

# 2014 Speakers



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Dr. Baxter is a Staff Surgeon and Division Chief, Division of General Surgery, Department of Surgery, St. Michael's Hospital. She is a Scientist in the Keenan Research Centre of the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital and an Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation and Institute of Medical Science, University of Toronto. Dr. Baxter is also an Adjunct Scientist, Cancer Theme Group, Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences. Her clinical specialty is Colorectal surgery



**David Robbins, M.D.**, M.Sc., is board certified in Gastroenterology and Internal Medicine. He received his B.A. in History from Columbia College and earned his M.D. with honors (AOA) and distinction in research from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in Manhattan. Dr. Robbins completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and his fellowship in Gastroenterology at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. He also completed an advanced fellowship in Endoscopic Ultrasound at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston and was a clinical research fellow in anti-cancer drug development at the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Robbins is an Attending Physician at Lenox Hill Hospital, where he also serves as the Associate Chief of Endoscopy and is the Program Director for the GI fellowship training program. He is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the New York University School of Medicine and is on the faculty of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (FASGE). He has been invited to speak internationally and has published and lectured widely. In 2010 Dr. Robbins was honored for distinguished service as the ASGE Ambassador to Cairo, Egypt.



**Ian Bookman, MD** is a gastroenterologist in Toronto who specializes in diseases of the digestive system, including general gastroenterology, hepatology (the study of the liver) and endoscopy. Dr. Bookman provides patient care and performs endoscopic procedures at St. Joseph's Health Centre as well as at the Kensington Screening Clinic. He received his medical degree and fellowships in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology from the University of Toronto, and is also certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He completed a research grant in hepatology at the University of Sydney in Sydney, Australia as well as a fellowship at the University of Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain. Dr. Bookman is an Adjunct Lecturer with the University of Toronto, and was the 2011 recipient of the St. Joseph's Health Centre Best Clinical Teacher Award. He is the Medical Director of the Kensington Screening Centre, a nonprofit independent health facility devoted toward improving patient care. He is married with one daughter and lives in Toronto.

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**Dr. Jeff Kolbasnik** (OAGS Immediate Past President/ OMA Section Chair) – As of February, 2013, Dr. Kolbasnik has been Past OAGS President (and newly elected Section Chair on General Surgery). Dr. Kolbasnik was OAGS President for five years since 2008. Prior to that, he held the term of Vice President for 3 years and Secretary for 2 years. He has been a board member since graduating in 2000, prior to which he had been our first ever Resident Representative. With an inclination to tariff matters, he had been successfully co-chairing this committee since 2001 up until this year. Dr. Kolbasnik also participates on several other committees: tariff, manpower resources, nominating, political activity, program & education (AGM), CAGS, CCO, CPSO, on-call, sponsorship and OMA Council delegate. Dr. Kolbasnik is on staff at Halton Healthcare Services, Milton Site

Dr. Jeff Kolbasnik is a general surgeon at the Milton District Hospital. He has also held the roles of Chief of Surgery Associate Chief of Staff. Jeff is also the President of the Professional Staff Association.

Dr. Kolbasnik is involved in a number of provincial and national medical organizations, including as a member of the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Council, OMA Surgical Assembly, OMA General Surgery Tariff Chair, and Board Member of the Canadian Association of General Surgeons. Dr. Kolbasnik is currently President of the Ontario Association of General Surgeons.

Dr. Jeff Kolbasnik joined the Board in 2010 and serves on the Quality & Risk Management Committee and Joint Conference Committee.



**Dr. Michael Gould** is currently the Medical Director and President of the Vaughan Endoscopy Clinic, Vice President of The Toronto Digestive Disease Associates Research Group, and a Board member of the Canadian Digestive Health Foundation. He graduated from Medicine at University of Toronto in 1985 and completed his GI fellowship in 1991. He has a busy clinical practice, including over 1400 colonoscopies per year. Dr. Gould is a current member of the CPSO committee setting the standards for out-patient facilities. He has participated in quality and standards initiatives with the CPSO, Cancer Care Ontario, Canadian Association of Gastroenterology and Ontario Association of Gastroenterology (OAG), since 1999. He speaks frequently on the topic of quality endoscopy. He is a Past Chief of Medicine at the William Osler Health Centre, Past president of the OAG, and past co-chair of the Specialist coalition of Ontario.