

**DIGESTIVE HEALTH PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATION**  
*Independent GI Practices, Improving Patient Lives*

**Next Generation Leadership Conference**  
**Hilton Minneapolis | 1001 S Marquette Ave | Minneapolis, MN**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17th**

**6:00pm – 8:00pm: Welcome Reception | Symphony I (2nd Floor)**

DHPA will hold a welcome reception for the attendees of the DHPA Next Generation Leadership Conference to network with each other and DHPA leadership.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 | Symphony III (2nd Floor)**

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm: Next Generation Networking Meeting (Optional)**

Join Dr. Esther Connor and Dr. Daniel Van Handel of MNGI Digestive Health, Dr. Sudha Nahar of Allied Digestive Health and fellow attendees from practices across the country to network and learn more about other member practices.

**11:30 am - 12:15 pm: Lunch**

A buffet lunch will be provided for conference attendees.

**12:00 pm – 12:10pm: Welcome**

Dr. Naresh Gunaratnam, MNGI Digestive Health  
Dr. Daniel Van Handel, MNGI Digestive Health

**12:10 pm – 12:30pm: Introduction to DHPA**

Howard Rubin, Katten Muchin Rosenman  
Dr. Michael Weinstein, Capital Digestive Care  
Dr. Naresh Gunaratnam, MNGI Digestive Health  
Dr. Nadeem Baig, Allied Digestive Health

This session will feature DHPA executive committee members and will provide Next Generation Leaders with an overview of the history of DHPA and its advocacy accomplishments over the past ten years.

**12:30 pm – 1:00 pm: Federal Advocacy 101: Congress and the Administration**

Howard Rubin, Katten Muchin Rosenman

This session will provide DHPA Next Generation Leaders with a foundation for understanding the legislative and regulatory bodies that have jurisdiction over policy issues impacting independent GI practices and strategies used for effective advocacy.

**1:00 pm – 1:30 pm: Federal Rulemaking 101: MPFS/OPPS/ASC**

Howard Rubin, Katten Muchin Rosenman  
Ramana Rameswaran, Katten Muchin Rosenman

Howard Rubin and Ramana Rameswaran will provide a presentation on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System and DHPA's engagement in federal rulemaking.

**1:30 pm – 2:15 pm: Going Two for Two: State-Level Advocacy**

Howard Rubin, Katten Muchin Rosenman  
Charlie Manning, Katten Muchin Rosenman

Howard Rubin and Charlie Manning will discuss the importance of advocacy at the state level, and the various government actors and stakeholders who can have a profound impact on shaping health policy, including Governors, State Legislatures, Medical Boards, Insurance Commissions, state medical societies, hospital associations, and more.

**2:15 pm – 2:30 pm: BREAK**

**2:30 pm – 3:15 pm: Ergonomics 101**

Dr. Jeff Fox, Kaiser Permanente

Endoscopists are at high risk of musculoskeletal issues, and a multifaceted strategy is needed to reduce rates of injury, including better body posture and endoscopic suite layout.

**3:15 pm – 4:15 pm: Leveraging AI for Your Future**

Dr. Mitesh Rao, OMNY Health  
Dr. Sudha Nahar, Allied Digestive Health  
Dr. Vasu Appalaneni, Dayton Gastroenterology

There is great potential for Artificial Intelligence (AI) in diagnosing disease, transcribing prescriptions, improving communication between caregivers and patients, as well as treating patients remotely. This session will explore how AI could be used to augment your team sustainably and leverage your data to improve care delivery.

**4:15 pm – 5:15pm: Value-Based Care and Independent GI**

Dr. Larry Kosinski, Retired Gastroenterologist, Serial Entrepreneur, Founder of SonarMD, VOCnomics  
Dr. Monina Pascua, The Oregon Clinic  
Dr. Nadeem Baig, Allied Digestive Health  
Dr. Michael Weinstein, Capital Digestive Care

Value based care has been on the horizon for ten years, yet nearly all the work done by gastroenterologists is reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis. This session will examine the trending forces that could threaten the viability of independent GI practices and what future opportunities may be available with respect to embracing value-based care.

**5:15 pm – 5:30pm: Closing**

Dr. Naresh Gunaratnam, MNGI Digestive Health

**6:00 pm – 9:30 pm: Cocktail Reception & Welcome Dinner | The Gallery (Lobby Level)**

Next Generation Leadership Conference attendees are invited to join additional leaders from our DHPA member practices at a reception and dinner hosted by the DHPA Board of Directors.