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Missouri Gastroenterology Society

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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Missouri GI Society Virtual Educational Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, September 25, 2024

TIME: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm CST

AGENDA: Opening Remarks and Introduction to Speaker - Sheetal Sharma, MD, President

PROGRAM: Advanced Hemostasis: Tips and Tricks



Andy Tau, MD
Gastroenterologist
Austin Gastroenterology, Austin, Texas

Andy Tau, MD, is a board certified and fellowship trained gastroenterologist. Prior to joining Austin Gastroenterology, Dr. Tau graduated from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, where he completed his internal medicine residency and GI fellowship. In private practice, Dr. Tau continues to publish and is a national expert in endoscopic hemostasis and advanced tissue closure.

Objectives:

1. Discuss methods to optimize visualization in the setting of active bleeding and clots.
2. Review various difficult positions and anatomical "pain points" of upper GI hemostasis and how to manage them.
3. Identify options for rescue hemostasis including topical agents, over-the-scope clips, and fully covered esophageal stents for refractory esophageal variceal hemorrhage.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with accreditation requirements and policies of the Missouri State Medical Association through the joint providership of Kansas City Southwest Clinical Society and Missouri Gastroenterology Society. Kansas City Southwest Clinical Society is accredited by the Missouri State Medical Association to provide continuing medical education to physicians. The Kansas City Southwest Clinical Society designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in this activity.

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Member Spotlight

Dr. Matt Bechtold

Dr. Matt Bechtold is the current Vice-President of the Missouri GI Society. He is a general gastroenterologist and nutrition specialist at the Harry S. Truman Veterans Hospital (HSTVA) and University of Missouri. He serves as the Section Chief of Gastroenterology at HSTVA.

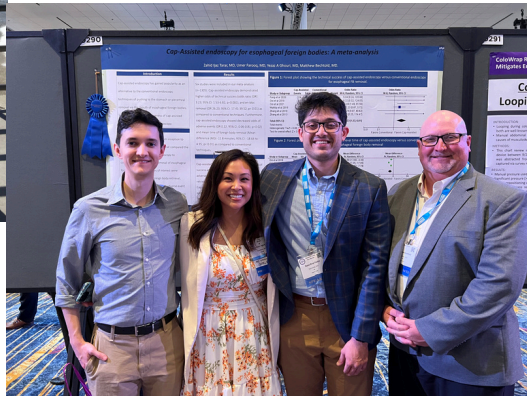
A life-long Missourian, Matt was born in the small town of Boonville, MO. After graduating from Boonville High School, he attended Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, MO. Working his way through school as a restaurant delivery driver, he graduated with honors from SEMO with a degree in zoology.

Subsequently, he attended graduate school for one year at SEMO, specializing in molecular biology. He then moved to Columbia, MO to attend medical school at the University of Missouri, where he was first introduced to the great field of gastroenterology. Once completed, he elected to stay and complete his internal medicine residency at Mizzou. Upon completion, Matt served in the hybrid role of Chief Resident of Internal Medicine and cardiac service hospitalist for one year. Given his interest in GI, he continued his education in a gastroenterology fellowship at Mizzou.

His passion for teaching and research led him to stay in academics at Mizzou. During his 15-year career at the University of Missouri Division of Gastroenterology, Matt experienced accelerated promotion to Professor of Clinical Medicine, becoming one of the fastest in the system to achieve this honor. He also completed a nutrition fellowship. In 2023, Matt became full-time at the HSTVA while staying as an Adjunct Professor of Clinical Medicine at Mizzou.

Over his career, Matt has published nearly 400 manuscripts, book chapters, and abstracts. He has given many annual lectures at the Mizzou Medical School and numerous national talks. He serves in multiple national GI societies where he has received the prestigious honor of Fellowship in all major American GI and nutrition societies (AGAF, FASGE, FACG, FASPEN). He served as Chair of multiple national committees, including ASPEN's Enteral Nutrition Committee, ASPEN's Conference Planning Committee, and ASGE's Abstract Review Committee for quality improvement.

Matt does enjoy life outside of work as well. With his wife, Lisa, and his two children, Alexandria and Zachary, he enjoys traveling and going to children's events, such as his daughter's horse-riding competitions or son's golfing events. He also likes to stay busy with sports, where he has won multiple tournaments and championships throughout his life in golf, baseball, basketball, soccer, and softball. Being a dedicated Missourian, he has a vision to help improve the lives of all gastroenterologists around the state. This is why he is proud to serve in the Missouri GI Society.



President's Corner

As a new GI organization formed by Gastroenterologists from around Missouri, MOGI has developed into a group of highly motivated and engaged physicians focusing on bringing together gastroenterologists to educate, advocate, and develop a fellowship between the various physicians from across the state. MOGI is an opportunity for us to develop a voice as both gastroenterologists and patient advocates serving all parts of the state. As we get stronger, another important goal is to advocate for us about GI reimbursement, insurance and payer issues, and GI regulatory structures state-wide.

We gathered a group from academic and private/employed physicians and recently discussed cutting edge data on management of immune mediated inflammatory bowel diseases; with the wonderful Dr Aline Charabaty; an expert in IBD. We still relish the fun we had with the funny and quirky "Doc Schmidt"; and how he taught us to channel the power of social media in today's fast moving environment.

Coming up, we are having the always dynamic Dr. Andy Tau; "DrBloodandGuts" himself, talking about how to use all the tools and tricks out there for our everyday GI practices. Come join us to be educated and entertained; become an active member today.

To do this work in advocating for our specialty, we need the help from all the GI physicians in the state. We must have a voice at the table in Jefferson City as well as various private and academic institutions in the state providing GI centered care. We can only be a strong team if we all work together; so I urge you to come join us at MOGI to bring community success for all of us and our patients!

***Sheetal Sharma, MD FACG
President, Missouri GI Society (MOGI)***

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.***