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## WGO NEWS





**WGO CLIMATE COURSE FOR GLOBAL GASTROENTEROLOGY**  
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## TOP NEWS

### What's next for minimally invasive gastroenterology procedures?

Becker's GI & Endoscopy

New gastroenterology therapies and procedures come to light every year, but their receptions vary. Abhishek Gulati, MD, chief of gastroenterology at Saint Agnes Medical Center in Fresno, Calif., connected with *Becker's* to discuss the future of minimally invasive gastroenterology procedures.

### FDA approves first orally administered fecal microbiota product to prevent *C. diff* recurrence

Gastroenterology & Endoscopy News

The FDA approved the first fecal microbiota product that is taken orally to prevent recurrent *Clostridioides difficile* infection (rCDI) in people who are 18 years of age and older, following antibacterial treatment for rCDI. "Today's approval provides patients and healthcare providers a new way to help prevent recurrent *C. difficile* infection," said Peter Marks, MD, PhD, the director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research. [Read More](#)

### Endoscopic strategies broaden the pancreatic cancer diagnostic and treatment paradigms

OncLive

In pancreatic cancer, the role of the endoscopist continues to evolve as technologies like endoscopic ultrasound — guided biopsies present clinicians with increasingly accurate information to characterize the tumor microenvironments of individual patients and determine effective targeted therapies, according to Tamas A. Gonda, M.D., who spoke about personalized treatment in early pancreatic cancer. [Read More](#)

### The emergence of biosimilars in gastroenterology

HCPLive

The biologic revolution that has brought on numerous new medications in gastroenterology to treat diseases like inflammatory bowel disease may soon pave the way for a similar rush of biosimilars. While biosimilars are commonly used to treat diseases in rheumatology, gastroenterology may have lagged behind. [Read More](#)

### Severe bowel condition on the rise in the UK

University of Liverpool via Medical Xpress

Experts have raised concerns about the number of people suffering with undiagnosed microscopic colitis, a debilitating bowel condition thought to affect thousands of adults in the U.K. The national charity Guts UK has published a resource for patients during Microscopic Colitis Awareness Week to raise awareness of the disease and is calling for more research into prevention, faster diagnoses and developments in treatments. [Read More](#)

## Benefits and challenges of apps, digital therapeutics in IBD patient care

Gastroenterology & Endoscopy News

The rise of healthcare apps and digital therapeutics has made it easier than ever for patients with inflammatory bowel disease to access information about their health, but it also has prompted efforts to optimize the value of these products. [Read More](#)

## FDA approves Padagis' generic budesonide rectal foam for ulcerative colitis

Healio

Padagis received FDA approval of its abbreviated new drug application for budesonide 2mg rectal foam for the induction of remission in patients with mild to moderate ulcerative colitis, according to a manufacturer release. [Read More](#)

## Case report: Clinical cure of a chronic hepatitis B patient with normal serum alanine aminotransferase treated with pegylated interferon alfa-2a

Gastroenterology Nursing

Clinically, it is often found that in some patients with chronic HBV infection, although their ALT is normal, liver biopsy indicates that the liver tissue has significant liver inflammation, fibrosis and even early cirrhosis. Such CHB patients with normal liver function should be treated with antiviral therapy in time to delay disease progression and improve prognosis. [Read More](#)

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Indonesian Digestive Disease Week (IDDW) 2023

**When:** May 9-13, 2023

**Location:** Indonesia

**Organizer(s):** Indonesian Society of Gastroenterology

### BSG Live 2023

**When:** June 19-22, 2023

**Location:** Liverpool, United Kingdom

**Organizer(s):** British Society of Gastroenterology

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### 2023 International Liver Congress

**When:** June 21-25, 2023

**Location:** Vienna, Austria

**Organizer(s):** EASL

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## GUT 2023

**When:** August 18-20, 2023

**Location:** Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**Organizer(s):** Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology & Hepatology

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