

**DEBBIE'S DREAM FOUNDATION OFFERS A FREE PATIENT RESOURCE EDUCATION PROGRAM TO PATIENTS, FAMILIES, AND CAREGIVERS**

*Patients, Families and Caregivers are Provided Free Information and Support Services*

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL. PRNewswire – Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF), a non-profit organization that raises awareness and funds for stomach cancer, is proud to offer the Patient Resource Education Program (PREP) which provides stomach cancer patients, families, and caregivers with free information and support services. Upon PREP registration, the inquirer and/or patient are matched with a PREP Mentor using disease specific criteria. Mentors are stomach cancer survivors or caregivers who can offer advice, tips, and support.

Since the program's inception in 2010, PREP has provided services to over 450 patients, their caregivers, and family members. DDF offers its services in more than 35 states and 20 countries including China, Greece, India, Morocco, and Trinidad. To date over 200 of the new registrants are diagnosed with stage IV stomach cancer and are generally referred to PREP by family members and/or caregivers as well as their doctors and hospitals.

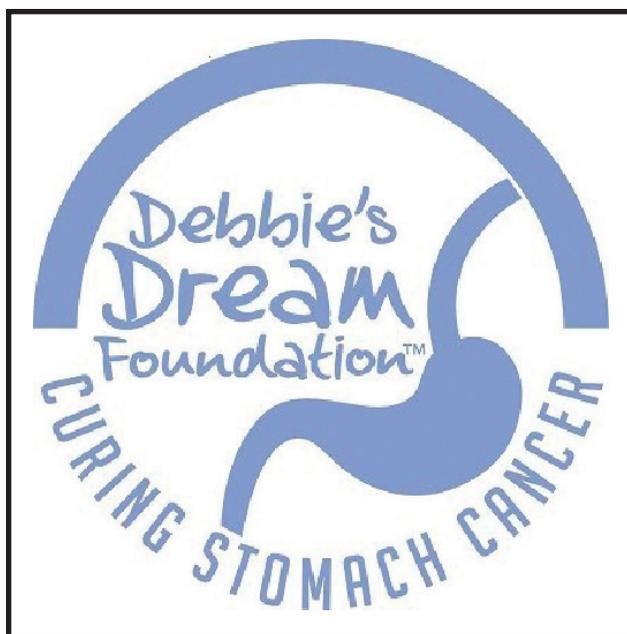
"I started volunteering with Debbie's Dream Foundation in 2012 as a PREP Mentor and Maryland Chapter Founder. I am so excited to see that so many others have joined this incredible experience to help stomach cancer patients, families, and caregivers in a time when they need it the most," said Gae Rogers. "As a stomach cancer survivor, I understand the difficulties that others are facing. I find it highly rewarding to share my journey and experience with them."

Among many other sponsors, EMD Serono has partnered with DDF as a Sapphire Sponsor for the PREP Program.

If you or someone you know would like to join DDF's FREE Patient Resource Education Program, visit:

**[debbiesdream.org/portal/patient-resource-education-program-prep](http://debbiesdream.org/portal/patient-resource-education-program-prep)**

**[practicalgastro.com](http://practicalgastro.com)**



**About Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer**

Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about stomach cancer, advancing funding for research, and providing education and support internationally to patients, families, and caregivers. Debbie's Dream Foundation seeks as its ultimate goal to make the cure for stomach cancer a reality.

DDF was founded in 2009 by Debbie Zelman after she was diagnosed with stage IV incurable stomach cancer in 2008 and given only weeks to live. DDF now has chapters throughout the United States, Canada, and Germany and a Medical Advisory Board of world renowned doctors. Considered a "Super Survivor," Debbie is still receiving chemotherapy eight and a half years later and is thrilled to be able to watch her three children grow up.

To learn more about DDF, please visit us at:  
**[www.DebbiesDream.org](http://www.DebbiesDream.org)**

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***Gastroenterology Updates in IBD and Liver Disease***

MAUI, HAWAII – Wailea Marriott, February 19-22, 2017. We are pleased to introduce The GUILD Conference, a new annual 4-day CME medical conference endorsed by the AGA Institute.

- Interact with our world-class faculty
- Cutting edge, interactive clinical sessions and workshops
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease including Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn’s Disease
- Liver Disease including Viral Hepatitis

**Dr. Uma Mahadevan** will be speaking on the management of the pregnant patient with inflammatory bowel disease and will lead an interactive discussion of complex case management with the IBD faculty.

**Dr. Norah Terrault** will be speaking on treatment of hepatitis B and will lead an interactive discussion of complex case management with the hepatology faculty.

**SESSION DESCRIPTIONS**

***IBD and Viral Hepatitis: The Year in Review***

Discussion of the key developments, including novel therapeutic approaches, optimization of medication and understanding where to place new medications in the therapeutic armamentarium. Two faculty will review and discuss the hottest topics from the year’s scientific meetings and publications.

***Seminars***

Faculty explore in depth varied topics of intense interest to the practicing gastroenterologist.

***Workshops: Try This At Home!***

A how-to-session with experienced faculty to learn chromoendoscopy and how to make changes in your practice to incorporate new therapeutic guidelines in the evolving healthcare marketplace.

***Guidelines***

An up-to-date, strictly evidence-based review of the medical literature using the latest society guidelines.

***Hot Seat and Case Presentations***

Faculty, with audience participation, discuss actual

cases to help decide optimal diagnostic and therapeutic strategies in challenging scenarios.

**FACULTY**

**Chair: Uma Mahadevan, MD**  
***Inflammatory Bowel Disease***

- Uma Mahadevan, MD, Program Chair
- Adam Cheifetz, MD
- Edward Loftus, MD
- Miguel Regueiro, MD
- George Martin, MD
- David Rubin, MD
- Fernando Velayos, MD
- Arthur Kavanaugh, MD

**Co-Chair: Norah Terrault, MD**  
***Viral Hepatitis***

- Jordan Feld, MD
- Andrew Muir, MD
- Fred Poordad, MD
- Nancy Reau, MD
- Mark Sulkowski, MD

***Accreditation Statement***

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the University of Cincinnati and Excellence in Gastroenterology Education, LLC. The University of Cincinnati is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Cincinnati designates this live activity for a maximum of 20.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Guild Conference 2017 has Special/Reduced Rates at the Wailea Marriott**

For more details, visit our website at:  
**GUILDConference.com**