## Albert Einstein College of Medicine Wins GI Jeopardy Finals

or the sixth year in a row, ACG
Postgraduate Course attendees have
looked forward to the lively and lighthearted ACG GI Jeopardy competition.
This year's program in San Diego featured
two-member teams of fellows from five
training programs across North America
who scored highest in the preliminary
online round. Represented this year were
Albert Einstein College of Medicine (New
York), The Cleveland Clinic Foundation,
Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education (Rochester), the University of New
Mexico, and the University of Washington.

The five teams squared off in a fight for the buzzer before a live audience of over 300 supporters. ACG's Training Committee Chair, Ronald Szyjkowski, MD, FACG, served as host for the fourth year in a row, entertaining the audience with his quick wit and surprises around every corner.

The live game featured five categories per round with questions covering



treatments. Dr. Szyjkowski even invited audience members to participate during a special San Diego Zoo category, complete with appropriate animal-related prizes. Ultimately, Paul Feuerstadt, MD, and Mitesh Patel, MD, of Albert Einstein College of Medicine took home the championship trophy and earned a \$1,000 grant toward travel to next year's ACG Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course in San Antonio, Texas.

If you'd like to be a contestant in next year's competition, visit the Trainees' sec-

tion of ACG's website at www.acg.gi.org. The online round will begin in the summer of 2010. Even if you don't get involved, come to the live event in San Antonio to see who will take home the championship!

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Dr. Keshavarzian inherited the high school outreach initiative from his predecessor as Chair, Dr. Frank Hamilton, who in turn took the seed of an idea introduced by ACG Past President Dr. Christina Surawicz in 1999 and nurtured it into the meaningful event that it has become.

The evolution of the program to encompass a new audience of medical students did not change its fundamental purpose—to engage young people at an important point in their education to consider gastroenterology and careers in clinical care and research on digestive health. "The most important element of this program is the dedicated faculty. I am grateful for their humor, candor, and insights, all of which evidence their com-

mitment to medicine, to the College, and to nurturing the future of the GI specialty," commented Dr. Keshavarzian.

"Among the many ways that the College reaches out to educate physicians and the public about gastroenterology, this event stands head and shoulders above the crowd as an example of ACG's genuine dedication to cultivating the future of our specialty. I congratulate everyone involved," commented ACG Immediate Past President, Eamonn M.M. Ouigley.

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