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**Dr. David A. Johnson Elected President of the  
American College of Gastroenterology**

**Las Vegas, NV, October 23, 2006**—David A. Johnson, M.D., FACG of Norfolk, VA was elected by the membership as the 2006-2007 president of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), a national specialty association representing more than 9500 clinical gastroenterologists and other specialists in digestive diseases. Dr. Johnson officially took his position as president during the College's Annual Scientific Meeting, held this week in Las Vegas. In this position, Dr. Johnson will direct ACG's programs which include continuing medical education in the clinical, scientific and patient-related skills of gastroenterology, policies involving national and state medical affairs, managed care issues and clinical investigation.

Dr. Johnson graduated from the University of Virginia in 1976 and the Medical College of Virginia in 1980. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the Naval Regional Medical Center, Portsmouth, Virginia and his fellowship in gastroenterology at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. During his tenure in the Navy, he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal and Navy Commendation Medal for distinguished service. While in Washington, he was on the teaching faculty at the Uniformed Health Sciences University and Georgetown University School of Medicine. Currently, Dr. Johnson is Chief of Gastroenterology and Professor of Medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk.

Dr. Johnson has played a significant role in defining and supporting the legislative and public policy objectives of the College. He worked with the late Virginia Senator Emily Couric and coordinated the first state legislative mandate for colorectal cancer screening requiring colonoscopy as a preferred strategy. Subsequently, he has worked diligently

with the ACG Board of Governors to help with the development of similar legislation in other states.

Dr. Johnson has had an extensive academic role as well and to date, contributed over 300 published articles, reviews, book chapters and abstracts in various areas of digestive disorders and physiology. He was co-editor of the American College of Physicians book “Dyspepsia” and edited the recent GI Clinics of North America text on “Obesity Issues for the Gastroenterologist.” He currently serves as editor for Reviews in Gastroenterological Disorders, as well as section editor for the Journal Watch Gastroenterology, MedScape and Revolution Health. He also serves actively as a reviewer for 13 medical journals. He has been named to “Who’s Who in the Nation,” “Who’s Who in the World” and “Top Doctors in the U.S.” He has received a number of teaching awards including: “Best Resident Teacher” (Portsmouth, VA), Outstanding Faculty Award (Bethesda, MD) and “Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award” (Eastern VA Medical School). Additionally, he has been honored by the Virginia GI Society as a “Master of Gastroenterology” and received the “President’s Award for Distinguished Accomplishment.”

Dr. Johnson also has served on a number of community service boards in the Norfolk area. He has been president of the Norfolk Assembly as well as on the Board of Governors for NYCC and Norfolk Forum.

Dr. Johnson has been an extremely active member of the ACG. He was the Course Co-Director of the ACG Annual Post Graduate Course in 1994 and course co-director/faculty for 22 ACG national conferences for GI fellows in training. His generous contributions of time, effort and creativity to the College encompass service as a member of numerous committees, including serving as an active member of ACG’S Educational Affairs Committee 1989-95, Co-founder and Co-director of the National GI Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee 1990-2001, Chair ad hoc Committee on Pay for Performance and Quality Measures (2005), ACG representative to Multi-Society/ACS Colon Cancer Guidelines Committee (2000-present), ACG representative to the National Quality Forum

(2004-present) and Section Editor of the American Journal of Gastroenterology 1988-2000. Dr. Johnson was ACG Governor for Virginia from 1995 to 1996 and has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1995, where he served from 2002-2006 on the Executive Committee sequentially as Secretary, Vice President, and President-Elect of the College.

“I believe the ACG has an outstanding record of success both in educational and legislative efforts, for achieving changes that optimize the quality care that we provide to our GI patients,” said Dr. Johnson.

Dr. Johnson and his wife, Christine, have a son (Drew) and daughter (Catherine).

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