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Second Annual MOGI Meeting
Kansas City, Saturday, Sept 19th,
2026

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2ND ANNUAL MEETING



SEPTEMBER 19, 2026



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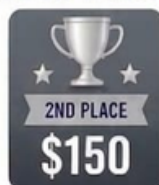
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

- ✓ All Gastroenterology topics with case vignette, retrospective, prospective, metaanalyses, etc. accepted.
- ✓ No video case reports accepted this year.
- ✓ Research presented at one other venue will be accepted.
- ✓ Published research not acceptable.



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HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Join colleagues from across Missouri
for a day of education, collaboration,
and hands-on learning.

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AGENDA

8:00 am – 8:45 am | Registration & Breakfast: Attendees network, view posters

8:45 am– 9:00 am | Welcome & Opening Remarks

9:00 am – 9:25 am | Lecture 1

Beyond Bougie and Balloon: Modern Management of Refractory Esophageal Strictures - Sreeni Jonnalagadda, MD (Saint Luke's Health System/UMKC)

9:30 am – 9:55 am | Lecture 2

Refractory functional dyspepsia: A Practical Algorithm for the Busy Gastroenterologist - Gregory Sayuk, MD (Wash U)

9:50 am – 10:00 am | **Panel Q&A** — Speakers 1 & 2

10:00 – 10:20 | Break 1 — Poster Viewing & Industry (20 min)

10:20 am – 10:40 am | Lecture 3

IBD Therapy in 2026: Choosing the Right Biologic at the Right Time - Saurabh Kapur, MD (KU Medical Center)

10:45 am – 11:05 am | Lecture 4

Difficult Colon Polyps: Endoscopic Innovations and a Modern Management Paradigm - Marina Kim, DO (SLU)

11:05 am – 11:15 am | **Panel Q&A** — Speakers 3 & 4

11:20 am – 11:50 am | Break 2 — Poster Viewing & Industry (20 min)

11:50 am – 12:50 pm | Closing Session and boxed lunch pick-up

- Trainee poster award presentations
- Faculty & sponsor acknowledgments
- Closing remarks & future directions

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm | **Hands-On Skills Session** (Pre-registration required — limited spots)

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As the President of the Missouri GI Society (MOGI), I believe our greatest strength lies in the active participation of our physician members. MOGI exists to advance gastroenterology across Missouri by fostering high-quality education, meaningful professional camaraderie, and a unified voice for physician advocacy. In a rapidly evolving healthcare environment, our specialty faces new clinical, regulatory, and practice challenges that are best addressed when we work together. Every physician's perspective, experience, and engagement helps shape the future of Gastroenterology in our state, strengthens our ability to advocate for our patients and practices, and create valuable opportunities to mentor the next generation of GI specialists.

I encourage each of you to join us for the 2nd Annual Missouri GI Society Meeting in Kansas City, on September 19th. This meeting is more than an educational conference—it is an opportunity to connect with colleagues from across the state, exchange ideas, discuss emerging issues affecting our profession, and help guide the future direction of MOGI. Whether you are in private practice, academic medicine, or training, your participation is essential to building a stronger, more collaborative GI community. I look forward to welcoming you to Kansas City as we continue to advance our mission together through education, advocacy, and the relationships that make our society stronger.



Sheetal Sharma, MD, FACP

President, Missouri GI Society
(MOGI)

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Michelle Matteson-Kome,
RN, FNP/GNP-BC, PhD**

Michelle Matteson-Kome has two decades of gastroenterology and hepatology experience in mid-Missouri. Michelle graduated from the University of Missouri in 1999 with a master's in nursing degree specializing as a Family and Geriatric nurse practitioner. She practiced with internal medicine groups until 2006 when she started with the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the University of Missouri. While at the University of Missouri, she completed her PhD in Nursing in 2011. Her PhD research in IBD medication adherence led her to collaborate with other GI researchers, leading to over 40 publications. After 17 years at MU, she accepted a position at the Harry S. Truman VA Hospital where she continues her GI practice and is involved in two ongoing trials for NASH and Crohn's treatment. Michelle is an Advanced Practice Provider member of the American College of Gastroenterology, associate member of the American Society of Gastroenterology Endoscopists, and a board member for the Missouri Gastroenterology Society (MOGI).

Michelle's work in gastroenterology nursing and research has been fulfilling; however, her husband, five kids, one grandbaby, and her neurotic border collie are the center of her life. When she's not traveling, camping at national parks, or listening to audio books, Michelle enjoys baking for her loved ones. Her current baking obsession is pastry, which is unfortunate for those around her trying to lose weight.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 2026 Missouri legislative session produced several healthcare policy changes. The omnibus healthcare legislative bill 2372 was signed by Governor Kehoe this month.

One of the most significant developments is prior authorization reform which requires health insurers to increase transparency surrounding prior authorization decisions, publish annual approval and denial statistics, develop electronic prior authorization application programming interfaces (APIs) by January 1, 2028, and reduce the scope of services requiring prior authorization where appropriate. Although implementation will occur over the next several years, the legislation represents an important step toward reducing administrative burden.

The healthcare legislation also included several reimbursement provisions relevant to GI practices. The new law strengthens protections for providers participating in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program by prohibiting discriminatory reimbursement by insurers and pharmacy benefit managers. This may benefit hospital-based gastroenterology practices and safety-net organizations caring for underserved populations. Included, as well, is a provision that prevents insurance companies from capping payment for anesthesia by imposing time limits.

Streamlining application for licensure, mandatory reporting of lyme disease and alpha gal, as well as allowing patients to begin their care through telemedicine are also included in this bill.

Several proposals to substantially expand independent practice authority for nonphysician providers did not pass during the 2026 session. Physician organizations, including the Missouri State Medical Association, emphasized maintaining physician-led, team-based care while supporting strategies to address workforce shortages through physician recruitment and training.

Missouri lawmakers also continued to debate broader prior authorization “gold card” legislation. Senate Bill 897 would exempt high-performing physicians from prior authorization requirements when their historical approval rates exceed established thresholds. While this proposal has generated significant support from organized medicine, continued advocacy will be important as the legislation advances.

PHYSICIAN ADVOCACY

Physicians interested in engaging in advocacy can identify and contact their Missouri State Senator and State Representative through the Missouri General Assembly website. Individual outreach—including emails, phone calls, office visits, or participation in physician advocacy days—helps legislators understand the real-world impact of proposed healthcare legislation on patients and medical practices. Maintaining memberships in organizations which help support legislation that advance physician interests and improve patient care remains vital.

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6. [HOUSE BILL NO. 2372](#)

Contact your legislators: To identify your Missouri State Senator and Representative and communicate regarding healthcare legislation, visit the Missouri General Assembly legislator lookup and contact your elected officials to share how proposed policies affect your patients, practice, and community.

CASE OF THE QUARTER

37yo male with history of hepatitis B on treatment and diabetes mellitus was admitted to the hospital for epigastric pain, nausea/vomiting, and weight loss, only able to tolerate a liquid diet.

CT of abdomen showed a stricture at the level of ligament of Treitz/duodenojejunal junction with upstream dilatation of the duodenum and stomach concerning for gastric outlet obstruction and locoregional lymphadenopathy.

EGD demonstrated a large longitudinal submucosal lesion with ulcerations at D2-D3.

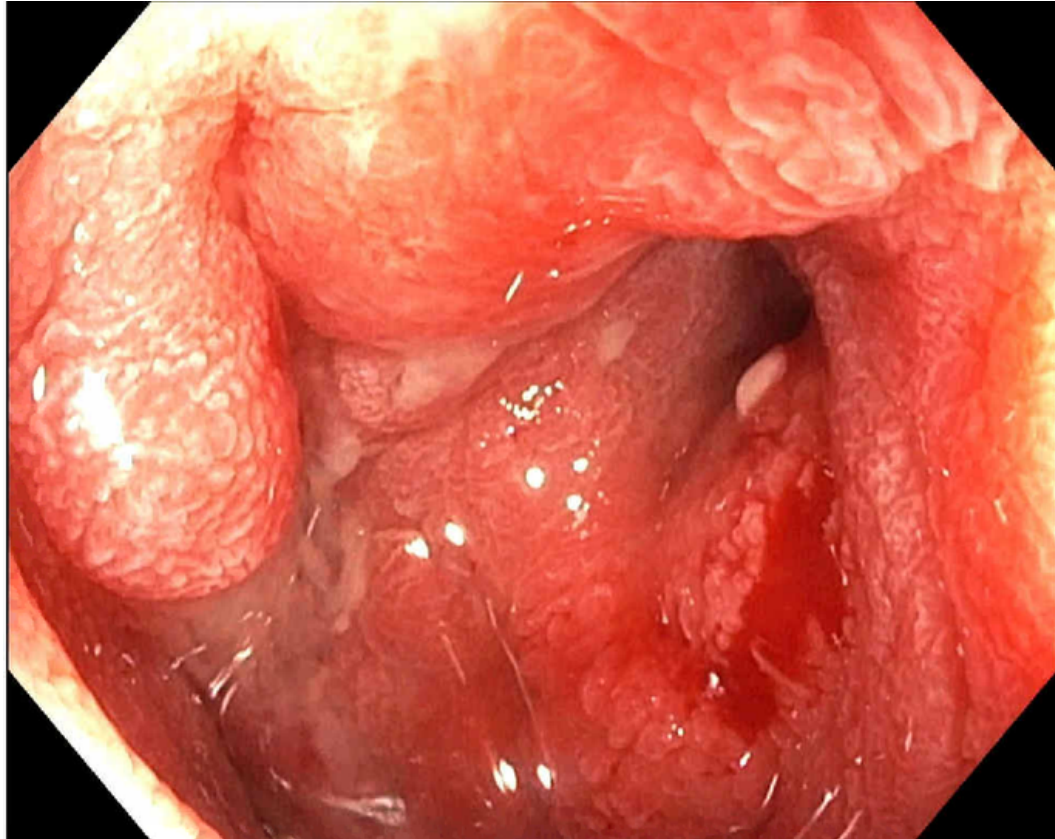
EUS showed a large retroperitoneal lymph node with circumferential thickening of the duodenum. FNA revealed isolated atypical cells and immunochemical staining consistent with CMV duodenitis.

He received treatment for CMV with Valganciclovir without much improvement.

This month's case brought to you by Dr. Matt Bechtold, Columbia VA

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

He underwent a push enteroscopy that found a D3 circumferential firm mass-like lesion with small 3 mm clean-based ulceration and a central stricture that the pediatric colonoscope would not pass.



Repeat biopsies showed expanded lamina propria with diffuse lymphoid infiltrate composed of large cells, likely B cells, with irregular nuclear contours and prominent nucleoli that was CD30 positive. EBV DNA was < 35 IU/mL. What is the most likely diagnosis?

- A. EBV-associated mucocutaneous lymphoma
- B. Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma
- C. Enteropathy-associated T-Cell lymphoma
- D. Mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue (MALT) lymphoma

Visit www.missourigi.org for the answer to this quarter's case

BECOME A MEMBER

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.

