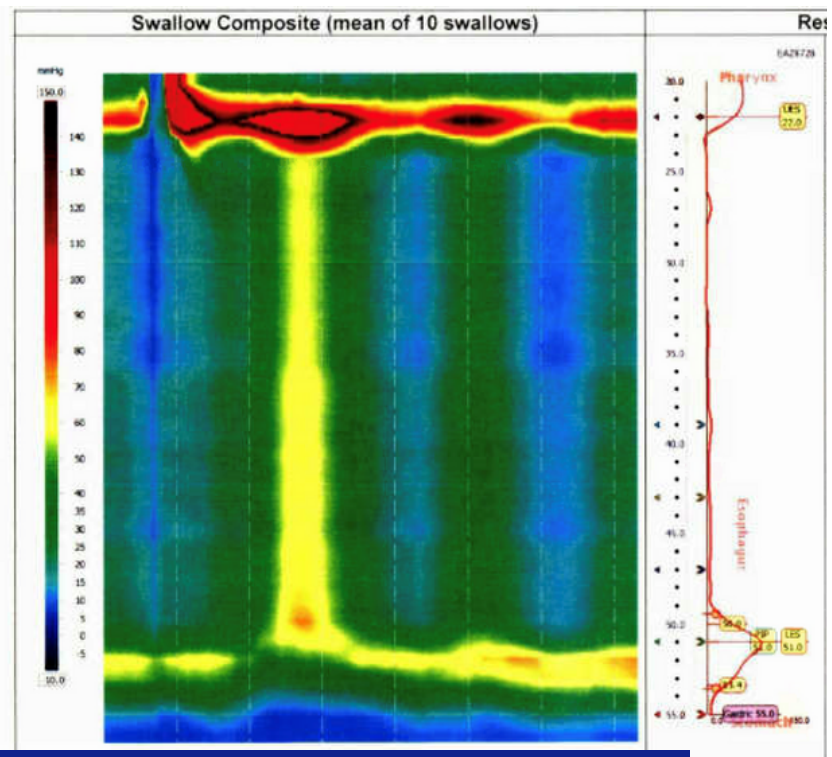


Brought to us by Drs. Erica Becker and Marina Kim from St. Louis University.

A 78-year-old female with multiple comorbidities including congestive heart failure presented to SLU clinic with severe progressive dysphasia. High resolution manometry was completed and was consistent with Type II achalasia. She was determined to be a poor surgical candidate. Pictured above is her distal esophagus/EGJ and below an image of her manometry.

What treatment option would you recommend for this patient?

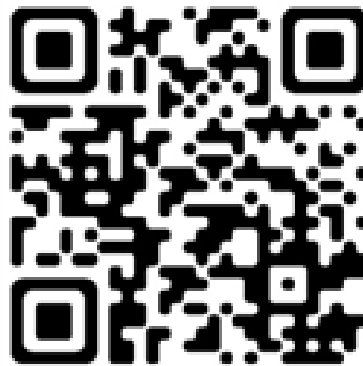
- A. Pneumatic dilation
- B. Lower esophageal sphincter botulinum toxin injection
- C. Laparoscopic Heller myotomy
- D. Sildenafil
- E. Per-oral endoscopic myotomy (POEM)
- F. Nitrates or calcium channel blockers



Click link for answer: <https://www.missourigi.org/mogi-society-case-answers>

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Become a member of the Missouri Gastroenterology Society and keep up to date on the latest issues affecting GI providers throughout our state! Join by scanning the QR code or visit <https://www.missourigi.org/membership>.



Membership in the Society offers the following benefits:

- Complimentary registration to the MO GI Society's Annual Meeting
- Ability to Earn MOC Points and AMA PRA Category 1 Credit
- Establish new connections with gastroenterologists from around the state and share ideas about making all GI providers successful well into the future
- Advocate for the profession on legislative, regulatory, and payer (both public and private) issues state-wide.



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