



ACG Trainee Membership Benefits

Trainee Members of the ACG benefit from the following programs geared toward their enrichment throughout the year.

Education

2nd Year Fellows Course

The course is designed to give 2nd year fellows a special and unique opportunity to interact with leaders from across GI. The format is a mix of breakout sessions and general sessions. Attendees rotate through 5 different breakout sessions in small groups. These sessions have a meet-the-professor format, which are case centered, practical discussions by the experts (i.e. how you would approach this patient and what tests you would order, in addition to the form of therapy). Two-way discussion between the fellows and faculty is encouraged.

GI Jeopardy

The competition consists of two stages, a preliminary online round where all GI programs are invited to compete and a final round where two person teams from the top five scoring programs will compete in front of a live audience at the ACG Annual Postgraduate Course. The test consists of questions on a variety of GI diseases and organs. The preliminary round is designed as a group session for the program's trainees. The winning team members will be awarded \$1,000 travel grants for the next ACG Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course.

North American Conference of GI Fellows

An annual program for fellows, NACGF includes research presentations by the fellows, along with lectures, breakout sessions and coaching by a distinguished faculty of gastroenterologists. A fellow may submit up to three abstracts for consideration. The research should be based on clinical or basic science gastroenterology projects with which the fellow has been involved, including work in progress, work published within the past year or case reports with comprehensive literature reviews.

Career Preparation

Mentoring Program

This program's objective is to provide second and third year fellows-in-training access to faculty from diverse practice models, academic departments, and geographic regions. We hope to foster casual dialogue between mentors and trainees, while affording trainees the opportunity to gain valuable guidance and career advice from faculty not accessible to them in their training programs.

Networking and Negotiation Skills Workshop

This workshop focuses on the issues and concerns that men and women face at the start of their GI careers and was designed to help fellows-in-training and recent GI graduates in practical skill areas that are not otherwise covered in a traditional GI fellowship program.

Trainees' Forum

This program includes presentations by experienced physicians and others from academia, experts on job placement, and recent graduates who provide insights into the process of finding a job and negotiating a contract, to help fellows plan their professional future. With both panel discussions and small round table discussions, fellows have an opportunity to interact with all of the speakers.

Trainees' Luncheon

This lunch session, open only to trainees, is offered during the ACG Annual Postgraduate Course. Past topics have included, "Finding a GI Practice that is Right for You", "What I Learned My First Year in Practice", "The Art of Presentation", "How to be Successful in Practice", and "A 4th Year of Fellowship Training: What You Need to Know".

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Online Resources

ACG Case Reports Journal

The *ACG Case Reports Journal* is a NEW peer-reviewed journal that will give GI trainees, practicing clinicians, and others a chance to share interesting case reports. GI trainees, you can now meet your curriculum publication requirements, expand your CV, and have your work read by leaders in the field! The journal will be edited and published exclusively by GI trainees, will be published online each quarter and will be free to all readers. Each issue will feature images, video clips, and multimedia content in addition to case descriptions.

ACG Education Universe, GI Training Pathway

The GI Training Pathway, designed to serve as an educational tool for GI fellowship training, contains educational material covering the Gastroenterology Core Curriculum. The site is set up in such a way that allows program directors to assign homework to their fellows consisting of a core lecture series on a variety of GI topics, presentations from ACG's annual and regional courses, journal articles, self-assessment test questions and abstracts. The progress of individual trainees and their proficiency in performance of core competencies can be tracked, as well as overall compliance and achievement for each learning assignment.

Board Review Question of the Week

ACG experts provide a question each week designed to test the fellows' knowledge and to help them prepare for the Boards. Questions are answered online and fellows find out the following week if they answered correctly. In addition to quarterly prizes, the trainee member who answers the most questions correctly overall will win a \$1,000 travel grant to the ACG Annual Meeting.

Trainees Section on the GI Circle

This online community is accessible only to ACG Trainee and Resident Members and the ACG Training Committee. Members are able to:

- ◆ Network as a group with greater ease and efficiency
- ◆ Use the directory to contact each other
- ◆ Share questions on the discussion platform to get feedback from their colleagues on issues they are facing
- ◆ Find the latest key documents and information on upcoming trainee meetings

Research Support

Annual Meeting Abstract Awards

The ACG offers 33 awards in a variety of areas for outstanding abstract submissions. Among these awards, 17 are available only to trainees. Each award carries with it a grant of \$1,000 for travel expenses to the ACG Annual Meeting to present their poster or paper.

Clinical Research Awards

ACG has invested more than \$11 million in clinical research to improve patient care and strengthen GI practitioners' capabilities. Fellows are encouraged to apply for the ACG Clinical Research Award for grants up to \$35,000 and pilot projects of up to \$10,000.

Training Committee

The ACG Training Committee is responsible for coordinating activities, programs and outreach relating to training programs and Trainee Members of the College. Fellows-in-training are encouraged to join this, and other ACG Committees.

**For more information on ACG's unique trainee-specific courses,
workshops and tools, visit**