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patient awareness

## World Digestive Health Day 2009

**Irritable Bowel Syndrome**



**WGO Program E-Newsletter**

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### WGO Calls upon the GI Community to Raise IBS-Awareness on World Digestive Health Day, May 29, 2009



On May 29, 2009, WGO celebrates World Digestive Health Day together with its 107 national societies in raising global awareness about IBS. A spectacular variety of almost 30 events will take place on six continents and bring the GI community together in fighting IBS as a global problem.

» [Register your WDHD event here](#)

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### WGO Publishes a New IBS-Guideline



To mark the World Digestive Health day 2009, WGO is pleased to present the publication of an IBS-Guideline. This guideline includes clinical cascades for treatment at every resource level and can be used as reference by healthcare professionals all over the world. The IBS Practice Guideline Review Team was written by a team of experts from 14 different countries and chaired by Eamonn Quigley. This new Practice Guideline is now available in English and will be available in French, Mandarin, Portuguese Spanish, and Russian in July 2009.

» [Find the IBS-Guideline here](#)

### New World Digestive Health Day Tools

Two new WDHD tools for doctors have been published on the WGO website:

**Questions Patients Ask about IBS** and a **Test for Diagnosing IBS**. WGO invites all physicians to use these tools when diagnosing IBS and answering patient's questions about IBS. We also invite you to give us feedback about these tools.



- » [Questions Patients Ask about IBS](#)
- » [Test for Diagnosing IBS](#)

**WGO wishes much success to all national societies** organizing events on World Digestive Health Day and invites all of its 50,000 members to continue working to raise global awareness throughout 2009.

## Monthly Research Review

### Article: Development of functional gastrointestinal disorders after *Giardia lamblia* infection.

Authors: Hanevik K, et al.

Source: *BMC Gastroenterology* 2009, 9:27

Professor Shobna Bhatia from India is one of the key authors of the WGO IBS guideline team. This study from Norway aims to characterize persistent abdominal symptoms elicited by *Giardia* infection according to Rome II criteria and symptoms scores. We are pleased to present this open access article to the global gastroenterology community.



Dr. Shobna Bhatia

Dr. Bhatia:

**"We did not know *Giardia lamblia* infection was an IBS risk factor. This article shows it is. It infects the small bowel; large bowel symptoms were unexpected."**

» [Read the entire article here](#)

### ■ IDCA: A Large Medical Trial in Linqu County, China, Points to a New Quadruple Therapy to Eradicate *Helicobacter Pylori*



*Helicobacter pylori*

Gastric cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths worldwide, the ninth leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. and the leading cause of cancer deaths in China. The newly released results of a recent IDCA-supported study point to the efficacy of a new quadruple therapy regime in eradicating the primary risk factor for gastric cancer, *Helicobacter pylori* (H. pylori).

With the support of Prof. Meinhard Classen, in late 2009, IDCA will host a symposium about the Linqu Country trial where the trial results will be reviewed in more detail.

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### ■ World Gastroenterology News-Volume 14 Issue 1 Available Online on May 25, 2009

In honour of World Digestive Health Day, WGO is pleased to present the newest edition of our bi-annual newsletter, World Gastroenterology News (WGN), with a special focus on IBS.



#### Highlights:

- Professors René Lambert and Robert Kurtz present a detailed review of tumors of the exocrine pancreas.
- Dr. Bill Brugge and his colleague Dr. Saleemuddin from the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston review the hot topic of medical therapy for autoimmune pancreatitis
- Dr. Per Olav Vandvik, Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Oslo, discusses current challenges in the diagnosis and treatment of IBS.
- The WGO librarian, Justus Krabshuis, continues his outstanding series on gastroenterology on the Internet, with an overview of how to search intelligently for IBS-related publications.
- John Baillie, Editor in Chief, tells us how with a little bit of luck and a great deal of help, his mentors, Steven Silvis and Jack Vennes, changed his life
- Tom Finn, Head of Global Healthcare at Proctor Gamble, reveals how industry and doctors can work together to improve global health
- As additional supportive material, a "highlights" version of WGO IBS Guideline has been included for easy reference.

» [Visit the WGO website on May 25 to read this issue online](#)

### ■ Visit the WGO Booth at Digestive Disease Week



WGO invites colleagues to visit our booth # 2249 in the McCormick Place Exhibition Hall at DDW from Sunday May 31 to Wednesday June 3. Please stop by the booth to pick up your copy of WGO's IBS-Toolkit which contains a variety of tools aimed at helping doctors diagnosing and treating IBS patients. The IBS Toolkit includes: **WGO's IBS Global Guideline, IBS Clinical Handbook, Questions Patients Ask about IBS** and a **Test for Diagnosing IBS**.

### ■ First WGO Latin American Training Center Directors Meeting

In March 2009, the La Paz WGO/JICA Training Center held its annual three day International Course on Advances in Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy. La Paz Center Director, Dr Guido Villa-Gomez, generously used the occasion to host the first of what is hoped to be an annual meeting of the WGO Latin American Training Center Directors. Together with the course participants, the Training Center Directors also had the opportunity to participate in the La Paz Center's annual outreach program in Copacabana where medical services were offered free of charge to local residents.



Faculty and trainees in Copacabana

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### ■ GASTRO 2009

**GASTRO 2009**  
UEGW/WCOG, London

Core Scientific Programme  
Lecture details available online

End of early registration: May 15, 2009  
End of Abstract Submission: June 8, 2009



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