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2. Hepatitis C virus – An update on prophylaxis and therapy - **Prof. Atul Sachdev**, Director Principal, GMCH, Chandigarh
3. GI pathogens in Hospital Care – Screening and Management - **Prof. Pallab Ray**, Professor, Microbiology Dept., PGIMER, Chandigarh
4. Preterm gut microbiota: Prevention of Necrotising Enterocolitis and sepsis - **Dr. Neelam Kler**, Chairperson, Neonatology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi
5. Gastro Intestinal Bleed – Infective aetiology and its management - **Prof. S K Sinha**, Professor, Gastroenterology, PGIMER, Chandigarh
6. Stepping out of Lab: Bedside interpretation of antibiogramme - **Prof. Chand Wattal**, Senior Consultant, Microbiology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi
7. Debate: Management of Acute Infective Necrotising Pancreatitis: Surgeon's versus Physician's Perspective - **Prof. Rajoo S Chhina**, Dean & Gastroenterologist, DMC, Ludhiana and **Dr. Mohit Sharma**, GI Surgeon, SGRDIMSR, Amritsar
8. Enhanced Liver Fibrosis Test: A novel non-invasive solution for evaluating liver fibrosis - **Dr. Richard Rumong**, Mumbai
9. Multiplex detection of GI pathogens in clinical stool specimens - **Dr. Anil Tarigopula**, Consultant, Apollo Hospitals, Chennai
10. GI Fungal infections - **Prof. Jagdish Chander**, HOD Microbiology, GMCH, Chandigarh
11. Approach to management of Hepatic Hydatidosis - **Prof. Gabriel Sunil Rodrigues**, GI Surgeon. Kasturba Medical College, Manipal
12. Faecal Transplants – Recent advances in Management of IBD - **Prof. Chetna Vaishnavi**, Microbiology Division, Gastroenterology, PGIMER, Chandigarh
13. Genetically modified food and altered gut milieu - **Prof. Rekha Harish**, HOD, Paediatrics, GMCH, Jammu

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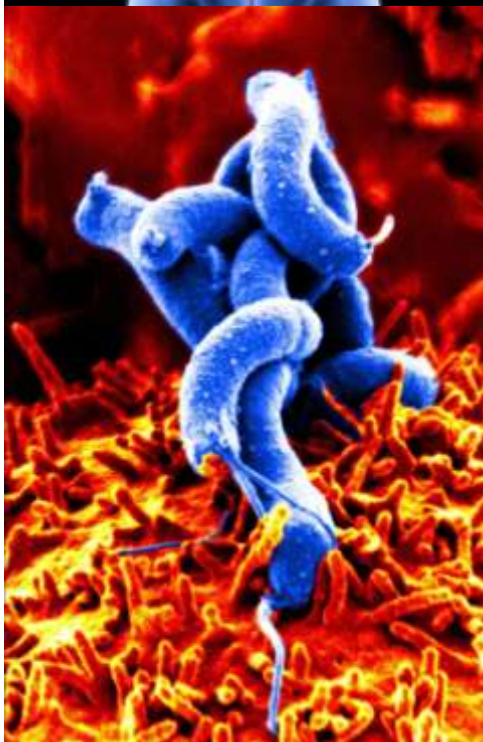
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Long-term Effects of Fecal Transplants Questioned

Fecal transplants are increasingly being used to treat *Clostridium difficile* infection. The novel approach stands in marked contrast to standard of care, which is treatment with powerful antibiotics such as vancomycin and metronidazole. Yet not everyone is convinced that the approach is ready for regular clinical use.

In an editorial published online October 20 in the BMJ, Tim Spector, MD, from King's College in London, United Kingdom, and Rob Knight, PhD, from the University of California, San Diego, call for high-quality trials to provide more complete information on the long-term effects of fecal transplants.

"As well as refining faecal transplants to include most of the key beneficial microbes, we urgently need more expertise and centres, proper screening of donors, and good long term trials and monitoring procedures in order to provide sensible advice," they write. "Otherwise, especially given the ease of performing the procedure at home following instructions on the internet, patients with many chronic complaints may lose patience and take matters into their own hands with unpredictable consequences." At this time, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted fecal transplant a temporary exemption from its status as an investigational drug.

Patients typically receive fecal transplants for *C difficile* infections, yet there are few studies to support its efficacy as a treatment for early and very resistant infections. Moreover, studies in support of the use of fecal transplants in other settings, such as for treatment for allergy and obesity, are even sparser.

Dr Spector and Dr Knight also point to the risks from the procedure, including infection and the possibility of weight gain, as highlighted by a few cases. Elizabeth Louise Hohmann, MD, from Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, performs fecal transplants using a capsule. "We certainly need a lot more information — follow-up, careful studies — particularly for other indications," explained Dr Hohmann in an interview with Medscape Medical News. "I think it is a fast-moving field," she added.

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF GISI MEMBERS

1. Dr Rajoo Singh. Dean (Academics) DMCH Ludhiana was elected Secretary of Nutritional Society of India and UN adviser to Government of Punjab.
2. Prof. A. K. Sood, DMC, Ludhiana and Prof. Rakesh Kochhar, PGIMER Chandigarh jointly organized the 5th National IBD Meet on September 12-13, 2015 at The Lalit Hotel, Chandigarh. More than 600 delegates participated in the Meet.
3. Prof. A. K. Sood chaired the session on Management of IBD and was a panelist for Dinner Symposium during the Meet. He also chaired a session on ECCO Consensus during the 41st ECCO Educational workshop held on September 13, 2015 at Chandigarh.
4. Prof. S.V Rana chaired a session on Nutrition and IBD during the 5th National IBD Meet at Chandigarh.
5. Prof. Rakesh Kochhar, chaired a session on ECCO Consensus during the 41st ECCO Educational workshop held on September 13, 2015.
6. Prof. Govind Makharia, AIIMS New Delhi, discussed a case on the management of treatment refractory moderate ulcerative colitis during the workshop.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5th Biennial Conference of
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2. Life Membership fees of GISI are INR 3000.00 payable by bank draft or cheque at par in favour of "Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India" payable at Chandigarh, INDIA.
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4. All GISI members are requested to pass on any news that they desire to be published in the newsletter. This will include information of awards received, fellowships obtained or travel abroad for academic purposes and any other information that may be of interest to the members.
5. Indian Life Members desirous of receiving Certificate of Membership may send a Demand Draft of INR 250.00 in advance. Foreign Members may send USD 25.00 in favour of 'Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India', payable at Chandigarh, addressed to Prof. C. Vaishnavi, Dept. of Gastroenterology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh-160012, India. Kindly quote your Life Membership No. along with the request.

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