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Introduction: Dispatches from the GUILD Conference 2021



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Welcome to the Fifth annual **Dispatches from GUILD** series! The Gastrointestinal Updates-Inflammatory Bowel Disease-Liver Disease (GUILD) Conference is an annual CME conference held in Maui, Hawaii every February (GUILD 2021: February 14-17). While the challenges of this time made the meeting primarily virtual, we were still able to offer cutting edge updates in gastroenterology by world class speakers. Our topics this year included 2 days of IBD updates, a day of hepatology and a day devoted to cancer surveillance (esophageal, gastric, colonic and hepatic).

We understand that trainees are our future. Ten Gastroenterology fellows were selected to attend the meeting and receive daily mentoring and networking from our star faculty. GUILD also recognizes the role played by nurse practitioners and physician assistants in the care of IBD and

liver patients and introduced a boot camp in 2019, awarding 10 scholarships to advanced practice providers to attend the meeting.

To share our learning with the gastroenterology community at large, we are happy to continue our series beginning with the following article, “**Managing Postoperative Crohn’s Disease Made Easy**”.

We look forward to providing informative and educational articles covering IBD, Hepatology and special topics in GI in Practical Gastroenterology over the following months. We look forward to seeing you all in person for **GUILD 2022 in Maui February 20-23**. ■

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