

# **MEDIA ADVISORY FOR ACG SCIENTIFIC MEETING**

**OCTOBER 18, 2010**

**ABUSE, TRAUMA AND GI SYMPTOMS: IS THERE A LINK?**

***DOUGLAS A. DROSSMAN, MD, FACG PRESENTS***

***THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF GASTROENTEROLOGY LECTURE***

***OVERVIEW OF THE ROLE OF ABUSE HISTORY IN GI DISORDERS, NEW UNDERSTANDING OF THIS LINK AND HOW-TO-GUIDELINES ON HANDLING THIS ISSUE WITH PATIENTS***

**WHAT:** Presenting this year's *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* lecture, **Douglas A. Drossman, M.D., MACG**, who first reported the association between abuse, trauma and GI symptoms, will provide a historical overview of the role of abuse history in GI Disorders and symptom exacerbation, present a new understanding of the underlying mechanisms for this association and offer how-to guidelines on approaching this issue in clinical practice.

Dr. Drossman also will be available to meet with reporters after the lecture. Please contact Jacqueline Gaulin [mediaonly@acg.gi.org](mailto:mediaonly@acg.gi.org) to schedule a phone interview.

**WHEN:** Monday, Oct. 18, 2010  
3:05 pm CDT

**WHERE:** Ballroom C 1 & 2  
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas

**WHO:** **Presenter**  
**Douglas A. Drossman, M.D., MACG**, University North Carolina  
Professor of Medicine & Psychiatry, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology  
Co-Director, UNC Center for Functional GI & Motility Disorders

**DIAL IN:** Teleconference Access Dial-In U.S. Only  
Toll-Free 866-434-5269, Participant Code 9149365

**CONTACT:** Jacqueline Gaulin, ACG  
301-263-9000 (office) or 202-255-5541 (cell) [mediaonly@acg.gi.org](mailto:mediaonly@acg.gi.org) As of Sunday October 17, 2010  
at ACG Press Room, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio 210-528-7028