

# Cleveland Clinic Foundation Wins GI Jeopardy Finals

For the seventh year running, ACG's Postgraduate Course and Annual Meeting attendees have looked forward to the lively and lighthearted ACG GI Jeopardy competition. This year's program in San Antonio 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, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Massachusetts General Hospital, University of Michigan, and University of Virginia.

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



prises around every corner. The live game featured five categories per round with questions covering the gamut of gastrointestinal organs, diseases, and treatments.

One of the highlights of this year's

Amit Bhatt, MD and Binu V. John, MD of Cleveland Clinic Foundation took home the GI Jeopardy trophy at ACG 2010.

game was a GI version of Don't Forget the Lyrics! in which contestants could choose from one of six song clips and fill in missing lyrics to win a free second try at a question later in the game. This humorous musical interlude featured songs like Weird Al Yankovic's "Like a Surgeon" and "Pancreas."

Ultimately, Amit Bhatt, MD, and Binu V. John, MD, of Cleveland Clinic Foundation took home the championship trophy and earned a \$1,000 grant toward travel to next year's ACG Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course in Washington, DC. [ACG](#)

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veterans of the high school event, Past Chair Frank A. Hamilton, MD, MACG, of the NIDDK, Yvonne Romero, MD, FACG of Mayo Clinic Rochester, Oswald L. Haye, MD, of the VA in Orlando, as well as a 4th Year Advanced Endoscopy Fellow Eddie L. Irions, MD, of MUSC in Charleston, SC, who joined the group last year in his first presentation to students at UC San Diego. New this year was Seema A. Dar, MD, FACG, from San Antonio, whose compelling story of perseverance in starting her career and coming to the United States from India to become a gastroenterologist, raise a family, and start a successful GI practice was among the session's highlights.

Representing military medicine, Lt. John T. Bassett, MD, was joined by two colleagues from the United States Navy, Lt. Jennifer Murie and Lt. Helen L. Cann, both of whom are residents in Family Medicine at the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, FL. The Navy physicians shared their perspective on military service as one possible path to support medical education.

The students were very receptive and attentive to the two young female physicians who shared their educational backgrounds and commitment to service in the Navy after medical training.

"This event is a remarkable opportunity each year to enjoy time with young people and hopefully inspire them to consider medical careers, and possibly gastroenterology, for the future," commented Dr. Keshavarzian. "I am honored that I was part of it."

A highlight of the program each year is the technical demonstration. Using equipment graciously loaned by Fujinon, Dr. Irions and Dr. Bassett showed the students how a colonoscope works, and gave them the opportunity to wield the instrument with a model. This always provides lots of questions and comments from the students, who were very interested and eager to explore the technology. Fujinon has supported this program with equip-



Dr. John Bassett and students during the hands-on demonstration at Fox Tech High School.

ment and technical assistance since 2002 and the College is grateful to Kurt Cannon who each year helps coordinate Fujinon's participation, and to Brian Shields and Cory Anson, who brought the equipment to Fox Tech and assisted with the program.

Local news media covered the event and three camera crews were present. An interview with Dr. Irions appeared on local NBC affiliate, WOAI-TV Channel 4. Dr. Romero spoke to a correspondent from a local San Antonio Spanish language station. [ACG](#)