## INTRODUCTION: DISPATCHES FROM THE GUILD CONFERENCE

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elcome to the eighth annual **Dispatches** from GUILD Conference series. The Gastrointestinal Updates-Bowel-Liver Inflammatory Disease (GUILD) Conference is an annual CME conference held in Maui, Hawaii every February (GUILD 2024: February 18-21). We are delighted to offer a hybrid meeting with over 250 health care providers attending live. GUILD again provides cutting edge updates in gastroenterology by world class speakers. Our topics this year include 2 days of IBD updates, a day of hepatology and a day devoted to general gastroenterology. 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 APPs 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, "Liver Masses: Work up and When to Worry".

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 hope to see you all in person for GUILD 2024 in Maui February 18-21.

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