

# Module 1

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## INTERNATIONAL BOWEL ULTRASOUND GROUP

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Calgary, Alberta



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**Friday, April 10**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of our entire faculty team, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Calgary, Alberta for the Module 1 IBUS Course.

We are delighted to host you for this two-day, hands-on program dedicated to advancing excellence in intestinal ultrasound.

We are especially honoured to welcome an outstanding group of international faculty who bring a wealth of expertise and experience in IBUS. We are grateful to Dr. Michael Winter, Dr. Amelia Kellar, Dr. Federica Furfaro, and Dr. Rune Wilkens for joining us from around the world to share their knowledge and practical insights.

We are also thrilled to include pediatric hands-on scanning in this year’s program. Special thanks to Dr. Jennifer Debruyn from the Alberta Children's Hospital for her leadership and commitment to advancing intestinal ultrasound in pediatric care.

This course would not be possible without the tremendous support of our Canadian Co-Chairs, Dr. Cathy Lu and Dr. Joelle St-Pierre, along with our dedicated Canadian faculty representing Alberta, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, and Quebec. Their collaboration and commitment to education continue to strengthen our national IBUS community.

Over the next two days, we encourage you to fully engage—ask questions, share experiences, and take advantage of the hands-on scanning opportunities. The strength of this program lies not only in the expertise of our faculty but also in the collective knowledge and enthusiasm of everyone in the room.

We hope you enjoy your time in Calgary and leave feeling inspired, empowered, and ready to further integrate intestinal ultrasound into your clinical practice.

Warm regards,

Dr. Kerri Novak  
President, IBUS  
Calgary, Alberta

**IBUS Hands-on Workshop Module 1 “Introduction to Intestinal Ultrasonography”**

<b>7:50 AM – 8:00 AM</b>	Departure from Lobby of Alt Hotel University District	
<b>8:00 AM – 8:15 AM</b>	Registration - Foothills Hospital	Theatre 3
<b>8:15 AM – 8:25 AM</b>	Welcome to Calgary	Kerri Novak
<b>8:25 AM – 8:45 AM</b>	Pre Course Test	Carla Nash
<b>8:45 AM – 9:05 AM</b>	IUS in the Management of IBD: a changing paradigm, transmural healing as the key treatment target.	Kenneth Ernest
<b>9:05 AM – 9:25 AM</b>	The Basics I: How to perform IUS, fundamentals of bowel & the mesentery	Jennifer Debruyn
<b>9:25 AM – 9:40 AM</b>	Nutritional Break	
<b>9:40 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	Intestinal Ultrasound in Crohn’s Disease	Cathy Lu
<b>10:00 AM – 10:10 AM</b>	The Basics II: There are so many buttons!!! How to capture and optimize your image	Rune Wilkens
<b>10:10 AM – 11:30 AM</b>	<b>Hands-on #1: Crohn’s disease</b>	CD Patients
<b>11:35 AM – 11:55 AM</b>	Complications and Crohn’s disease	Kerri Novak
<b>11:55 AM – 12:55 PM</b>	Lunch	
<b>12:55 PM – 1:05 PM</b>	Gold Sponsor Presentation	Pfizer
<b>1:05 PM – 1:25 PM</b>	Intestinal Ultrasound in Ulcerative Colitis	Michael Winter
<b>1:25 PM – 2:25 PM</b>	<b>Hands-on #2: Ulcerative Colitis</b>	UC patients
<b>2:25 PM – 2:35 PM</b>	Nutritional Break	
<b>2:35PM – 2:55 PM</b>	Should I be using an activity index? Scoring disease in UC and CD – is there utility.	Rune Wilkens
<b>2:55 PM – 3:05 PM</b>	Gold Sponsor Presentation	Johnson & Johnson
<b>3:05 PM – 4:15 PM</b>	<b>Hands-on #3: Mixed Bag of IBD</b>	IBD patients
<b>4:15 PM – 4:35 PM</b>	Be it resolved: It’s a numbers game to competence, versus no it’s a skill game with no clear number	Matt Smyth vs. Michael Stewart
<b>4:35 PM – 4:45 PM</b>	Gold Sponsor Presentation	Celltrion
<b>4:45 PM – 5:00 PM</b>	Reflections of Day 1	Kerri Novak
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Departure to the Hotel	
<b>6:10 PM</b>	Meet in the lobby of the Alt Hotel for shuttle service to dinner. Business casual dress code.	Saltlik Restaurant



**Saturday, April 11**

**IBUS Hands-on Workshop Module 1 “Introduction to Intestinal Ultrasonography”**

<b>8:30 AM – 8:35 AM</b>	Welcome back- Day 2	Kerri Novak
<b>8:35 AM – 8:55 AM</b>	Post-operative Crohn’s disease: why is the anastomosis so hard to find?	Federica Furfaro
<b>8:55 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Hands-on #4: Video cases post operative Crohn’s disease Break Out Rooms</b>	VIDEOS
<b>10:00 AM – 10:15 AM</b>	Nutritional Break	
<b>10:15 AM – 10:25 AM</b>	Gold Sponsor Presentation	Abbvie
<b>10:25 AM – 10:45 AM</b>	IBD in pediatrics and pregnancy	Amelia Kellar
<b>10:45 AM – 11:05 AM</b>	Standardized documentation and reporting	Maxime Delisle
<b>11:05 AM – 12:15 PM</b>	<b>Hands-on #5: IBD-Mixed Bag</b>	Adult and Pediatric IBD Patients
<b>12:15 PM – 13:00 PM</b>	Lunch	
<b>1:00 PM – 1:10 PM</b>	Gold Sponsor Presentation	Takeda
<b>1:10 PM – 1:30 PM</b>	Let’s talk trouble: how to navigate challenging cases. Common problems and pitfalls	Federica Furfaro
<b>1:30 PM – 1:50 PM</b>	Is thick bowel always IBD?	Joelle St-Pierre
<b>1:50 PM – 2:50 PM</b>	<b>Hands-on #6 – Video Cases Library: Differential diagnosis on IUS: Is it always IBD?</b>	Clara Christie Theatre 1
<b>2:50 PM – 3:00 PM</b>	Nutritional Break	
<b>3:00 PM – 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Hands on #7 Team Challenge</b>	IBD patients
<b>4:00 PM – 4:15 PM</b>	IBUS curriculum – What’s next	Federica Furfaro
<b>4:15 PM – 4:50 PM</b>	Post-course test	Carla Nash
<b>4:50 PM – 5:00 PM</b>	That’s a wrap!	Kerri Novak
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Meet in Hotel Lobby for shuttle service to Luca restaurant	

**Faculty Profiles**

**International Faculty/Visiting Lecturers**



**Michael Winter**  
New Hampshire, USA



**Rune Wilkens**  
Copenhagen, Denmark



**Federica Furfaro**  
Milan, Italy



**Amelia Kellar**  
Chicago, Illinois  
Pediatric

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**Kerri Novak**  
Calgary, Alberta



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